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Communications.

For the American Lutheran CHRISTMAS.

The wheels of time have once more brought us a merry Christmas. This is the day when God Incarnate, first opened His eyes on a world He came to redeem; a day, when the Heavenly Hosts sang to the Shepherds, on Bethlehem's plain, the richest song of which those angelic Choristers are capable; a song the subject matter of which, in its development, all but reduced Heaven itself to paucity.

Yes, my dear brother, such is the mystery, of the depth of that love which God had alone revealed unto Himself, even before the foundation of the world, that the bright angels themselves, might only "presume to look into it," conscious of the fact, that, to them even, it must forever remain an exhibition of incomprehensible grace.

What! The Infinite, and unapproachable Jah, Jehovah, made in the likeness of sinful flesh! And then, for the sinner, condemned to death, that He might condemn sin, in the flesh. Such grace as this speaks to the heart, with a power, ten thousand times greater than the thunderings of Sinai, speaks to man's inmost soul with such melting tenderness, it would seem, as could know no resistance. What power of the human will, standing over against this great transaction, believing only faintly this great truth of Christ's incarnation, as it now gazes upon the manger and the sleeping infant. I repeat! What power, not more than diabolical, can behold this stupendous stoop of the Eternal, unmoved!

Alas! that the object of this grace, should be possessed of a will, almost as limitless as that of its great Progenitor; and oh! that this creature should be so blind, as not to perceive the magnanimity of so priceless a gift. O, what a stoop Christ made to redeem man! From Heaven's highest Throne to a manger in Judea! Think of it, careless reader, this day, and as you read these words, let your thoughts bear you back to the place of Christ's nativity. Go to the plains of Bethlehem; gaze on the afflicted shepherd; let your eye take in the wonderful sight, that Heavenly illumination—while your ear hears the sweet choirs of the skies, and your soul drinks in the sweet harmony of those angel choristers; and remembering the burden of that song to be "God will to man"—God's bid for your own soul—and then, if you can, treat the birth of the Saviour lightly. Oh, can you otherwise, than exclaim with those Heavenly singers: "Glory to God in the highest," with a heart bursting with thanks, giving to Him who is both the "Author and the finisher of our faith," and He by whom we came to God?

Ah, me! that such should be frail, fleeting, and deluded humanity. God may speak in the Majesty of His Imperial justice; He may shine forth in the glory of a trembling and burning Sinai; He may command with a voice louder than ten thousand terrible thunders; He may, as God in the flesh, groan under our load of sin, in sweat, made bloody with intense pain; the sun may retrace his steps into the blackness of midnight, and the moon blush in blood, and yet man—the cause and occasion of it all—unmoved, drives faintly the chariot-wheels of a depraved heart, to the darkness of that gulf, the depths of whose unfathomed abyss give back no soundings to the plummet and line, of the horrors-stricken and despair-driven mariner crossing its will, dark bosom.

The persuasion of the facts, to which I have reference, is nothing more, and nothing less, than "the mystery of Godliness." God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory, where He now sitteth to make intercessions for us with pleadings which the Father cannot deny.

This day, to the child of God, is a day of days. I pity the professor of Christianity, who does not feel a warmer glow throughout his spiritual being, as Christmas day breaks on his vision. We remember with respect and pleasure the birth days of great men, who have lived; and with how much greater enthusiasm should we, His redeemed people, remember our glorious Redeemer, on this day made holy, by His infinite stoop to wear our flesh and bear our sin. Well may we sing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let Angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!"

Let us as Christians, this day crown Him in our hearts as our King. Let this be to us the memorial day; a day, to which the mind may revert in the future and say "The Christmas day of '68 was the day when I left all for Christ; the day, when, by the grace of God, I took myself with all I owned and laid it on the altar of holy consecration." This day is eminently worthy of such an act, my brother, and God will be pleased to accept such consecrations on such a day, under the pressure of so powerful a reminder. Your service, until this time has been, and you have often so acknowledged it, only superficial. You have been a servant, when it was your high privilege to be a son; now renounce this servitude, and apply for your sonship, through Him, whose incarnation we this day celebrate. By the grace of God, in "Christ Jesus our Lord" lift yourself from the groveling position, until this time, by you occupied, and rise to the level of your duty, and your pleasure.

May God Almighty make this indeed, to each one of my readers, a merry Christmas.

Milton, Pa.

For the American Lutheran.
Planchette.

And pray, what is Planchette? Planchette is the outward manifestation of spiritualism—or, spiritualism reduced to practice, and made easy. It is a small heart-shaped box, with two wheels, and a slate pencil answering for a third leg. This curious machine is placed on a table upon a sheet of white paper; two persons of opposite sex then put their hands on the back of Planchette, and ask him questions, which he answers by writing on the paper. Those who believe in Planchette, (mostly Spiritualists) believe that he can answer all questions that may be asked. You can also converse with your departed friends, through Planchette; you can learn from the answers given by Planchette whether they are in Heaven or hell. If you have lost money, or anything else, Planchette will tell you where to find it. Hence, he is a wizard—a fortune teller, and an astrologer, and a dealer in the black arts. If Planchette could maintain the reputation his friends have given him, he would indeed be the most valuable development of the 19th century. Yea, he would be more than mortal! He would have the faculty of prescience and Omniscience—for that which can penetrate into the future must be prescient. Before Planchette all the heathen oracles are dumb. He professes to read the very thoughts of the human heart. Nothing is hid from him.

Now, the truth is this, the foolish thing, called Planchette, is nothing more or less than a trick. One of the persons whose hands are upon it, does the writing, they actually force the little moving thing in such a manner as to cause the pencil to make the letters.

Planchette can, therefore, write nothing that is not in the mind of the operator.

In the December number of *Harper's Magazine*, there is an able and honest article called "The Confessions of a Reformed Planchetteist," which those gullible ones who believe in Spiritualism ought to read and ponder. It will fully convince any reasonable man that Planchette is one of the greatest humbugs of the age; and that no sensible person ought to meddle with it.

Let Christians keep away from Spiritualism, for it destroys all piety—it is of the Devil—Christ says: "If they believe not Moses and the Prophets, neither would they believe though one rose from the Dead." This should be enough to deter all Christians from dabbling in Spiritualism. Planchette had scarcely got fairly under way, when another lying wonder, called the "Pendulum Oracle," made its appearance. This Pendulum Oracle, it is said, will answer all questions promptly. This is a par with the Black stone of the Fakirs of India, which by looking into them will reveal one's thoughts! So we go from bad to worse. We must hold on to the Bible.

R. W.

N. B.—The word *Planchette* comes from the French, and means merely a flat piece of metal, or a coin. It is pronounced with a pretty strong accent on the last syllable.

For the American Lutheran.
Minutes of the Northern Conference of the Synod of Central Pa.

This Conference convened in the Lutheran Church of Logansville, Thursday evening, Dec. 10.

The opening sermon was preached by the President of Conference, Rev. E. Studebaker.

The following Ministers and delegates were present:

Revs. Studebaker, Heister, Kloss, Fletcher, Felker, Auspach, Porz and Gotwald.
Mr. J. F. Sigmond, Conrad Mitchell, Gen. D. K. Heckman, Jacob Wolf, and Adam Miller.

An election for officers for the ensuing year, was held, which resulted as follows:

President—Rev. R. H. Fletcher.
Secretary—Rev. Wm. H. Gotwald.
Treasurer—Rev. D. Sell.

The following resolutions—important to those concerned—were passed relative to several of our vacant churches and congregations, viz:

1. Jacksonville. Resolved, That brother Heister be kindly requested by this Conference to preach at Jacksonville as frequently as in his judgment is advisable, and superintend all our Lutheran interests in that community.

2nd. Zion Congregation, of Nittany Valley. Resolved, That bro. Hackenberger be earnestly requested to visit at his earliest convenience and preach for this Zion congregation regularly, and attend to all the pastoral duties there incumbent upon a minister of Christ.

3rd. Dreisbach Congregation. Resolved, That Dr. Ziegler be requested to supply this congregation with preaching for the present.

4th. Center Hall charge. Resolved, That bro. Porz preach in the Union church every four weeks. Bro. Kelker preach in George's Valley every four weeks, and bro. Williams in Loop, every four weeks, until the charge receives the services of a regular pastor.

5th. Clinton Seminary. Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure

of the establishing of a Seminary of learning at Logansville, by the good people of Sugar Valley, to be under the supervision of the Lutheran church. We bid them God speed in this noble undertaking. A Board of Trustees has been incorporated, and elected the Pastor of the Logansville charge Principal of the Seminary, and J. M. Courter, Assistant.

The following questions were discussed:

1st. A holy, earnest, working laity, the want of the church.

2nd. How can we keep our hearts in working order for Jesus?

The Reports on the State of Religion in the various congregations, were full of deep interest. These reports show that God is still working in our midst, and that we are growing in piety and Godliness in numbers and influence. Some of the brethren have recently enjoyed special seasons of Grace, and others anticipate good meetings.

But this is not all we did. We also raised some money. To the credit of the Logansville congregation he said, that they contributed eighty dollars and forty-seven cents, (\$94.7) for benevolent purposes. In addition to this amount the Lutheran Sabbath school gave ten dollars for the Logansville Orphan Home, making in all ninety dollars and forty-seven cents.

Where is there another congregation, connected with our Synod, that ever contributed, during the meeting of Conference, such a large sum? Logansville has set us an example worthy of imitation. By this act of liberality she says, in Christian kindness, to our other congregations, "Go and do likewise." Piety and liberality are always associated. Where you find the one, you will find the other. The fact that this charge was a mission field—but a little more than a year ago—adds additional interest to the above. The preaching during Conference was earnest and faithful. Our meeting was of great pleasure and profit. Rev. E. Studebaker and the Secretary were appointed Essayists for the next Conference.

Conference adjourned finally, Saturday evening, to meet in Hartleton, Union County, Pa., on the 18th of March, 1869.

V. H. G.

For the American Lutheran.
I to I Failure, or Secret Societies.

Here are epistolary documents on my study table of inquiry, concerning criticisms in regard to church matters as they appeared in the AMERICAN LUTHERAN. "Sir, what is your object?" is asked with deep emotion—emotion more sentimental than those of poor James of last week. Hope he is over it by this time, as "absence conquers love."

The object must be found in the discussion of whether it was truth that they saw eye to eye, and if not truth it is falsehood and is criminal before the judiciary of human society and condemned by the sacred law that says, "Thou shalt not lie."

The general assertions and declarations of perfect unity, a clear oneness of perception, and a sublime harmony upon the matters of faith are heralded through the borders of the church by editors, and correspondents with a recklessness of fact, as if truth were at a discount, and falsehood at greater premium than Wall street gold. Let us make an analysis, and by the analysis we may see the deformity of the pupil of this Council's I to I. Gotham and Brotherly love, vs. Western Ministerial commonwealth.

The former is a representation of the majority and the latter of a minority, consisting of about forty thousand communions.

Methods, dear reader, I discern a smile playing upon your countenance at the apparent paradoxical panorama that rises in the majesty before you of an ecclesiastical assembly where all are with one accord chanting the Te Deum, and yet a majority and a minority. The minority borrowing strength from the "Cave of the winds" pours itself Niagara like at the foot of the majority!

Hear the matchless sentiments; mirabile dictu!—"We consider secret societies, such as Free Masons and Odd Fellows as anti-Christian and soul endangering associations." Anti-Christian indeed! What soul destroying? Then the vast membership, and numerous pastors and Theologians, who are connected with organizations of like character are regarded as fostering, abetting, and sustaining institutions that are "anti-Christian" in design, and "soul-destroying" in effect, and therefore are sinners in the gall of bitterness; and before, if ever, they enter into the joys of their Lord, they must needs renounce them, and bow before these infallible and exclusive apostolic appointees, and be reconverted, and reconverted. Can the ministers of the East adopt and subscribe to this doctrine? Who will presume to preach it in this land of science, literature, progress, civilization and church freedom! Who will ascend the pulpit of his church—where hundreds of members of the church and these societies are seated, and pious Christians too, and defame their Christian integrity, and denounce their orders which they love? Insultuous (Krotel) would grow pale before such a monstrous duty, and methinks would refuse and kick against such a compulsion. Irregular one attempting such a mad trick in the great metropolis of this Western Continent. How much ministerial regard and layman love would be secure from the clerical fraternity and the refined hearers, or even the illiterate and ignorant masses?

Yet mark you, eye to eye is the accom-

plished fact although the above queries do give that—

"Which wrought them pain
Impassable, and many a dolorous groan!"

The ludicrousness of such proceedings is unbearably amusing! You are only in fun General Council, 'you jest Insultuous!—though there be

"Others of such vinegar as set
That they'll not show their teeth in a smile."

Though Nester swear the jest be laughable. Yes, all this, which the majority will not and cannot perform, is such a demonstration of mutual and harmonious combination as to impel them to rush into silent prayer and loud thanksgiving before the King of Kings. Verily, Quantum mutatus ab illo! ("How changed from what he once was.") Thus if they cannot declare an emphatic and positive antagonistic feeling towards secret societies as anti-Christian and soul destroying; then the unity is in name and the eye to eyeism is that blindness whereby all fall into the ditch. But says Mr. Apology; We can live together by binding no one to a rigid and imperative compliance to anything but fundamentals of scripture; the minor synodical differences are subject to the legitimate laws of sovereign synods composing our General Council. Excellent, super-excellent! That reduces you to a Gen.

Synod advocate and makes you a member of that time honored body, in sentiment if not in paper credentials. One with republican sentiments and republican faith is a republican, though he live in Cuba, or in Rome. The second article when viewed by the most charitable construction and when construed by the most plausible interpretation fails to justify the excited action of prayers, if left you where the first morning found you. Bear with us as we invite you to rectify the basis of that body, that once you so eloquently extolled and professedly loved, and peradventure you may yet find gems of gold whose value outstrips all you ever before imagined or conceived. For it is a truism, that the General Council so far as accomplishing its original design, of to let a dead feud and all the crying of Insultuous of lovely harmony and eye to eye is a hallucination that has neither merit, logic, probability or common sense to support it. So much for one of the Resolutions of entire conformity!

VERA.

Another writes from Fair Haven: "For the sake of Jesus, I beg your prayers for a dear brother whose heart is hard, the result of years of sin."

A brother said; "I ask you to pray for me, I am a church member, but feel as if I had been of late a great sinner, and need forgiveness. I fear God has left me. Oh, pray that I may know that God is with me and will save me!"

Another said: "Will you pray for me. I have been a constant attendant at your meetings, and my soul has been blessed while with you; but my vocation will not permit me to meet with you again for some time, perhaps never; but pray that I may be steadfast in faith and confidence in my Heavenly Father and trust in him always."

Prayers were requested "for a widow who has been for years afflicted; first, in the loss of her husband in the prime of life and in the midst of usefulness both in the world and in the church, and many felt he could not be spared; and now she is overwhelmed with sorrow by the sudden and unexpected death of one of her sons, a young man who was one day in perfect health, the next in eternity."

"I came here on purpose to-day," said one, "to ask you to pray for my brother. I have prayed for him. He is dangerously sick, and in great danger on account of sin. I come to the meeting for your prayers with much confidence, because I have been here before, when I was in fact a great sinner; and while here and unknown to any but my God, I received the greatest of all earthly blessings—the consciousness of sins forgiven. The opportunity has not before offered for me to make this acknowledgement, and I am thankful for it, while I request you to help me by prayers for the conversion of my brother, and that he may be restored to health, if the Lord so wills."

Another said: "In September last I requested your prayers in behalf of my son who was ill and a backslider; and now, with heart felt gratitude to our covenant-keeping God, I desire to return thanks to him who hath heard and answered prayers for my son."

The meetings continue their more than usual spirituality and solemnity, and almost daily individuals arise and speak of the blessings they experience in attending them—*Chr. Intelligencer.*

Protestantism no Failure.

On a recent Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Adams, of New York, preached an able sermon, in which he reviewed recent declarations of Catholic clergymen, that "Protestantism is a failure."

Protestantism is charged with laxity and gross errors, and infidelity. Do these things spring from the Bible, as a divine authority, or something else? The infidelity that overspread France, at the close of the last century was a protest against cruelty and church despotism. There is nothing so provocative of infidelity as ecclesiastical presumption and arrogant dictation. But shall we forego the use of Heaven's best gift because some men abuse it? Would you quench the sun, because although it ripens the fruits of the country, it also brings into life and activity the poisonous weed? If man is unreasonable as to crave a liberty that cannot be abused, we can tell him that he could not form a conception of such a thing. Where it is necessary to make a defence of Protestantism it is legitimate to reason from history. Where Protestantism holds sway there the individual man has risen in the scale of being. Civil liberty consequently follows in the footsteps of religious liberty. Where Protestantism prevails there everything prevails which blesses mankind: there the people become great, enlightened, religious, and prosperous, orderly and happy. Those most depressed and ignorant are lifted up to a new existence. Schools spring up side by side with the churches, and the light of life shines into the poor man's cottage.

Another said; I feel myself to be one of the least of the disciples of Christ, and desire your prayers that I may live near to my Savior, and that I may not be led astray by the temptations of the adversary of my soul. I desire help to take up every cross, and to endure all things for the glory of my God and Savior.

The leader said he had a very interesting letter from a lady, who says she writes with a sorrowing heart, to request prayers for her dear husband. This is the third time this request has been made. She says; "We have

Whether wilt thou go, ox, that thou shalt not plough.

A Cheerful Face.

Carry the radiance of your soul in your face. Let the world have the benefit of it. Let your cheerfulness be felt for good wherever you are, and let your smiles be scattered like sunbeams, "on the just as well as on the unjust." Such a disposition will yield you a rich reward, for its happy effects will come home to you, and brighten your moments of thought.

Cheerfulness makes the mind clear, gives tone to thought, adds grace and beauty to the countenance. Jaubert says; "When you give give with joy and smiling."

Smiles are little things, cheap articles, to be fraught with so many blessings both to the giver and to the receiver—pleasant little ripples to watch as we stand on the shore of everyday life. They are our higher, better nature's responses to the emotions of the soul. Let the children have the benefit of them; those little ones who need the sunshine of the heart to educate them, and would find a level for their buoyant natures in the cheerful, loving faces of those who lead them.

Let them not be kept from the middle-aged who need the encouragement they bring.

Give your smiles also to the aged. They come to them like the quiet rain of summer, making fresh and verdant the long, weary path of life. They look for them, from you who are rejoicing in the fullness of life. "Be gentle and indulgent to all. Love the true, the beautiful, the just, the holy."

Sunday Schools.

A writer in the *Church Record* thinks it is not enough that Sabbath school children should learn to repeat the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Church Catechism: without understanding their meaning. Having expressed this most sensible, if not particularly novel opinion, he proceeds to justify it by a description of Episcopal schools, which we trust he has drawn from a very limited observation. He imagines a thoughtful stranger visiting church schools for the first time, and says: "He would perceive that in most of the classes scraps of religious knowledge were being imparted to each child one by one, while all the others in the class were loitering on the form, talking, pushing, teasing one another, eating apples, oranges, or sweet stuff—in short doing anything except paying attention to the lesson. The teacher, meanwhile, every now and then is endeavoring to keep order, but usually without any success; there is a perpetual warfare going on between the teacher and the taught, and one which would probably wonder which is most to be pitied."

Then he proceeds to give a series of answers, not imaginary, but real, which the stranger might hear. "He might, for instance, hear in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our tresspasses against us'; in the Creed, 'He descended into Heaven'; 'I believe * * * in the communion of saints.' It is not uncommon to hear 'I heartily thank my Heavenly Father that he has called me to this state of starvation.' Let him ask a child to repeat its duty toward its neighbor, and he may hear, 'To keep my body from temperance, soberness, and chastity.' As another, 'What is the outward sign in baptism? it may reply, 'Water wherein.'"

We imagine that Dr. Newton would tell a different story about the church schools of Philadelphia.

Strike at the Real Cause.

A wealthy gentleman, who for a long time had been complaining of sickness, sent, one day, for his physician, and after detaining him for some time with a minute description of his pains, aches, and nervous affections, summed up with these words:

"Now, doctor, you humbugged me long enough with your good-for-nothing pills and worthless draughts; they don't touch the real difficulty. I wish you to strike at the real cause of my ailments, if it is in your power to reach it."

"It shall be done," replied the doctor. And at the same moment he lifted his cane and demolished a bottle of brandy that stood on the table.

"Now then," continued the honest physician, "I have struck at the real cause of your ailments; banish the bottle, and you will have far less need of my pills and draughts."

How many thousands are there like this rich invalid, whose fondness for the bottle confines them to their sick-rooms, in spite of the best physicians and remedies! Were all physicians to act as this one did, and banish the "bottle" from the sick-room, there would be far less sickness in the world to-day than there now is.

The use of intoxicating drinks in health produces disease, and their use in sickness, in most cases, prevents recovery.

We had the pleasure of welcoming to our sanctum, one day last week, the president, vice-president, secretary, and executive committee of the Anti Tobacco Society, all in the person of our venerable and indefatigable friend, Rev. George Trask, of Fitchburg, Mass. Almost alone, he has waged war for ten years or more against the pernicious habits of smoking, chewing and snuffing: and he proposes to fight it out on this line if it takes all the rest of his earthly life. He voted for Grant and Colfax; but would like them better if they would only throw away their cigars.

—Independent.

The unrighteous penny corrupts the righteous pound.

An Eastern Tale.

A certain Rabbi had two sons, whom both he and his wife tenderly loved.

Duty obliged the Rabbi to take a journey to a distant country: during his absence his two promising boys sickened and died.

The grief-stricken mother laid them out on their bed, drew the curtain, and waited anxiously for her husband.

He came—it was night.

"How are my boys?" was his first question. "Let me see them."

"Stay awhile," said his wife; "I am in great trouble, and I want your advice. Some years ago a friend lent me some jewels. I took great care of them, and at last began to prize them as my own. Since your departure my friend has called on me for them, but I did not like to part with them. Shall I give them up?"

"Wife! what strange request is this?—Give them up, and that instantly, this very night. Show me the jewels."

She took Rabbi to their bed, drew wide the curtain, and said, "Husband, there are the jewels!"

The Rabbi bowed his head and wept.

A Teacher's Tact.

A lawyer in Philadelphia, fifteen years ago, took a class of boys, who very suddenly became young men, and refused to attend the school. They formed themselves into a curbstone, or lamp post class, and this good man saw that if they should pass finally beyond the restraints of the sanctuary, they would go fast to destruction. He did not go to them and say, "Boys! you are disturbing the congregation, you are a great nuisance!" and pass them sternly and piously by? No; he said to them, "Young men, would you not like to meet me this afternoon, and spend a pleasant hour or so together?" "Yes, sir."

"Where shall we go?" They found a room up in the belfry of the church. There they met him all summer long. Often the writer has seen them, and joined them in the lush chaises of praise, when the swift perspiration would pursue its way down from their brows, in their earnest interest and effort in singing the songs of Zion. Only two of those more than a dozen boys turned out badly. The secret of that good teacher's success was in his understanding boy-nature, and in his making himself one with them and of them.

The Doctor and the Sexton.

A good story is told of a doctor in Beverly, who was somewhat of a wag. He went one day in the street the sexton, with whom he was acquainted. As the usual salutations were passed, the doctor happened to cough.

"Why, doctor," said the sexton, "you have got a cold; how long have you had it?"

"Lock here Mr. —," said the doctor, with a show of indignation, "what is your charge for interments?"

"Nine shillings," was the reply.

"Well," continued the doctor, "just come into my office, and I will pay it. I don't want to have you round, and so anxious about my health."

The sexton was soon even with him, however. Turning around to the doctor, he replied:

"Ah, doctor, I cannot afford to bury you yet. Business has never been so good as it has since you began to practice."

Since the above conversation neither party has ventured to joke at the expense of the other.

—Even John B. Gough is getting old—at least old enough to have come to the bright and shining edge of his silver wedding. This auspicious event is to take place at his farmhouse in Boylston, on Tuesday August 24th. The whole day and evening are to be given up to festivities. There will be coquiviality without wine. It is difficult to think of Mr. Gough using a Tuesday evening at this time of year for any other purpose than lecturing. We wouldn't wonder, therefore, if, from mere force of habit, he were to treat his invited guests on that occasion to one of his merriest speeches. We hope he will live to see the silver turn to gold.

NEOLETING CHURCH.—An eastern secular paper reads the following to persons who, forsooth and insufficient causes, absent themselves from church:

"Living all about us are men in good health and good circumstances, who never darken the door of a sanctuary of any kind from one year's end to another. Some of these are professing Christians who have taken some mole-hole that their selfishness had magnified to a mountain, and they sulk at home. What will they do with their nasty excuses at the day of judgement, in which they profess to believe? Do such know that it is an insult to ministers and community to shun their society when in health, and then ask for the offices of religion when they die? Do the square thing, friends. Either go to church and support the gospel, or go in a manly way to your minister and ask him to erase your name from the church books, and when you die, hire somebody to say prayers over you."

A man was drowned in a tank of coal oil at Petrolia, Can., on the 23d.

God gives the cold according to the cloth. God tempers the wind to the shorn Lamb.

Grey hairs are death's blossoms.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

There will be no paper issued from our office next week. Our printers wish to enjoy the Christmas Holidays at their own homes, and we think it just and proper to gratify them in this wish. We feel sure our readers will readily acquiesce in this arrangement, especially as we have already issued 52 numbers during this year. We expect to issue the first number of the fifth volume on the 7th of January '99, God willing. In the meantime we wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The winter term of this School, both in the Classical and Theological Departments, will close March 3rd, '99. As there will be no vacation between the Winter and Spring terms, the Spring term will begin March 4, 1899. Each term consists of 13 weeks. Students are admitted at any time, and charged only from the time they enter the school.

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The Close of the Year.

This present number closes the fourth volume of the AMERICAN LUTHERAN. It has had many difficulties to contend with, but by God's help it has been thus far enabled to withstand them; it has not yet been "crushed." While other papers with 8000 and 10,000 subscribers, and of twenty and thirty years standing, have complained of the shortness of funds to sustain them, the AMERICAN LUTHERAN, though but four years old, has been able to pay its way along, although we were sometimes, and are now very much strained for want of funds.

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We thank this good brother, most heartily, for these and other words of encouragement, and we trust he will also give his words a practical application by canvassing his congregation with a view to circulate the AM. LUTHERAN among his people.

Another friend of our paper and brother beloved, who has, however, not authorized us to publish his name, has given us a very practical illustration of the interest he takes in the good cause. He has sent us quite a considerable list of subscribers from his congregation, he will accept of no premiums for these new subscribers, but in addition has sent us five dollars as his donation toward the contemplated improvement of the Am. Lutheran in the coming year. This is generous, this is noble! Would that his example might provoke many others to similar efforts. We give below a few words from his letter containing this donation: "Boldness, tempered with judgment is laudable in preaching, editing, or any other enterprise. He is a patriot who fears to defend the truth. The struggle of today is as important to the future church of Luther on this continent, as it was in the Old World when he stood before the Diet of Worms and exclaimed, 'Here I take my stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me.' What Zion, beloved of our heart, cries for, is good, talented and bold men in the pulpit and the editorial chair, men who shoot the iron balls of religion, and not the popery of Popish confession, or the pasted-board of symbolical innovation. May the good Lord give us peace in Zion, but not the peace which devils enjoy, but a peace that flows from the Prince of Peace, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I bid you God speed, you may do a good work in the cause of Him who went about doing good, yet not without defamation and persecution. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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dismissed and witnessed with what reluctance this was done, and heard with mine own ears the assurance of love and attachment which the Synod felt for these brethren, and I presume their love to them has not abated yet.

John—Here is a communication handed in to me, by two of our printers, which pleases me very much. It is a pledge of total abstinence from the use of tobacco, which, without any solicitation, or suggestion from us, they drew up, and signed. I will read it.—(Reads the pledge.)

We, the undersigned, D. P. K.—, and J. A. S.—, do hereby pledge ourselves not to use Tobacco in any form, from the First day of January, 1899, to the First day of January 1870. If either of the party violate this pledge, or if both, they shall pay a fine of Five Dollars, which shall be given to the support of the AMERICAN LUTHERAN.

D. P. K.—
J. A. S.—

Dec. 21, 1898.
Peter—Well, I am very glad to hear that our Printing Office is not to be polluted with tobacco smoke or juice after the first of January 1899. I am also glad for the sake of the young men themselves; it will be conducive to their health and a great pecuniary saving to them to abstain from the use of Tobacco. I am almost as much opposed to the use of tobacco as of strong drink, and I should greatly rejoice if the noxious weed could be entirely banished from civilized and christian society.

James—I hope we shall have a pleasant Christmas. Other years we used to have a Sunday School Celebration in our church on Christmas eve, but I don't hear anything about it this winter. I have no doubt in many churches they will have very interesting times to-morrow night. I observe the Germans take a great deal more interest in their Christmas celebrations than the Americans do. They have a Christmas tree in every family and tell their children that the "Christ-kindlein" has brought them nice presents.—What is the meaning of their Christmas trees?

Peter—The object is to promote a general joy even among the children, on account of the birth of Christ, which is now universally celebrated throughout Christendom on the 25th of December. The German word, "Christkindlein," means the Christ Child, and is much more appropriate than "Santa Claus," or "Old Nick," as he is often called in America. The Christmas tree has also a beautiful significance. It is an evergreen tree, showing that our religion should be always, both in summer and in winter, the same, constant and living. It is illuminated with numerous lights, showing that we should let our light so shine before men that they who see our good works may glorify God; it is usually loaded with beautiful and valuable fruits, showing that our faith should bring forth good works, &c.

John—This is a truly beautiful custom, and I hope many christian children, and old folks, too, may enjoy it on the coming Christmas eve, and that they may become holier and better christians by means of their Christmas joys.

For the American Lutheran.
Correction.

MR. EDITOR: A correspondent of yours, well known, and beloved by all who know him, has blundered into a most unaccountable mistake in his communication, published in your issue of Dec. 10.

He says, "I hope I may not either trespass the bounds of propriety or truth, when I say that with some few exceptions, the Lutheran church would, in these far Western States, have been better without ministers, than with them. An odium has been attached to the name, that will take half a century of the very best men to remove."

Without inquiring into what "half a century of the very best men" may mean, with several other lapses in composition in this extract, we give attention simply to the wrong impression which the unqualified statement of that dear good brother is calculated to make upon the minds both of those who know, and of those who do not know, the state of the case.

Those who know, will think that G. L. is a very incautious correspondent, and those who do not know, will conclude that Lutheran ministers in the far West are mostly impostors, whose life and preaching are calculated only to bring the church under reproach.

I need not tell you, that there are in the States of Illinois and Iowa four Synods, three in the former and one in the latter, comprising names known both West and East, which have been represented in the General Synod for a number of years past.

Now, it is quite a new thing to us, to hear that, with a few exceptions, the Lutheran church had been better without these ministers, sixty or seventy in number. We don't believe that that is true. We know that it is not true. We believe, too, that bro. G. L. did not mean those ministers; for, he himself, knows better, and is not the man to publish willingly a false report about his brethren.—He is one of the last men to do such an unamiable deed. And we do not intend to take him roughly to task for what he has done.

There have been imposters in some places. Worthless rascals have, in various instances, palmed themselves off for Lutheran ministers, and, by their villainies, have brought odium, both upon the church and the ministry. But these cases are by no means so numerous as, by bro. L.'s statement, they would seem to be.

Besides, the majority of them were foreigners. Some German Rationalists would, on some occasions, succeed in imposing themselves upon their countrymen, who longed for a minister to come among them, in their anxiety to have the Word preached to them, too easily confided in unworthy men. Not a few such instances have occurred. And it is doubtless to such that bro. L. refers. But even these are far less in number than readers of his communication would suppose.—They are not sufficient in number to justify

the sweeping declaration contained in the extract quoted.

Bro. L. was writing from Illinois, and about Illinois and Iowa. The natural inference would be, that he meant the Lutheran ministers living there, because he puts the case without any qualification of time or place. And it is for this reason, that the writer has felt it due to the ministers of these States, as well as to your correspondent, to call attention to the matter. We acquit him of any evil intention. But for his own sake, we hope that he will set himself right in this instance, and thereby do justice to men, who have for many years toiled amid much self denial, and many hardships on this Western territory, and who have reason to feel themselves aggrieved by such inconsiderate blunders, on the part of even a most amiable and thoroughly honest visitor among them.

E. M.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.

CHRISTMAS.

The following Programme was sent to us from Harrisburg, Pa. We presume it is intended for the Christmas celebration of the Lutheran Sunday-schools in that city.

- Hymn, Brightest and best &c., page 231 Clariona.
1. Gen. 3; 9—15.
2. Gen. 22; 15—18.
3. Gal. 3; 1-13.
Hymn, Immanuel, p. 228 Clariona.
4. Isaiah 7; 14.
5. Isaiah 9; 6, 7.
6. Luke 1; 26—35.

Hymn, Tune Zero.

- To us a CHILD of hope is born,
To us a SON is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven adore.
- His name shall be the Prince of Peace
For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.
- His power increasing still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know:
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.
- To us a child of hope is born,
To us a son is given,
The wonderful, the counsellor,
The mighty Lord of heaven.
- Genesis 49; 10.
6. Micah 5; 2.
- Matthew 1; 18—25.
- While Shepherds &c. p. 229 Clariona.
- Luke 2; 1—21.
- Hymn, p. 33 Clariona.
- Matthew 2; 1—11.
- Hymn, p. 44, Clariona, Happy Voices, p. 114.
- John 1; 1—5, 14.
- Hymn, p. 44 Clariona.

For the American Lutheran.
Brief, but Memorable.

Such was the writer's recent visit at Selingsgrove. And whether memorable or not, the account of it must at least be brief.
Selingsgrove is situated on the west side of the Susquehanna, about 50 miles north of Harrisburg, and contains 2000 inhabitants. It has 5 Churches, 2 papers, and beside the ordinary schools, 2 institutions of learning. The general aspect, though somewhat ancient, is yet attractive.

My first observation was rather a practical exemplification of one of the famous four points. Coming out of a small, high, old-fashioned house of worship, sacred to Symbolism, was a funeral procession of "Free and Accepted Masons," adorned with the regalia of that fraternity. The deceased was a prominent man, and the burial services were conducted by a prominent minister of the Gen Council. So then, though locks and chains are applied to church doors to keep out servants of Christ, who a short time since were "brethren beloved," yet, after all the opposition to secret societies shown by that singularly consistent body, for even masonic funerals their doors are open and their ministers ready to officiate.

One of the Principal objects of my visit was to look in upon the Missionary Institute—opposed by some, treated coolly by others, but rising higher, let us hope, in the esteem of many more. Of the original idea of the institution, of the present condition of the College department, of the Student's Homes, erected during the past season, nothing can now be said. The limits of this article will only allow of a brief allusion to the Theological class.

It was my good fortune to arrive there just in time to hear most of the recitation in Systematic theology. There were 9 in the class, gentlemen, I should guess, from 26 to 35 years of age, indicating, in their appearance as well as in the exercises, both capacity and energy. The subject of the lesson was the personality and divinity of the Holy Spirit; and the justly esteemed Professor, Rev. Dr. Ziegler, developed and demonstrated this difficult doctrine with rare skill and success.—The analysis was thorough; the statements were clear; the classification of proof texts, peculiarly forcible, and the conclusions arrived at, irresistible. No member of the class was allowed to dodge responsibility. He must either perform his part, or confess his ignorance. Every passage relied on as proof was critically examined, the principles bro't out clearly and forcibly applied. The idea was not for a moment lost sight of, that the object of study is not alone to familiarize the mind with the opinions of authors, but to stimulate it to independent research. But the most gratifying peculiarity of the recitation was the spirit of reverence and devotion, pervading every part of it.

Professor and pupils seemed alike to feel the importance not only of the proof out of the power of the Holy Spirit. And accordingly in the closing exercises, consisting of prayer, singing and remarks, the voice was mellow, and the eye was moist. Will such training produce such ministers as the Church needs? If so let Selingsgrove be sustained.
H. L. D.

The following lines were composed by Mrs. J. A. Barr of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and sent to us for publication in the AMERICAN LUTHERAN. Mrs. Barr was on a visit to Berreysburg, and heard Rev. M. Fensler preach his "Harvest Sermon." Those lines are a poetical expression of the sermon and will no doubt be read with interest by those who can understand them:

Danksagung Fuer Die Ernte.
Lobsinget Gott, Sein' Name preiset,
Erhebet Herz und Mund empor;
Er hat uns wiederum gespeiset
In diesem frohen Jubeljahr.
Er hat das Feld besuchet vom Sturm.
Er hat die Auen so verpfichtet
Das auch kein Unkraut, Feind noch Wurm
Die reife Aehre hat vernichtet.

Fuer Mench und Vieh hat er gesorget,
Durch Seine milde Vaterhand;
Und nie Sein Angest verborget,
Wenn wir Ihn haben um das Land.
Er gab uns frohen Sonnenschein
Und auch die noethige Regen Feuchte;
Er goss der Pflanze Nahrung ein,
Die uns die volle Aehe darreichte.

Wir werfen unsere Schwachen Blicken,
Fast ueber das Getreide hin,
Fast sprechen, Gott wird mich begluecken,
Ob ich auch schon in Feindschaft bin—
In Feindschaft mit dem grossen Gott,
Der dir doch Licht und Leben leistet;
Du machst ja Ihn zu einem Spott,
Der dich noch immer hat gespeiset.

Ach Gott, wie sollen mir dich preisen,
Fuer deine grosse Guetigkeit?
Dir wird nicht muede uns zu speisen,
Unuerdliche Barmherzigkeit!
Du fuestest das geduepfte Land,
Du traenkest gerne uns're Furchen;
Wie sollen Dir wir bringen Dank,
Dir, der Du stillst uns're Sorgen

Ach, lehr' uns Herr, in uns'rem Leben,
Dass wir von Deinem Reichthum gern,
Den armen, blinden Heiden geben,
Die von dem Heiland sind noch fern;
Sie kennen Deine Liebe nicht,
Verirret sind sie auf dem Wege,
Ganz ohne Gott, Trost, Heil und Licht,
Und Viele gar noch ohne Pflege.

Ach, sollten wir nicht reichlich geben
Das Wort des Lebens allen Fleisch?
Dieweil noch Viele hungern, eben,
In uns'rem eignen Heimaths-Kreis?
Uns mangelt wahres Christenthum,
Wenn wir nicht haben frohen Willen,
Zu retten aus dem Heidenthum,
Der armen Menschen Hunger stillen.

Ja, wir erinneren uns der Ernte,
Die Du uns gabst, getreuer Gott,
Wenn Du Dich wuerdest von uns wenden,
So wuerden wir zu Schand und Spott.
Ach, helfe uns doch klug zu sein,
Dass wir in uns'rem ganzen Leben
Uns Dir und Deinem Dienste weihen,
Uns Dir und Deinem Sohn ergeben.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE NEW YORK INDEPENDENT.—The Independent of December 3d, has the following:

The Lutheran General Council.—This body at its late meeting devoted its main attention to the "Four Points" presented rather dictatorially by the Lutherans of Wisconsin. It has adopted a lengthy series of non-committal resolutions, the substance of which is:

First, That Chiliasm, so far as condemned by the creeds and confessions, is heretical, while the points on which these are not explicit should be prayerfully investigated.
Second, That a connection with infidel and immoral secret societies is a disciplining offense, and that, while mere secrecy is not immoral, those societies which do not recognize God's Word nor His Son, and which impose undefined obligations are un-Christian.

Third, That no one should be admitted to a Lutheran pulpit who will probably preach heresy (the real question of a close pulpit being dodged.)

Fourth, The fourth point had reference to Close Communion; but the nine long resolutions which were adopted so except the subject that they decided nothing, beyond that the council was more anxious to keep the Wisconsin members, on one side, from switching off, than to enunciate any just or scriptural principle.

The Unexpected Son.

One summer afternoon, Mr. Malcom Anderson arrived with his family at his native town. Putting up at the inn, he proceeded to dress himself in a suit of sailor clothes, and then walked out alone. By a by-path he well knew and then through a shady lawn, dear to his young, hazel hunting days, all strangely unchanged, he approached his mother's cottage. He stopped for a few moments on the lawn outside, to curb down the heart that was bounding to meet that mother, and to clear his eyes of a sudden mist of happy tears. Through the open window he caught a glimpse of her; sitting alone at her spinning-wheel, as in the old time. But alas, how changed! Bowed was the dear form, once so erect, and silvered the locks once so brown, and dimmed his eyes once so full of tender brightness, like dew-stained violets. But the voice, which was so sweet, and was still on her cheek the same lovely peach-bloom of twenty years ago.

At length he knocked, and the dear remembrance called to him in the simple, old-fashioned way—"Come in!" (come in.) The widow arose at the sight of a stranger, and courteously offered him a chair. Thanking her in an assumed voice, somewhat gruff, he sank down, as though wearied, saying that he was a wayfarer, strange to the country, asking the way to the next town. The twilight favored him in his little ruse: he saw that she did not recognize him, even as one she had ever seen. But after giving him the information he desired, she asked him if he was a Scotchman by birth. "Yes, madam,"

he replied, "but I have been away in foreign parts for many years. I doubt if my own mother would know me now, though she was very fond of me before I went to sea."

"Ah, mon! it's little ye ken about mither's gin ye think sae. I can tell ye there's na mortal memory like theirs," the widow somewhat warily replied then added—"And wher hae ye been so long, that ye hae lost a' the Scotch frae your speech?"

"In India—in Calcutta, madam."

"Ah, then, it's like ye ken something of my son, Mr. Malcom Anderson?"

"Anderson?" repeated the visitor, as though striving to remember. "There be many of that name in Calcutta: but is your son a rich merchant, and a man about my age and size, with something such a figure-head?"

"My son is a rich merchant," replied the widow proudly, "but he is younger than you by many a long year, and begging your pardon, sir, far bounnier. He is tall and straight, w' hands and feet like a lassie's; he had brown, curling hair sae thick and glossy, and cheeks like the rose, and a brow like the sae and the blue een, w' a glint in them like the lige of the evening star! Na, na, ye are not like my Malcom, though ye are a guid enough body, I dinna doubt, and a decent woman's son."

Here the masquerading merchant, considerably taken down, made a movement as though to leave, but the hospitable dame stayed him, saying, "Gin ye hae traveled all the way frae India, ye maun be tired and hungry. Hide a bit, and eat and drink w' us. Margery's come down, and let us set on the supper!"

The two women soon provided quite a tempting repast, and they all three sat down to it—Mrs. Anderson reverently asking a blessing. But the merchant could not eat. He was only hungry for his mother's kisses—only thirsty for her joyful recognition: yet he could not bring himself to say to her, "I am your son." He asked himself the unerring, natural instincts I have read about in poetry and novels?

His hostess seeing he did not eat, kindly asked if he could suggest anything he would be likely to relish. "I thank you, madam," he answered; "it does seem to me that I should like some oatmeal porridge, such as my mother used to make, if so be you have any."

"Porridge?" repeated the widow. "Ah, ye mean parritch. Yes, we hae a little left frae our dinner. Gie it to him Margery. But, mon it is cauld."

"Never mind; I know I shall like it, he rejoined, taking the bowl and beginning to stir the porridge with the spoon. As he did so, Mrs. Anderson gave a slight start, and bent eagerly toward him. Then she sank back in her chair with a sigh saying, in answer to his questioning look—

"Ye minded me o' my Malcom then—just in that way he used to stir his parritch—gie it a whirl and a flirt. Ah, gin ye were my Malcom, my dear laddie!"

"Well, then, gin I were your Malcom," said the merchant, speaking for the first time in the Scottish dialect and in his own voice: "or gin your braw young Malcom were as brown, and bald, and grey, and bent, and old, as I am, could ye welcome him to your arms, and as in the dear auld lang syne? Could ye nither?"

All through this touching little speech, the widow's eyes had been glistening, and her breath came fast; but at that word "nither," she sprang up with a glad cry, and tottering to her son, fell almost fainting on his breast. He kissed her again and again—kissed her brow, and her lips, and her hands, while the big tears slid down her bronzed cheeks, while she clung about his neck and called him by all the dear old pet names, and tried to see in him all the dear old looks. By-and-by they came back—or the ghost of them came back. The form in her embrace grew comelier, love and joy gave to it a second youth, stately and gracious; the first she then and there buried deep in her heart—a sweet, beautiful, peculiar memory. It was a moment of solemn re-creation, in which she gave up the fond maternal illusion she had cherished so long.

Then looking up steadily into the face of the middle-aged man, who had taken his place, she asked: "Where hae ye left the wife and bairns?"

"At the inn, mother. Have you room for us all at the cottage?"

"Indeed I have—two good spare-rooms w' large closets, well stocked w' linen I hae been spinning or weaving at these lang years for my bath and the weans."

"Well, mother dear, now you must rest," rejoined the merchant tenderly.

"Na, na, I dinna care to rest till ye lay me down to take my lang rest. There'll be time enough between that day and the resurrection to fauld my hands in idleness. Now, 'twould be unseemly to ask ye to sleep in the same room as I. But, gin ye will, I'll sleep in the same room as I, and the bairns—I hope they will like me."

I have only to say, that both the good woman's hopes were realized. A very happy family knelt down in prayer that night, and many nights after, in the widow's cottage, whose climbing roses and woodbines were but outward signs and types of the sweetness and blessedness of the love and peace within.—Little Piquin.

A SAD STORY.—While laborers were demolishing an old building on Twenty-seventh Street, New York, on Tuesday, they discovered, in an old rat's nest, a roll of bills amounting to \$250. About eight years ago, one of the occupants of the house lost the money. At the time of this loss a young man named William Cummings, clerk in a down town tea store, was boarding in the house, and as he was the last one seen in the room prior to the loss, he was suspected of the robbery, and on being arrested, was convicted of the crime and sent to prison, with character ruined and bereft of friends. He gave way to dissipation and eventually died on Blackwell Island.

FOUND AT LAST! A remedy that not only relieves, but cures that enemy of mankind, Consumption, as well as the numerous satellites which revolve around it in the shape of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Influenza, &c. The remedy we allude to is Dr. WISTAR'S BALM OF WILD CHERRY, prepared by Seth W. Fowle & Son, Boston.

DIED.
On the 11th inst., at the residence of Mr. Simon Kerstetter, of Lower Augusta, Northumberland Co., Pa., by Rev. J. A. Adams, Mr. ZACHARIAH HAUNABACH to Miss PRISCILLA KLINGER, all of Shamokin, Pa.

DIED.
On the 11th inst., at the residence of her father, David Crist, Esq., near Markleville, Perry Co., Pa., Miss NANCY J. CRIST, in the 19th year of her age.
Nearly a year ago, the deceased consecrated herself to the service of God, and from that time to her death she walked humbly before Him. What a call to the young. S.

Literary Notices.

THE BOOK BUSINESS.—But few persons have any proper comprehension of how vast is the book business in this country. Take one "item" for instance, as illustrative:—Matthew Hale Smith's "SUNSHINE AND SHADOW IN NEW YORK," which is the exciting work of the day, has already reached the enormous sale of 25,000 copies within thirty days. The publishers (J. B. Burr & Co., of Hartford, Conn.), use two tons of paper a day and run six large roller presses constantly to supply the current demand. This is doing a wholesale business with one book alone. This is a large work too; it must be remembered, between seven and eight hundred pages royal octavo; and yet it is said to rival in rapidity of sale the most popular of Dickens' Works of old. Think of the countless number of small books published—Surely ours is a reading country.

HORACE GREENE purposes to write, during the year 1899, an elementary work on Political economy, wherein the policy of Protection to Home Industry will be explained and vindicated. This work will first be given to the public through successive issues of the NEW YORK TRIBUNE, and will appear in all its editions—Daily, \$10; Semi-Weekly, \$4; Weekly, \$2 per annum.

Newspaper Directory.

G. P. Rowell &

Local Items.

A VALUABLE HOUSE FOR SALE.—Dr. H. P. Hottenstine offers his elegant and convenient dwelling house and office for sale, as he intends to move to the West in the Spring. This house and office are located on Main Street in the center of the town. There is also an orchard of six acres, containing a thousand trees, apples and peaches, bearing in the coming season, which will be sold with the property. This is really a desirable property and its sale offers a rare opportunity to a physician who wishes to obtain a good opening for the practice of his profession, or the head of a family who desires to send his children to good schools. If not sold before the 9th of January next, it will be sold at public auction. For particulars and terms address

Dr. H. P. HOTTENSTINE,
Sellinggrove, Pa.

Now is the time.—It may be of interest to the young folks and the old ones too, to know that, with the large stock of goods just received by Shindler & Wagenseller, they have a fine assortment of Christmas Toys, Books &c. Just the thing for presents to children, just the thing to present to young ladies and young gentlemen; and even the aged may find something to please their fancy and cheer them in this "winter of their discontent." Now is the time then, to call. There is danger in procrastination. Christmas is the time to make presents, and Shindler & Wagenseller is the place to get the articles.

FESTIVAL. The ladies of the Lutheran congregation will continue serving refreshments during the present week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and also on Monday evening.

Let them be properly encouraged.

HEWLETT'S LECTURES.—The Lectures delivered by S. M. Hewlett, on last Wednesday and Thursday evenings, were a decided success.

We have heard him highly spoken of by the Press and by those who had heard him on other occasions, and knew, therefore, that his reputation, as a lecturer, was good; but to form a correct estimate of his ability, see his peculiar power of imitation and enjoy his "side splitting" illustrations, he must be heard. His lecture on "Hits at the Times," was received with much enthusiasm. The audience gave testimony of their appreciation by frequent applause. His second lecture on Thursday evening, "The Curse and the Cure," was, in our opinion, a noble effort.

Every friend of morality, every friend of the Temperance cause, and every drinker in this community, should have heard it. Indeed it is a lecture that should be delivered in every town, and village, in our whole land. Mr. Hewlett with his eloquence and attractive manner cannot help but do great good for the cause in which he evinces so much earnestness and love. We heartily recommend him to Literary Associations and Temperance Organizations everywhere.

Hewlett, to be loved and appreciated, needs only to be heard.

"It is so simple that a child can use it; and for beauty, durability, and elasticity of stitch, I know it to be superior to any other. When the shuttle stitch would break and run, the seam sewed by the Grover & Baker remained firm. The preference is decidedly in favor of the Grover & Baker Machine."—*Testimony of Mrs. Caroline S. Biers, 242 eighth avenue, N. Y.*

Be sure and keep Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry on hand for coughs, colds, hoarseness, &c.

None genuine unless signed I. BURTIS.

THE LARGEST ADVERTISING CONTRACT given out in 1898, and probably the largest ever given to an advertising firm at one time, is that of the proprietors of PLANTATION BITTERS to GEO. P. ROWELL & Co., Advertising Agents, No. 40 Park Row, New York, on the 18th of Sept., for \$13,776 20.

Messrs. H. H. Drake & Co., have for years been among the largest, if not the largest, advertisers in America, and the contract mentioned above is but a small part of their expenditure in this way for the present year.—It is only those who have tried printers' ink most extensively that are so firmly convinced of its efficacy.

The Advertising Agency which is sending out this order is another example. It commenced business less than five years since, and the fact that it now controls a greater advertising patronage than any similar establishment, is without doubt to be attributed to their having expended more money in advertising themselves and their facilities within that time than all other advertising firms put together, since the establishment of the first agency a quarter of a century since.

FOUNDING.—About five o'clock yesterday morning a child aged about six weeks was found in Blackberry alley, on the outside of the railing which encloses the First Lutheran church. When discovered the child was almost frozen, having been left there it is supposed several hours before it was found. Had it not been warmly clothed it would no doubt have perished from the cold. The conductor of the night accommodation, which arrived here at 11:45, says that a lady got on the train at Baltimore carrying a bundle, which he afterwards ascertained was a child.

On arriving in this city, the conductor assisted her, with a portion of her baggage, to the ladies' apartment of the Pennsylvania depot. She then left with the child. From her conversation he supposed she was from the vicinity of Dauphin. The conductor saw the babe yesterday, and says it corresponds with the one he saw on the train. The baggage that the conductor conveyed to the ladies' room on Saturday night was found there yesterday. It contained a number of child's dresses and a pair of shoes which evidently belonged to the mother. The child is receiving proper care and attention.—*Hor. Tel.*

WHAT MAKES YOUR HAIR SO Beautiful? Mrs. S. A. ALLEN'S Improved (new style) HAIR RESTORER or DRESSING, (in one bottle). Every Druggist sells it. Price One Dollar.

Hall's Hair Renewer: Mrs. Allen's Hair Restorer and Dressing: Leon's Electric Hair Reviver: London Hair Restorer, Webster's Hair Invigorator: Batchelor's Hair Dye: Kromer's Dye. For sale at the Drug Store of SHINDLER & WAGENSELLER.

The purest and sweetest Cod Liver Oil in the world, is Hazard & Caswell's, manufactured by them upon the sea-shore, from fresh and healthy livers, it is perfectly pure and sweet. Patients who have once taken it can take no other. After years of experimenting, physicians have decided it better than any of the brown oils. Sold by all the druggists. dec10:3

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election for nine directors of the First National Bank of Sellinggrove, will be held at its Banking-House on Tuesday, the 12th of January next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

C. B. NORTH, Cashier.

Book Agents.—Clergymen wishing additional employment, Superintendents and Teachers of Sunday Schools, and others, male and female, would be interested in our fine FAMILY EDITION OF CROUCH'S CONCORDANCE TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. Commends liberal, and exclusive territory given. Send for Circulars and terms of agency.

Address O. D. CASE & CO., Publishers, at Hartford, Conn., 119, Na. street, N. Y. Chicago, Ill., or Cincinnati, Ohio.

PERUVIAN SYRUP.

A PROTECTED SOLUTION OF THE PROTOXIDE OF IRON, giving the blood with its LIFE ELEMENT, IRON, giving strength, vigor and new life to the whole system.

If the thousands who are suffering from Dyspepsia, Debility, Female Weaknesses, &c., would but test the virtues of the Peruvian Syrup, the effect would not only astonish themselves but would please all their friends; for instead of feeling cross, "all gone" and miserable, they would be cheerful, vigorous and active.

A DISTINGUISHED JURIST WRITES TO A FRIEND AS FOLLOWS:

"I have tried the PERUVIAN SYRUP, and the result fully sustains your prediction. It has made a new man of me, infused into my system new vigor and energy; I am no longer tremulous and debilitated, as when you last saw me, but stronger, heartier, and with larger capacity for labor, mental and physical, than at any time during the last twelve years."

Thousands have been changed by the use of this remedy from weak, sickly, suffering creatures, to strong, healthy, and happy men and women; and invalids cannot reasonably hesitate to give it a trial.

The genuine has "PERUVIAN SYRUP" blown in the glass. A 22 page pamphlet will be sent free. J. P. DIMMORE, Proprietor, No. 35, Day St., New York.

SCROFULA.

The Rev. Geo. STOKES, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says in the Bible Examiner, by way of apology for publishing a medical certificate in his magazine, of the cure of his only son, of Scrofula, "after dissection appeared inevitable."

"We publish this statement not for pay, but in gratitude to God who has answered prayer, and in justice to Dr. Anders; being satisfied that 'there is virtue in the Iodine Water treatment,' which the readers of this Magazine will thank its Editor for bringing to their notice."

Circulars free. Dr. H. Anders' Iodine Water is for sale by J. P. DIMMORE, Proprietor, 35 Day St., N. Y., and by all Druggists.

Jackson's Analeptica.

A NEW REMEDY IN CONSUMPTION.—A Physician who had consumed for several years, with frequent bleeding of the lungs, cured himself with a medicine unknown to the profession when his case appeared hopeless. He is the only physician who has used it in his own person, or who has any knowledge of its virtues, and he can ascribe the degree of health he now enjoys to nothing but the use of this medicine; and nothing but utter despair and entire extinction of all hope of recovery, together with a want of confidence in all other means, induced him to try the experiment. To those suffering with any disease of the Lungs he proffers a treatment he confidently believes will eradicate the disease. Price \$1.50 per bottle or \$8 a half dozen, sent by express. Send for circulars or call on

Dr. E. BOYNTON JACKSON, No. 250 North Tenth street, Philadelphia. For Sale by Robt. L. Boves, Sellinggrove, Pa., and all Druggists.

Lady's Fancy Furs!

AT JOHN FAIRBairn's

Old Established Fur Manufacturer, No. 718 Arch Street, PHILADELPHIA.

Above 7th, PHILADELPHIA. Have now in store of my own Importation a magnificent stock of the largest and most beautiful selections of FANCY FURS, for Ladies' and Children's Wear, in the City. Also, a fine assortment of Gents' Fur Gloves and Collars.

I am enabled to dispose of my goods at very reasonable prices, and I would therefore solicit a call from my friends of Central Penna.

Remember the Name, Number and Street! JOHN FAIRBairn, No. 718, Arch St., above 7th, South side, Philadelphia.

I HAVE NO PARTNER, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER STORE IN PHILA. sep24:4m

NATURE'S GREAT RESTORER.

SCHETZ'S BITTER CORDIAL.

This medicinal preparation is now offered to the public as a reliable substitute for the many worthless compounds which now flood the market. It is purely vegetable, composed of various herbs gathered from the great storeroom of nature, and selected with the utmost care. It is not recommended as a CURE ALL, but by its direct and salutary influence upon the Heart, Liver, Kidneys, Lungs, Stomach and Bowels, it acts both as a preventive and cure for many of the diseases to which those organs are subject. It is a reliable FAMILY MEDICINE, and can be taken by either infant or adult with the same beneficial results. It is a certain, prompt and speedy remedy for DIARRHEA, DYSENTERY, BOWEL COMPLAINT, RHEUMATISM, Lowness of Spirits, Faintings, Sick Headaches, &c. For Children, it acts both as a preventive and cure for many of the diseases to which those organs are subject. It is a reliable FAMILY MEDICINE, and can be taken by either infant or adult with the same beneficial results. 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