Hints to Farmers.

The Tomato—And Its Culture.

This fruit, long known as "the love apple," and said to have come from the far south, has rapidly gained favor wherever grown. It is susceptible of great improvement, though it has generally received less attention than most garden vegetables. While under careful culture they have been long in reaching their present state, the tomato has been a comparatively short time under culture, and yet, nature has done so much for it that it already holds high rank among our finest fruits of the garden.—Many medical men claim for it valuable hygienic qualities, and the human system—that most perfect of all laboratories—has confirmed the decision. It is delicately-acid, cooling and healthful.—In hot weather our children seize the golden "love apples" and quench their thirst, while we all use them at our tables.

Since this fruit must be brought to perfection, why grow coarse, unsightly, spongy, ill-flavored tomatoes, when by attending to a few simple, but important things, the finest qualities may be had?

A great deal might be said on varieties; but after having tried the most popular ones the writer now grows "Lester's Perfected Tomatoes" in preference to all others.

Priming.—As the greater part of the fruit on the tomato vine is borne near the ground it will be found that the shortening of the vines will cause nutrition to flow to fruit instead of making branches. Don't be afraid to cut out all suckers and non-bearing branches, and to shorten those that wander. The writer knows that the advantages of pruning are questioned by some, but he has learned by experience, whatever may be the *rationale* of the matter, the results are in favor of rather *severe* pruning.

Keeping the Fruit Clean.—The fruit may be kept clean and prevented from premature decay by spreading brush, salt hay, or other such material under the vines, or by training them. But if the soil be light and dry this will not be necessary especially for a general crop. In garden culture, if it be thought best to train the vines, a simple way is to set poles twelve feet apart, the tops five feet high. Attach wires horizontally to them, which will form a cheap trellis for the vines, thus exposing them to the free action of the sun and air. The flavor of the fruit thus grown will be finer than that ripened on the ground.

Climbing Plants.

A variety of climbing plants should have a place in every garden of the smallest pretensions, these pretty ramblers being beautiful either collectively or as isolated objects. Rock work and root work, grottos and fountains should be annually covered with them, and where these are not found, a few stones and roots may be thrown together, and the climbers, if planted at the base, speedily cover them forming a most agreeable object. Rustic baskets and vases are proper places for climbers, and these articles appear in a much more artistic and appropriate light when filled with lowly creepers, or overhung with natural flowers or foliage of climbers, than when occupied with stiff-looking geraniums or other plants of a similar growth.

Flower beds may be filled to a great advantage with plants that are naturally climbers. By placing a few small bushes loosely on the surface of a bed, the plants will be enabled to cover the whole of it in a very short period, and as all of them are very abundant bloomers and generally of a robust constitution, the display is not much inferior nor less enduring than that produced by more expensive plants and flowers.

In planting them, in whatever situation they may be placed, a light, rich soil of a good depth, must be ensured.—Sometimes when they are used to cover rock or root work, they are stuck into small fissures of the stones, or hole in the rocks, with scarcely a handful of soil, and when they do not grow, they are given up as a failure. In such cases they do not receive a fair chance even for their lives, much less of fully developing their beauties.—*Florist's Journal.*

A Plea for Bones.

A wonderful magnetism has been observed to exist between the roots of a tree and a bone deposited in the ground within its reach. For a stone or any thing not necessary for its sustenance this is not the case. The greed and alacrity with which a fruit tree sends out its root and binds all the bones within its reach with many little clinging cords of affection, affords positive proof that a supply of their most vital nourishment is drawn from them. When setting young trees for an orchard, a quantity of bones scattered around the roots will enhance the value of the tree for all time. Though nature's laboratory grinds slow yet it grinds fine, and bones placed in the soil near fruit trees yield a continual feast to the tree. A smart business in "Agricultural Mining" might be done in and around some outbuildings and the sly places where huge heaps of old shoes, tired spring from ladies' skirts, broken dishes, and bone deposits have been accumulating for years. Bones of animals lie bleaching in many places, which, if gathered up, might be turned to a good account. An excellent super-phosphate may be made by taking a hog-head, putting in layers of bones, then covering with ashes wet down, then another layer of bones and ashes, and so on until filled. Keep wet, and wait until the bones are reduced or rendered so soft as to be easily pulverized. I know a few farmers who practice this method, and reap a rich reward for their pains.—*V. D., in Maine Farmer.*

What the Soil is to the Farmer.

For the husbandman the soil has the paramount importance, that it is the home of the roots of his crops and the exclusive theatre of his labors in promoting their growth. Through it alone can he secure the proper amount of vegetable production, for the atmosphere and the light and heat of the sun are altogether beyond his control. Agriculture is the culture of the field. The value of the field lies in the quality of its soil.—No study can have a greater material significance than the one which gives us a knowledge of the causes of fertility and barrenness, a knowledge of the means of economizing the one and overcoming the other, a knowledge of those natural laws which enable the farmer so to modify and manage his soil that all deficiencies of the atmosphere and all vicissitudes of climate cannot deprive him of suitable reward for his exertions. The atmosphere and extra terrestrial influences that affect the growth of plants, are indeed in themselves beyond our control. We cannot modify them in kind or amount; but we can influence their subserviency to our purposes through the medium of the soil by a proper understanding of the characters of the latter.—*Prof. Johnson's "How Crops Feed."*

Duty of Agricultural Colleges.

The agricultural community has a right to expect that agricultural colleges will aim to increase the sum of scientific knowledge of agriculture, and not merely to become retailers of the imperfect and often crude materials which we already have at hand. To meet this just expectation, to appear to begin to do their plain duty they should not fail to devise and initiate a comprehensive system of carefully conducted experiments designed to establish results not only for the States or localities where they are situated, and which, of course, have the first claim upon them, but they should act in concert with each other, so that the same experiments may be repeated through a series of years in each of them. They could thus show the conditions which affect each cultivated plant in different localities, and arrive at more or less generalizations, which would add to our present stock of accurate knowledge.

The agricultural colleges are better prepared to undertake this work and to do it well than any other institutions or any other body of observers. What have they done in this direction? What are the experiments undertaken by them, except in the case of the Michigan Agricultural College?—*Massachusetts Ploughman.*

A Wonderful Flower.

One of the most exquisite wonders of the sea is the Opelet, a flower resembling very much the German China Aster. It has the appearance of a large double aster, with a quantity of petals of a light green color, glossy as silk, each petal tipped with rosecolor. These lovely petals are never still, but wave about in the water, while the flower clings to the rocks. So innocent and lovely-looking, no one could suspect it of eating anything, certainly if it did, only a bit of rainbow or a drop of dew. But those beautiful petals have other and more material work to do—to provide food for a large mouth which is cunningly hid deep down among them. They do their duty famously, for as soon as a silly little fish comes in contact with those rosy tips, he is struck with a poison fatal and quick as lightning. He dies instantly and the beautiful arms wrap themselves about him and drag him into the greedy mouth. Then those lovely petals unclosed, float innocently on the water, just like our own water-lily. This flower was long ago talked of, but its existence doubted, until the last century. Now the Opelet is known to be a thing that really exists.

Local Intelligence.

Lancaster County Sunday School Convention.

This Convention met on Wednesday in the 1st M. E. Church, in this city, according to announcement, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by Rev. C. F. Turner. The chair was temporarily filled by Rev. Mr. Riemensnyder, the County Missionary. Mr. D. S. Bare, was appointed temporary Secretary.

Devotional exercises opened by singing the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have;" followed by reading the Parable of the Sower, Matt. 13: 1, 18, and prayer by the President.

The credentials of delegates appointed by the various Schools of the County, were now handed in, and the following is a list of those represented:

Presbyterian Mission School of the City—Dr. S. Koneagy, superintendent, teachers 17, scholars 107; delegates, Dr. S. Koneagy, Mr. Bissel, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Sioner and Miss Shertz.

Mildersville Union School—Charles Denues, Esq., superintendent; teachers 10, scholars 100; delegates, Charles Denues, Esq., Miss Christiana Peters.

Adamstown Sunday School—Teachers 20, scholars 131; delegates, Jacob Fichthorn and Henry R. Stork.

Moravian School—W. L. Bear, superintendent; teachers 27, scholars 160; delegates, W. L. Bear, Miss Emma Demuth, Miss Josephine Meyers, Miss Erisman and Miss Shroiner.

New Holland Reformed School—E. G. Groff, Esq., superintendent; teachers, 16; scholars, 78.

Evangelical Lutheran School, Maytown—Mr. John Hays, superintendent; teachers, 12; scholars, 95.

Mount Nebo School—Franklin Young, superintendent; teachers, 10; scholars, 75; delegates, Rev. I. Gregg, J. Crawford, J. Clark and Mrs. Mary Crawford.

Harmony Lutheran School, Manheim—Geo. K. Bier, superintendent; teachers, 26; scholars, 69; delegates, J. M. Ensminger and G. D. Miller.

New Berlin Union School—Dr. G. Wenger Akron, superintendent; teachers, 6; scholars, 37; delegates, Milton L. Wenger and Susan A. Wenger.

United Brethren School of Manheim—Fredcaie Nixdorf, superintendent; teachers, 10; scholars, 30; delegates, Abram Wolf, Samuel and C. Arnold.

Petersburg Union School—Jos. Kinsch, superintendent; teachers, 12; scholars, 33; delegates, John Reminsnyder and Joseph Kinsch.

Evangelical Lutheran School, Mt. Joy—Andrew Dillinger, superintendent; teachers, 10; scholars, 65; delegates, Samuel Eaches and Jacob Libhart.

Reformed School, Maytown—Thomas J. Albright, superintendent; teachers, 10; scholars, 68; delegates, Thos. J. Albright and Daniel Grove.

Fairview School of Evangelical Association—Levi Watts, superintendent; teachers, 28; scholars, 200; delegates, Rev. C. K. Fehr, Amos Oberholtzer and Levi Watts.

First M. E. School, Lancaster—Dr. E. Lane Schofield, superintendent; teachers, 22; scholars, 200; delegates, Rev. C. F. Turner, Dr. E. Lane Schofield, S. M. Myers, H. A. Haldy, J. B. Good, C. H. Barr, J. G. Marple, J. H. Good, jr., B. F. Shenk, Misses Leah H. Reinoehl, Christiana, Lizzie Moore, Anna Bauman and Mary Bitner.

East Mission M. E. School—Jas. Black, Esq., superintendent; teachers, 20; scholars, 115; delegates, J. S. Miller, S. K. Miller, Jane Mutford, E. M. Black, Mary Hensel, Emma Benedict, Christ Bomberger, Jacob Reinoehl, W. Barton, Benj. Esbenshade, W. A. Argue, Mary Black, Sweetie Myers, Susan Wilhelm, Anna Hensel, Kate Kautz, Bell Guthrie, Emma Hookey and Ellen C. Myers.

St. Paul's M. E. School—I. F. Abele, superintendent; teachers, 28; scholars, 135; delegates, Thos. Holt, David Haverstick, Joseph Weisgerber.

Lexington Union School—Teachers, 17; scholars, 70; delegates, Ezra Reist, J. H. Phillipe, Hiram Kline and Addison Zartman.

Evangelical Association—M. Talmage, superintendent; teachers, 10, scholars, 52; delegates, Rev. F. P. Lehr and M. Talmage.

Eden Union School—D. N. Bursk, Superintendent; teachers 10, scholars 85; delegates Mrs. Jesse Little, Mrs. W. C. Beecher, Mrs. Sensenig, Mrs. B. Reiper, I. Sensenig, D. N. Bursk.

An invitation was extended to all present to participate in the deliberations of the Convention. A committee was appointed to assign delegates places. A Committee on Permanent Organization was appointed, which reported Rev. C. F. Turner for President, Rev. Geo. Robinson and Mr. G. T. Forbes, vice-Presidents; D. S. Bare and Thomas Gilgore, Secretaries.

Rev. Mr. Rosenmiller delivered the opening address, after which the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung.

The constitution for the Lancaster Co., S. S. Association, prepared by a committee appointed one year ago, was adopted with a few slight amendments.

Evening Session.—Singing by choir, and children the hymn "Crown Him Lord of All." Prayer by Rev. J. V. Eckert. Singing by children, "Singing for Jesus." Address by Rev. Mr. Robinson, using as subject, "God has a plan for everyone." Singing by children "Vale of Rest." Address by Wm. Kingsbury, of Philadelphia, one of the Board Managers of the A. S. S. U. who developed still further Mr. Robinson's subject.

Singing by children, "The Children's To Deum." An address by Mr. Forbes, which was peculiarly amusing and instructive. Singing by children, "Watch and Pray." Address by Rev. Mr. Sussecrott. A strong appeal was then made by Mr. Kingsbury for peculiary aid for the A. S. S. U., after which a collection was taken up. Dismissed by Doxology and Benediction.

The church was densely crowded by adults below and children on the gallery. This evening the exercises are to be continued; admission free to all. The exercises are delectable and profitable.

The children's meeting will be more interesting to-night than last evening. The children will sing some excellent music, and a few addresses will be delivered. We advise all to go early if they wish seats. No tickets of admission will be required.

Thursday Morning Session.—The Convention opened with religious exercises—singing and prayer by Rev. J. V. Eckert.

The following schools were reported:

Pleasant Hill School—J. W. Swaily, superintendent; teachers, 4; scholars, 22.

Evangelical Lutheran School, of Elizabethtown—Teachers, 19; scholars, 86.

Chestnut Grove School, Strickler's Meeting-House—Teachers, 8; scholars, 40; delegate, George W. Eby.

Christ's Protestant Episcopal School, of Manheim—J. B. White, superintendent; teachers, 6; scholars, 40; delegates, Dr. J. M. Dunlap and J. B. White.

Keller's Station School—Teachers, 10; scholars, 60.

Evangelical Lutheran, New Holland—B. S. Brubaker, superintendent; teachers, 17; scholars, 125.

Bethel township, Gap—J. G. Gest, superintendent; teachers, 17; scholars, 55; delegate, Wm. Kennedy.

Ephrata Union School—S. S. High, superintendent; teachers, 17; scholars, 158.

Evangelical Lutheran School, Columbia—G. T. Fobes, superintendent; teachers, 41; scholars, 325; delegates, Phoebe Mellinger, Hettie Vashe, F. A. Bennett, and G. T. Fobes.

St. Paul's Reformed School, Quarryville—G. W. Heusel, superintendent; teachers, 20; scholars, 100.

Evangelical Lutheran Union Mission School, Manheim—Simon S. Young, superintendent; teachers, 35; scholars, 76; delegates, G. W. Fisher, J. H. Fry, Charles Fry, and Tobias H. Brosey.

The question for discussion on the programme was taken up—"What are the features of a good Sabbath School, and how can they be secured?"

Charles Denues, Esq., was called on to open the discussion. He commenced by saying that the first great feature of a good Sunday School was order; the second, a proper distribution of the library, so as not to allow children to handle too many books and thus cause confusion and divert attention; and the third was that the Superintendent endeavor to secure the hearty cooperation of the teachers.

The exercises were here interspersed with singing the hymn "Shall We Gather at the River."

Rev. Mr. Riemensnyder took up the subject next; he remarked that one very good feature is the predominance of the religious element, many of the schools having teachers who are not Christians.

Mr. Kingsbury, of Philadephia, was next called on; he had been in the work for fifty years; still feels he has much to learn in this great work; and a good feature is to have fathers and mother to attend and sit together with the children in the Sunday Schools, and thus encourage them by their examples.

Rev. Mr. Rosenmiller thought that the encouraging of time was a good feature of a Sunday School. Some Superintendents were over-tedious in small matters.

Singing of another verse from "Shall We Gather at the River?"

The second subject for discussion was next taken up: "The Sunday School Mission Work in the County; its claims and best method of meeting them."

Rev. Mr. Riemensnyder opened the subject by giving an account of his labors as Missionary the last year, and stated why it should be continued and sustained. He established 12 new schools with 98 teachers, 489 scholars, visited and addressed 43 schools, distributed 174 Bibles and Testaments, visited 331 families, traveled 2945 miles, delivered 61 addresses, preached 23 sermons, wrote 162 mission letters, and there was $64.21 collected for the cause in the county.

William Kennedy next took the floor. He said many children remained out of the Sunday Schools because they thought they were too large to be scholars, and too small to be teachers, and were not sufficiently encouraged to attend the regular services of the church.

Mr. Reinoehl thought more money was needed to carry forward more efficiently the Sunday School work in the county.

D. S. Bare gave an account of the efforts of the committee appointed to secure means to keep the Missionary in the field.

Chas. Denues, Esq. was in favor of the organization of auxiliary societies throughout the county.

Rev. Mr. Turner said Missionary work was emphatically needed in the county, and claims universal sympathy. If proper information was spread abroad the sympathies of the people would surely be enlisted.

J. M. W. Geist urged the necessity of giving all the items of Sunday School work to the public through the secular press.

A Committee was appointed to carry out the above suggestions and to adjust some feasable plan that it might be accomplished Revs. Mr. Riemensnyder, Robinson and Rosenmiller were appointed the Committee.

The collection of last evening was announced to be $20.00.

Questions were then read, which had been handed in for discussion.

Adjourned, with doxology and benediction by Rev. Mr. Robinson.

Thursday Afternoon Session.—Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. F. P. Lehr. Reading of minutes approved and adopted.

A telegram was read from Mr. M. A. Wurtz, of the A. M. S. S., expressing his intention to be present, and his deep interest in the convention and its work.

Other Sunday Schools not previously reported were received and read:

Chestnut Level Presbyterian School—R. L. Clark, superintendent; teachers, 12; scholars, 57; delegates, R. L. Clark and W. W. Watson.

Lititz School—Francis W. Christ, superintendent; teachers, 29; scholars, 210; delegate, Mr. Wolle.

St. Paul's Reformed School, Quarryville—Teachers, 12; scholars in attendance, 76; delegates, G. W. Heusel, Daniel D. Hess, John Rintz, Geo. Aument and M. L. Kendig.

Lutheran and Reformed School, Reamstown—J. W. Trabert, superintendent; teachers, 8; scholars, 65; delegate, J. W. Trabert.

United Presbyterian, Octoraro—C. M. Collins, superintendent; teachers, 6; scholars, 42; delegate, C. M. Collins.

Presbyterian, East Orange—Rev. George Robinson, superintendent; teachers and officers, 33; scholars, 146; delegates, Rev. Geo. Robinson, J. S. Miller, Dr. B. Peacock, Dr. J. McCalla, D. W. Patterson, Mrs. Eliza Gara, M. O. Kline, Mrs. J. S. Miller, Miss Bell Andrews.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to publish in the county papers information to interest the people in the Sunday School work. Revs. C. F. Remensnyder, Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, and D. S. Bare are the committee.

Resolved, That a Finance Committee of three be appointed to secure means to carry on the Sunday School cause, and that they be authorized to call to their aid the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools in the county. The committee called for by this resolution consist of D. S. Bursk, Col. W. L. Bear, and Dr. Schofield.

The committee appointed to name permanent officers for the Lancaster County Sunday School Association reported, which was adopted. Rev. D. Bigler, president, J. L. Hoffmeier, vice president, Col. W. L. Bear, secretary, and Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, treasurer.

Executive Committee, Rev. C. F. Turner, Rev. Geo. Robinson and G. T. Fobes, vice Presidents, D. S. Bare, Secretary, and G. G. Gilgore, assistant secretary.

The following is the Constitution of the Association.

1. This Association shall be called the Lancaster County Sunday School Association.

2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Sunday School cause in the county.

3. Its members shall be the delegates, officers and teachers from Sunday Schools, and also the ministers and members of churches in attendance upon any of its regular or special conventions.

4. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting in May, and hold their offices for one year, or until others are elected to fill their places.

5. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings.

6. The Secretary shall keep a record of conventions and other meetings, procure statistics of the schools in the county, keep a list of the name and address of each Superintendent, and report annually.

7. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the money of the association, and report annually.

8. An Executive Committee shall be appointed at each annual convention, to cooperate with the officers in carrying on the work for the ensuing year, and in making arrangements for regular and special conventions and any other Sunday School meetings which in their judgment may be necessary.

9. The annual convention of the association shall be held during the month of May, in each year, at such place as may be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

10. Every member of this Association is expected to contribute at least one dollar towards its expenses and the support of the Sunday School Missionary work in the county.

11. By-Laws and Rules of Order can be adopted at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

A motion to appoint a Committee to report upon permanent officers of the Association, the President selected for this purpose, Rev. C. Reimensnyder, D. S. Bare, Rev. George Robinson.

A black-board exercise was now conducted by Dr. Schofield: Subject—"God's Pity for a Sinful World." He called on the children to give a text for his subject, when the passage was repeated, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotton Son, &c." This was repeated several times. Diagrams of the world full of sin, a heart full of pity, and a cross to represent a crucified Saviour for the world. These were explained by a short lecture, and the whole exercise was praised with a few remarks on the advantages and necessity of blackboard exercises.

Here followed the discussion of various topics of interest in Sunday School work, as: "What is the best method of teaching children the way to heaven, who cannot read?" Discussed by Rev. Mr. Turner, Rev. Mr. Sussecrott, Dr. S. Koneagy, Mr. Hinman, Rev. Mr. Rosenmiller and D. S. Bare.

With the brief discussion of other topics of interest, the Convention adjourned, with doxology and benediction by Rev. Mr. Riemensnyder.

Evening Session.—Opened with a voluntary on the organ. Singing by choir and children, accompanied by organ, "Watch and Pray," followed by an address from Rev. Mr. Sussecrott; in said children love the Sunday School, climb up towards heaven, and learn to be kind and charitable, for "He that giveth, lendeth to the Lord." "Singing for Jesus," was sung, and an address by Mr. Kingsbury on the formation and operation of the A. S. S. U. It has 30 managers, and a larger field than they can supply—about 50 or 60 Missionaries at work—but never enough from this county to support the Missionary.

Singing the "Redemption Song," followed by an address from Dr. S. Koneagy. He spoke in his usual feeling manner about the burdens of the Christian—we all have burdens to bear, but thanked God that Jesus came to take them all—they were His burdens, let us bear them meekly, we will soon be delivered forever from them all.

Singing, "Beautiful day of Rest."

Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller gave an expression of gratitude on the part of the convention to children, their and all.

Rev. Mr. Turner closed the exercises with a touching parting address.

Dismissed with Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and Benediction by Rev. J. V. Eckert.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.—Monday evening's session opened with singing, and prayer by Mr. D. W. Gross, of Harrisburg. A resolution of the late General Synod, urging on the membership of the church, brotherly love, prudence and moderation respecting the Liturgical controversy that has been agitating us was taken up.

Out of this grew an edifying conversy, conducted principally by Rev. Prof. T. Apple, of Franklin and Marshall College, and the Rev. E. H. Nevin, of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster. Prof. Apple took the ground that the ruling element of the Eastern Synod, was the conservative element of the Reformed Church throughout the United States; that it was this element that represented in Theology and Cultus, the historically sound position of the church—that it was the only reliable element of the church, both East and West, and that in this element lay the safety and success of the church in the future.

The Rev. Mr. Nevin did not agree with the professor. He regarded that portion of the church which adhered to the order of the constitution, and the plain teachings of the Heidelberg Catechism, as the conservative element of the church; and which truly represented her Theology and Cultus. He went on to sustain his position by analyzing the word conservative, which the former speaker used for his purpose. He said the word was derived from *con* and *serro*, which meant to hold, keep or guard, and then asserted that only *that* element which held, kept and guarded the order of service as laid down in the constitution, "invocation, singing, prayer, reading the word, preaching a sermon, or delivering a lecture and pronouncing the benediction." This, the speaker considered, the only true conservative position, and that every one who did not hold to that position, was radical and extreme, and was changing and overturning the right order of things in the church.

He also alluded to the fifty-seven questions of the Heidelberg Catechism, as contrary to the doctrine of a middle state, as he charged the high liturgical party as holding. The language in the above question is, "That the soul, after this life, shall be *immediately* taken up to Christ, its head," which he regarded as fully sustained by the scripture;—"Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit;" "Lord Jesus receive my spirit;" "And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom."

Missionary services were then held, during which the report on the State of Religion, prepared by Prof. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall College, was read, and the Appeal of the Parent Board of Missions to the churches, and addresses delivered by Rev. A. H. Kremer, Rev. E. H. Nevin and Rev. Prof. Apple.

After these exercises the Classis resumed its business, when an application from the Manheim Charge was handed in, requesting the Classis to aid them in supporting a Pastor, and provide them with a supply for the present. Rev. J. V. Eckert was appointed the supply.

The German interest of Harrisburg was also provided for by appointing the Rev. Mr. Zullig, as their supply, and the privilege granted them to collect money abroad to erect a church.

The Classis was closed with prayer by Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, of the 1st Church, Harrisburg, the repeating of the Lord's Prayer in concert, and Benediction by the President.

The sessions were pleasant: a very kind, respectful and brotherly spirit was exhibited during its sittings; and we trust the brethren returned home edified and inspirited for the work of another Classical year.

The next annual meeting of the Classis will be held in Quarryville, Lancaster county, about the 9th of June, 1871.

J. V. B.

THE RAILROAD DISASTER.—Daniel McDevitt, one of the victims of the collision at Leaman Place Tuesday, was next morning buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. The funeral expenses were borne by the Railroad Company, a very neat walnut coffin having been provided. Father Reilly officiated and administered the last rites of the church. Deceased was an orphan, and had no relatives in this country except a cousin whose name we could not learn, who resides at Port Richmond, Philadelphia. At the time of the accident deceased had on his person some $300, principally in gold, which was taken in charge by a railroad official, and has been or will be sent to his cousin. An inquest was held on the body last evening, by Coroner Dysart, and the following named jurors.—Henry Swentzel, J. G. Steinheiser, William M. Compton, M. D., Michael Sullivan, Elijah Hunt, and John Garber. No witnesses were examined except Mr. Steinheiser, who simply testifies to the fact of the bringing of deceased to the Hospital. The Coroner detailed the evidence adduced at the inquest held by Deputy Coroner Bair, on the body of Swayne, and read to the jury the verdict rendered in that case. The jury thereupon returned a verdict of similar import with the addition that "the switch had been purposely and maliciously misplaced by some person to the jury unknown." How the jury arrived at this conclusion, without having any witnesses before them, is not known; but it appears their names were signed to the usual blank form, and the Coroner authorized to fill the verdict at his leisure.

The company have suspended both conductor Manahan and his flagman, until the cause of the accident can be more fully investigated. The affair looks as though one or both of them had been grossly negligent.

James Brown, the other injured man, who was brought to this city, had both his legs set yesterday afternoon and is doing well. Only one bone of the right leg is broken, below the knee; but both bones of the left leg are badly crushed. He says that both himself and McDevitt were inside the car at the time of the collision, and that they were thrown forward upon the platform by the force of the concussion, and were crushed between the bumper of one car and the front of another by a second concussion caused by the impetus of the rear cars. It required several minutes to extricate them from their perilous position. Brown is a plumber and gas fitter, has no relatives in this country, though he has friends in Scranton, where he has been working for a year past. His parents live in Lescoy, England. He was on his way west with a number of other men, to do railroad work some twenty miles beyond Pittsburgh. He has a large, cool room in the hospital, and is being carefully nursed.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—A correspondent of the *Reformed Church Messenger* writes to that paper a long article on Franklin and Marshall College, from which we make the following: The Dollar Plan continues to flow in, not as rapidly as could be desired, but nevertheless encouragingly. There are monies still on hand, which have not been forwarded, but are held and waiting perhaps to be increased. They should be remitted some time before commencement, which takes place this year on the last day of June. It is important that the treasurer should be in a condition to give a full account of the College finances. When buildings are to be put up, the means ought to be at hand.

Commencement festivities this year promise to be especially interesting. Various interesting reunions will be held. The Trustees meet on Tuesday afternoon, June 28th; the Alumni Address before the Literary Societies, will be delivered by Rev. D. Lawshe, in the evening; the address before the Society of the Alumni, will be delivered on Wednesday evening, June 29th, by the Rev. J. H. Dubbs, A. M.; and the exercises of Commencement proper will be held on Thursday following. The graduating class consists of fourteen members.

THE COLUMBIA SHAD FISHERIES.—The *Herald* says that since the erection of the dam across the river, all the shad fishing at Columbia has been done below the dam. The shad fisheries "as they are called, both erected during the summer when the water is not over two or three feet deep, and consists of a pile of stones some 20 feet wide and 150 feet long, commencing a few feet below the dam and running down in the river, some of them are cribbed on one side with timber. On one, and in some instances on both sides of these batteries, the stones for fifty yards are removed so as to leave the bottom smooth. The bars are laid down so that there is from twelve to twenty inches of water running over the dam. The shad come up and work along, in or near the back action of the water, caught by putting over the dam and are taken with nets some 50 yards in length. The season lasts about 60 days, and the present has been a very successful one. It is estimated that the catch in this place will reach 50,000 the present season.

DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.—In the Episcopal Convention recently held in Philadelphia, the long agitated question of a division of the Diocese of Pennsylvania was settled by a very decisive vote. The subject was introduced on the 19th, by Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, with a resolution to the effect that all that part of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which lies out of the counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Bucks, be formed into a new diocese. An amendment was adopted, by which the clergy and laity of the clergy and vestries in the territory included within the limits of the new diocese consent thereto. Several other amendments were offered and voted down, when, on the question being taken on the original resolution it was carried by a vote of 205 to 45.

GAME IN CHICKENS.—Thousands of fowls annually die of grapes which would otherwise find their way to market. In hopes of remedying the disease, we copy the following, by W. R. Burnell, of Bridgeport Connecticut, to the Farmers' Club, said to be a sure cure:—"Make a tablespoonful of soft soap all the meal it will hold, and give to a brood of ten or twelve chickens." Mr. B. adds: "All that die from taking it, or all that die from taking it after taking it, I will pay for at any expense." Let some of our readers try it.

O. U. A. M.—The Manheim *Sentinel* says that the American Mechanics of that place intend holding a pic-nic in Kauffman's Park, a short distance from town, on Saturday, the 4th of June next; invitations have been extended to members of the sister Councils. A good time is expected.

LEGAL NOTICES.

ESTATE OF CATHARINE HENDERSON, late of Earl township, deceased.—The undersigned Auditor, appointed to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of Leonard Pickel, Trustee, to and among the heirs of said deceased, to and among those legally entitled to the same, will sit for that purpose on FRIDAY, MAY 27th, 1870, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the library Room of the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, where all persons interested in said distribution may attend.

my 11 4tw 19 W. A. WILSON, Auditor.

Cunningham & Kinder | In the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster county. Execution Docket, April Term, No. 5.
vs.
Henry Kreider.

ASSIGNED ESTATE OF HENRY KREIDER.—The undersigned Auditor, appointed by said Court to distribute the money paid into Court by the assignee, and also to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of Daniel D. Hess and Martin Kreider, Assignees of said Henry Kreider, to and among those legally entitled to the same, will attend at the Court House, on FRIDAY, JUNE 10th, 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, where all persons interested in said distribution may attend.

E. H. YUNDT,
m11-4tw19 Auditor.

ESTATE OF JOHN GYGER, LATE OF East Lampeter.—Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township.

ELIZABETH G. ESHLEMAN,
m25-6tw21 Administratrix.

ACCOUNTS OF TRUST ESTATES, &C.—The accounts of the following named estates will be presented for confirmation on MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1870:

B. F. Houston's Assigned Estate, Amos S. Henderson, Assignee.

Samuel Hess's and Wife's Assigned Estate, R. A. Evans and Geo. K. Reed, Assignees.

W. U. Custer's Assigned Estate, John Styer, et al., Assignees.

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N. H. Gillespie's Assigned Estate, C. Blackburn, Assignee.

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Sprenger & Weidler's Assigned Estate, H. S. Guss, Assignee.

Peter H. Frey's Trust Estate, Jacob F. Fry, et al., Committee.

David H. Brackbill's Trust Estate, John Brackbill, Trustee.

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Martin Bollinger's Trust Estate, Jacob L. Stehman, et al., Trustees.

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Prothonotary's Office, May 23, 1870.

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REV. GEO. F. MILLER, A. M.,
Principal.

REFERENCES:

Rev. Drs.—Melgs, Shaeffer, Mann, Krauth, Seiss, Muhlenberg, Stever, Hutter, Stork, Conrad, Bomberger, Wylie, Sterret, Murphy, Crull, Shanks, C. V. C.

Hons.—Judge Ludlow, Leonard Myers, M. Russel Thayer, Ben. M. Bower, Jacob S. Yost, Hiester Clymer, John Killinger, etc.

Esqs.—James E. Caldwell, C. S. Grove, T. C. Wood, Harvey Baucroft, Theodore G. Boggs, C. F. Norton, L. L. Houpt, S. Gross Fry, Miller & Jones, Jas. Hannemann, Jacob Rupp, Kent, Santee & Co., etc. 1y28-1tw8

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REGISTER'S NOTICE.

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Christian B. Brubaker, Guardian of Susan Becker.

James McCreary, Administrator of Henry B. Hagen.

Peter J. Landis, Guardian of Mary Harman and Emma Harman.

W. W. Andrew and R. B. Andrew, Executors of John Andrew.

Jacob M. Long, Executor of Ann C. Witmer.

Samuel McClure, Guardian of Elizabeth Flinn and Charles Flinn.

Joseph Griner, Executor of George Moyer.

Emanuel P. Keller, Surviving Executor of William Frick.

Isaac Mast, John M. Mast and Amos M. Mast, Executors of Stephen Mast.

William McGinnis, Administrator of Henry Sherbahn.

Henry Eby, Trustee to sell real estate of Jacob Musser.

Henry Eby, Guardian of Henry E. Musser and John E. Musser.

Elias R. Milford, Administrator of Harriet Hill.

Sarah H. Brogan, Administratrix of Benjamin Brogan.

John McCartney and Martin Huber, jr., Executors of John Brenneman.

John D. Matthews, Trustee to sell real estate of John Fox.

Samuel Strickler, Trustee of Nancy Fisher and her children, under the last will and testament of Jacob Strickler.

John Kohr, Executor of Ann Mehaffey.

Lytle Skiles, Guardian of James C. Skiles.

Benjamin H. Bachman, Guardian of Anna Stoner.

John Gable, Administrator of Michael Kable.

Elizabeth Lutz and Andrew Brubaker, Executors of Jacob Lutz.

Emma O'Bryan (late Shell