

THE PARSON'S LIMIT.

He'd been preaching and exhorting For a score of years or so In a portion of the vineyard...

HER APPLAUSE.

The Little Contralto was not really so very little, but she stood between a tall soprano and a still loftier baritone...

Now the Big Contralto and her husband were fond of going to grand opera and stopping in for a little bite to eat afterward...

At length the organist arrived. He seemed to appreciate her feelings at a glance, for he came down and laid his right hand on her shoulder...

It was a crisis. She would have sold her birthright for the command of all her faculties, but they were slipping away...

After a decent period the Little Contralto rose and slipped into a chair. It was her first opportunity for thought since she had learned of her calling and election at the morning service...

"Oh, Professor!" with a little grasp of joy. "Yes," he continued with a twinkle in his eye, "you will fail in singing..."

"You dear little sorrow-worn soul, I will sing to you," thought the Little Contralto, with a rush of feeling...

"I want you to send up two loaves of stale bread," said the Y. M. W. "Madam," answered the same pleasant voice, "we do not keep stale bread at the telephone exchange..."

Neither sorrow nor crying, Neither shall there be any more pain, And God shall wipe away all tears...

The full tones swelled and died in cadences of velvet softness. The end was reached. The Little Contralto started at the thought that she had been singing in church...

Presently a man came in and began to arrange the music on the organ and the stands. Then the lights went up over the church, extinguishing the glory of stained glass...

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Worked Their Way Up.

Among the new members of the Fifty-sixth Congress there is an unusually large proportion of what are known as "self-made" men...

The Pacific coast has also furnished a self-made man. This is Russell Waters, of California. He was raised on a farm in Massachusetts...

James C. Neelham, from the Seventh California district, was born at Carson City, Nev., in an emigrant wagon...

William A. Reeder began his career as a school teacher. He was 14 years old when he first became a pedagogue...

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Farmer Killed His Neighbor.

A load of shot from farmer David S. Long's gun carried death to John Becker, a house-breaker...

Securing a gun, and against the wishes of his wife and daughter, who feared he would be shot, Long, accompanied by the young man, who carried a lantern, went in search of the burglar...

The fellow was disappearing in the darkness when Long fired, aiming low, as he says, to wound him in the legs...

Plumbers working in an unoccupied house on Edgemoor avenue, New York, on Tuesday found in a closet the decomposed bodies of two boys...

The door has a spring lock and no knob inside, so that a person entering and knocking the door would be unable to get out...

The largest allotment, \$29,973,274.32, was made to the Navy Department, and was principally used for the purchase of vessels, guns, ammunition and supplies...

The national defense fund of \$50,000,000 voted by Congress at the commencement of the war was placed at the disposal of the various departments to meet expenditures...

The largest orchards in the world are those of the Millers, of Hampshire county, and Pancaek, of Romney, West Virginia...

God sits upon the mountains. As a robe The clouds envelop him; and the sun, abashed, Slips at his back away...

What Shall We Have for Dessert? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert...

The Biblical Millennium and Union of Denominations.

I have been verily delighted reading, in what we call "secular" newspapers, reports of the discussion concerning the "Biblical Millennium" and Union of Christian Denominations...

As to the Biblical Millennium we know just enough to charitably differ; enough to secure what God has wisely ordered for us to "Watch" and "Be ye also ready"...

Christians everywhere continue to differ in their belief and practice on that subject, leaving room for "charity," but never for unchristian controversy...

I believe, also, that the seven or more separate Methodist denominations, and a similar number of the Baptist divisions, should do likewise...

We should pray, speak and write freely concerning it, for Christ would never have prayed that prayer if it were not to be answered and realized...

A Bishop Samuel Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal church, told in Chicago on Saturday a marvelous story of physical phenomena, in which he asserted that a husband heard his wife calling after she had been buried...

She was buried in the afternoon. In the middle of the night Mr. Smith was awakened by some one calling his name...

Just as day was breaking, for the third time he heard the call again, this time interestingly, the minister declares. This time he recognized the voice very distinctly as that of his wife...

Another Elopement. The Man 42 years Old, the Girl Only 14. A story comes from Austin, Potter county to the effect that Frank Blodgett, an itinerant preacher, and who is 42 years old eloped a few nights ago with Carrie, the 14 year old daughter of James Howland...

STOOD DEATH OFF.—E. B. Monday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a grave-digger. He says: "My brother was a very low with malarial fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Electric Bitters, and he was soon much better, but continued their use until he was wholly cured. I am sure Electric Bitters was the reason. This remedy expels malaria, kills disease germs and purifies the blood; aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints, gives perfect health. Only 50 cents at F. P. Green's drug store."