BETTER THAN CREEDS. Worship God by doing good-Works, not words; kind acts, not creeds. He who loves God as he should Makes his heart's love understood By kind deeds.

Deeds are powerful; mere words weak; Battering at high heaven's door. Let thy love by actions speak; Wipe the tear from sorrow's cheek; Clothe the poor.

Be it thine life's cares to smother, And to brighten eyes now dim. Kind deeds done to one another God accepts as done, my brother, Unto Him.

UNCHANGEABLE LOVE AND INEX-HAUSTIBLE GRACE. "The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

Oh! it is a precious thing in this tempesthous world to wrap ourselves up in a sense of His unchangeable love, His inexhaustible grace; to be able to meet every event with "I know and believe the love He has to me," and so credit the apostle's assurance, "all things are for your sakes." Deeply sensible of our undeservingness, as chief of sinners, receiving all as grace, returning Him all glory. Is it not His nature to bless? Has He not in Jesus' human heart formed for Himself, as it were, a receipt for the fullness of love-His love? If He has placed us in the one whom He delights to bless, is it not that precious ointment may descend ever to the Beloved? May we then cleave to the Beloved of the Father, and get grace for grace; may we be resigned to our portion—"all spiritual blessings in Christ." What a proof in Balaam, that all must be grace from beginning to end? While the future glory of God's people, and the future destruction of the nations of the world, even both were full in view, his heart was so cleaving to the dust, that the former was nothing to him, while he was refused regarding the latter. Surely, then, if chosen, it is grace; if chastened, it is grace; if humbled, it is grace; if not revolting, it is grace.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

-Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio, says that of all the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church consecrated before himself, not one is living; and of those consecrated with him, thirty-nine years ago, only one survives. -The Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, D. D.,

has received an election to the rectorship of Trinity church, San Francisco, California. -The Rev. R. H. Baynes, who accepted

the appointment of Bishop of Madagascar from the Archbishop of Canterbury, has withdrawn from the appointment, in consequence of a letter he received from the Secretary of the London Missionary Society. The letter stated kindly but frankly, that the London Society "cannot consent voluntarily to place its missionaries under the new bishop, and thus sanction a scheme which it regards as objectionable, and contrary to an implied pledge. -Rev. Elisha Whittlesey, a Congregational

minister in Waterbury, Connecticut, is about to take orders in the Episcopal Church. -Three Methodist ministers and two Presbyterian laymen have recently taken orders onal Church in Nehr

-Two students of Trinity College, Hartford (Episcopal), have recently renounced Protestantism, and embraced the Romish

METHODIST.

-The Methodist Church at Salt Lake City has one hundred members, and six Methodist ministers are already at work in that Ter--Rev. Dr. Hurst, of the Martin Mission

Institute, Germany, has accepted the Professorship of Historical Theology in the Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. -The semi-centennial of Methodism in St.

Louis was recently celebrated in that city. Four bishops were present, and \$90,000 were raised for church extension.

-A portion of the Methodist Church at Strange Chapel, Indianapolis, being dissatisfied because the Conference did not send them the minister they wished, have become Congregational Methodists.

-A ministerial correspondent of Zion's Herald is out in favor of abolishing the system of putting new members on a six months' probation. He claims that it is unscriptural, injurious to the candidates, and tends to diminish the membership.

-Considerable religious interest is reported among a number of the churches in New York. The conversions in seven or eight of them are estimated at about 200. -The Examiner and Chronicle makes a

comparison of the number of bishops which the Methodists, with a lay membership of 1,367,134, and the Episcopalians, with a lay membership of 220,000, respectively demand. The former denomination has eight, or one to 170,000 communicants; the latter fifty-two, or one to 4000 communicants. "Why is this thus?" -Dr. T. P. Abell, for many years known

extensively as a Universalist minister, was received into the Methodist Church in Salem, Massachusetts, on Sunday, January 1. —The Methodist Book Concern has a capi-

tal of \$1,458,575. -In six years there has been an increase in the number of infant baptisms from 30,891 to 50,453.

CONGREGATIONAL,

-The English Independent brings us the statistics of the Congregational denomination throughout the British Empire. The total, number of churches is 3665, besides about 3000 "stations" for preaching and evangelic labors. The number of ministers is 2980, of whom 2439 have pastoral charges. The number of vacant churches in England is only 157, and 108 in Wales, while in England alone there are 424 ministers without pastoral charge. The churches are distributed as follows:-England, 2045; Wales, 978; Scotland, 102; Ireland, 28; Islands of the British Seas, 16; British North America, 108; Australia aud

New Zealand, 176; South Africa and Deme-rara, 12; mission churches, about 300. There are 76 county associations and missions. -The Rev. Washington Gladden, of North Adams, Mass., announced to his congregation on a recent Sanday that he should leave them, having accepted the editorial charge of the religious department of the New York Independent. He will remove to New York about the 1st of April. He has preached in North Adams five years. Mr. Gladden is a practical printer, and has had some experience

in newspapers. -Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., is compelled by ill health to retire from active labor, and seek restoration by foreign travel.

PRESBYTERIAN.

-The Rev. J. B. Mack, of Charleston Presbytery, has received a unanimous call from Rocky River church, Concord Presby- put out.

signified his acceptance of the call, and entered upon his labors in this important field on the 1st inst.

-The Rev. William Wisner, D. D., fermerly of Ithaca, New York, an eminent and successful divine, died at West Point, New York, January 6th, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

-Rev. Byron Sunderland, D. D., for sixteen years a successful pastor in Washington, D. C., has accepted a call from the Fortysecond Street Presbyterian Church, New York.

LUTHERAN.

-Bishop Sundberg has been appointed the new Archbishop of Upsala. The appointment is an excellent one. The death of Archbishop Reuterdahl, and this election to fill the vacancy, have created some interest among the public as to this office. The first Swedish Lutheran Archbishop was Laurentius Petri, born 1493, studied at Wittenburg under Luther and Melanethon, was Professor of Theology at Upsala, and in 1531 was made Archbishop at the age of thirty-two. He was the youngest man who had ever occupied that position. He died at the advanced age of seventy-four. He has had twenty-nine successors, so that the present incumbent is the thirtieth Swedish Lutheran Archbishop.

-The Bishop of Cape Town, in South Africa, has essayed another step in the road of an intercommunion between the Anglican and the Scandinavian Lutheran Churches, by proposing to the Finnish Missionary Society to join the province of the Anglican Church in South Africa.

-The Freewill Baptist Church, in Tuscarora, Bradford county, Pa., was recognized as a regular Baptist on January 11, after a satisfactory examination of their doctrines and standing by a council.

EASTERN CHURCH.

-The latest reports from Turkey state that there is great excitement in Bulgaria on account of the Convocation of an Œcumenical Council of the Greek Church. The Bulgarians fear that the Patriarch of Constantinople, in union with the Government of Russia, will use the Council to repeal the concessions granted to the Bulgarian Church by the Turkish Government.

-According to the statistics of the Roman Catholic communion in Great Britain, there are 15 Roman Catholic bishops in England and Wales and 4 in Scotland. The priests serving missions and acting as chaplains to religious communities are 1551 in England and 207 in Scotland.

-The number of Catholic members of the House of Commons is 37, only one of whom, Lord Robert Montagu, who last year joined the Church of Rome, sits for an English constituency.

-The Devotion of the Forty Hours in honor of the blessed sacrament commences to-morrow morning in St. John's Catholic Church, Thirteenth street, above Chesnut, the ceremonies of which will be unusually impressive. At 10 o'clock the Grand Mass of Haydn in C will be sung with both organ and orchestral accompaniment, under the direction of Mr. Harkins, the organ being presided at by W. A. Newland. At the conclusion of the mass the Grand Coronation March of Meyerbeer will be performed.

MINISTERIAL RECORD. -The Rev. Carson W. Adams, of Mahopac Falls, has received a unanimous call from the Presbyterian Church at Waterville. N. Y. -The Rev. William Cunningham, of Princeville, Illinois, has accepted a unanimous call from the churches of Fairfield and

Union, in the Presbytery of Blairsville. -The Rev. R. F. Sample, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has received a unanimous call to the Central Church, Allegheny, Pa., of which the Rev. G. P. Hays was formerly pastor.

-The Rev. A. A. Graley has received and accepted a call from the church at Knowlesville, New York. -The Presbyterian Church at Connersville,

Indiana, has given a call to the Rev. G. O. -The Rev. A. T. Rankin, of the Presbyte-

rian Church at Kingston, Ind., has tendered his resignation. -The Presbytery of Brooklyn has granted the request of the Rev. Dr. Spear to be relieved from the pastorate of the South Presbyterian Church, N. Y.

-The Rev. J. Gibson Lowrie, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has taken charge of the church at Golden City, Colorado.

-A West Virginia paper complains that it takes longer to get news from the State capital than it does from Versailles. -A Chinaman, in Sacramento, has been fined

jail for sixty days. -Commissioners recently appointed will begin taking the census of the Dominion of Canada on the third day of April.

\$30 for killing a dog, and in default is to go to

-Leavenworth, Kansas, has gone wild over the election of one of its citizens as United States Senator. It is as happy as Berlin. -A Leavenworth paper tells how a bloody do-

mestic tragedy would have occurred "had not Providence stayed the grinning edge of the hun--A disturbed preacher remarked:- "If that

cross-eyed lady in the side aisle, with red hair and a blue bonnet, don't stop talking, I must point her out to the congregation.' -The Trenton Gazette says that the assertion that the railroads of New Jersey are bound by

law to carry members of the Legislature free is absurd, but it is true. -A New Hampshire man, who was arrested for selling liquor, has revenged himself upon the man who complained against him by cutting off the tail of his horse.

-Age and experience are appreciated in Vermont. Mr. Nathaniel Fullerton, who is ninety-six years old, has been President of the Bellows Falls Bank for fifty years, and has just been reelected. -A county auditor in New Hampshire has had presented to him for allowance in a law suit a bill which reads:—"To doing your chores,

such as drawin water, chopin wood, and feedin cattle the weeks while you lay drunk, \$21." -An unmarried young man declared the other day, with an expression of countenance most lugubrious:-"I never cared a farthing about getting married until I attended an old bach-

clor's funeral. -The only chapter in the Bible (the last chapter of Proveros) written by a woman (the mother of King Lemuel) contains a plea for woman's wages:—"Give her the fruit of her hand, and let her own works praise her in the

-The Governor of Connecticut is paid a salary of \$2000 per year, and the Secretary of the State Board of Education \$3000 and his travelling expenses; the Lieutenant-Governor is paid \$500 for presiding over the Senate, and the Clerk of the same body \$1200.

-There are more than 200 plants in one of the school-houses in Springfield, Mass. Scarcely a window in the building but has its row of plante; pictures adorn the walls, and all the appliances for making the rooms pleasant and a sojourn in them profitable abound,

—A San Francisco boy, who had some nice fun for a little while with his playmates stirring up some phosphorus which had been spilled on a wharf, stopped abruptly when his clothes took fire and enveloped him in flames. He was

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMIN, | tery, to become their pastor. Mr. Mack has | ANCIENT AND MODERN DIVISIONS OF

It is not generally known that, a little more than a century ago, New Year's day was celebrated on the 25th of March throughout the British dominions, including America.

The following enactments, adopted by Parliament, entitled "An act regulating the Com-mencement of the Year, and for correcting the Calendar in use," were passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of George II: -"PREAMBLE. - Whereas, the legal supputa-

tion of the year of our Lord-according to which the year beginneth on the 25th day of March-hath been found by experience to be attended with divers inconveniences," etc.

"Enactments.-That throughout his Majesty's dominions in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America the said supputation, according to which the year of our Lord beginneth on the 25th day of March, shall not be made use of from and after the last day of December, 1751; and that the 1st day of January next following the said last day of December shall be reckoned, taken, deemed, and accounted to be the first day of our Lord, 1752, and so on from time to time. The first day of January in every year which shall happen in time to come shall be deemed and reckoned the first day of the year," etc. The act further corrects the calendar thus:

"And that the natural day next immediately following the 2d day of September shall be called and accounted to be the 14th day of September, omitting for that time only the eleven intermediate nominal days of the common calendar."

We believe that in the State of Rhode Island to this day all farm and other leases date from the day of the ancient New Year, namely, the 25th of March.

The ancient divisions of the day differed widely frem the customs of our own time. The Chaldeans, Syrians, Persians, and Indians began the day at sunrise, and divided the day and night into four parts. The division of the day into quarters was in use long before the division into hours.

The Chinese, who begin their day at midnight, and reckon to the midnight following, divide the interval into twelve hours, each equal to two of ours, and known by a name and particular figure.

In Egypt the day was divided into unequal hours. The clock invented by Ctesibius of Alexandria, B. C. 250, was so contrived as to lengthen or shorten the hours by the flowing of water.

The Greeks divided the natural day into twelve hours-a practice derived from the Babylonians.

The Romans called the time between the rising and the setting sun the natural day; and the time in the twenty-four hours the civil day. They began and ended their civil day at midnight, and took this practice from their ancient laws, and customs, and rites of religion, in use long before they had any idea of the divisions into hours.

The first sun-dial seen at Rome was brought from Catania, in Sicily, in the first Punic war, as a part of the spoils of that city; and, after this period, they divided the day into twenty-four hours. An officer, called accensus, at one time proclaimed the hours, and at the bench of justice announced every three hours the time of day.

In the Turkish Empire time is reckoned by certain portions of the natural day, resembling the "watches" of the ancient Jews and Romans. Public clocks not being in use, these divisions of time are proclaimed from the minarets.

THE CAVE OF ADULLAM .- At last we are scrambling on foot down the steep circuitous path which leads to the entrance to Adullam. The swords bought, Alee leaves our Bethlehemite, with many threats and pointings to the pistols, in charge of the horses, and we clamber along the narrow ledge leading to the mouth of the cave. It is infinitely difficult and rugged, and consists of a tortuous path a few inches wide, which twines along a sagged precipice five hundred feet high, on the other parts of which there is not footing for a wild goat. It is dizzy work, but we keep our eyes on the wall-like rock which stretches above us, avoid looking into the chasm below, and move slowly onwards, continually using both hands and feet.

A huge block of stone has fallen across the broken pathway close to the entrance to the cave. We clamber over it-not without the sort of help the Arab, give strangers at the Pyramids, and consists of butting you from behind, while half dislocating your shoulders by tugs in front-and are at the opening to a small grotto, which leads to a natural winding gallery some thirty feet long. We pant and squeeze through these, doffing most of our clothing, on Alee's advice, and find ourselves at last in a noble natural chamber one hundred and twenty feet long, and from thirty to forty-five feet wide.

This is the Cave of Adullam. The candles we have brought with us are attached to the walls, and the arches and stalactites of the lofty roof are seen through the darkness, irregular and dim. There is ample space here and in the recesses round for several hundred men: and when we consider its all but impossible approach, the ease with which it could be defended from the attack of what would be an overwhelming force elsewhere, its comparative nearness to Bethlehem, and weigh the evidence for and against the accuracy of the site, we come unanimously to the conclusion that tradition is in this instance right. Here it must have been that David longed for "the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate," when the village was garrisoned by the Philistines; and along this cleft in the rock the three "mighty men" came after they broke through the enemy's lines, obtained the coveted water, and were bringing it in triumph to their chief. There are several narrow passages branshing out of the great cave, one of which runs for forty yards, and takes the explorer to a pit ten feet deep, into which be must drop, and there creep on all-fours, and finally crawl for seventy yards more, when he reaches another immense natural chamber. This is the end of the cave, so far as European travellers know, though the Arabs insist that subterranean passages extend from it for miles, even to Tekea and Hebron. When we emerge into the blessed sunlight again, dusty, heated, and out of breath, Alee spreads his snow-white cloth and produces lunch. The Bedouins watch us from a distance, and we eat, drink, and smoke in a small cleft in the hill which overlooks the Wady and the terrible defile between Adullam and the outer world .- All the Year Round.

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No. 56, page 465, etc., the undersigned Trustees named in said Mortgage
WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION,
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MESSRS, THOMAS & SONS, AUCTIONEERS,
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and conveyed by the said Mortgage, to wit:

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ground, with the buildings and improvements
thereon erected, situate an the east side of Broad
street, in the city of Philadelphia, one of them bestreet, in the city of Philadelphia, one of them be-ginning at the distance of nineteen feet seven inches and five-eights southward from the southeast corner of the said Broad and Coates streets; thence extending eastward at right angles with said Broad extending eastward at right angles with said Broad street eighty-eight feet one inch and a half to ground now or late of Samuel Miller; thence southward along said ground, and at right angles with said Coates street, seventy-two feet to the northeast corner of an alley, two feet six inches in width, leading southward into Penn street; thence westward, crossing said alley and along the lot of ground hereinafter described and at right angles with said Broad street, seventy-nine feet to the east side of the said Broad street; and thence northward along the east line of said Broad street seventy-two feet to the place of beginning. Subject to a ground-rent

to the place of beginning. Subject to a ground-rent of \$250, silver money.

No. 2. The other of them situate at the northeast corner of the said Broad street and Penn street, containing in front or breadth on the said Broad street eighteen feet, and in length or depth eastward along the north line of said Penn street seventy-four feet and two inches, and on the line of said lot parallel with said Penn street, seventy-six feet five inches inches wide alley. Subject to ground rent of \$72, sil-

ver money.

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