Their Mission is Discussed by Rev. Dr. Talmage.

There is Plenty of Room for Undenominational Newspapers-They Should Carry Messages, Human and Divine, to the Ends of the Earth.

a flying roll."

In a dream the prophet saw somesage. It moved swiftly, as on wings. carry messages human and divine. They will decide the destiny of the Jesus Christ. One cross. One Heaven. hemispheres.

born 19 years ago, but born again has grown to about 200,000 circulation, contributors were the ablest and best of | erty. all professions and occupations. Some of those journals for half a century had been dropping their benedictions upon the nation, and they live on, and will continue to live on until there will be no more use for their mission, the roll on the tempests of the last day, no more use for such agencies when the world ceases, because in the spiritual state, we shall have such a velocity that we can gather for ourselves all the news of Heaven, or, seeing some world in conflagration, may go ourselves in an instant to examine personally the scene of disaster.

Was there room for another religious with the highest style of religious journalism? Oh, yes, if undenominational, plenty of room. Nothing can ever take the place of the denominacomes in, it will find as many denominations as there are now. People, according to their temperaments, will church government, this or that style order to make them one great host.

the charities, explain the work, and | tude! forward the interests of that particusits spectacled and wise, and with heart full of sacred memories, addresses the living of to-day. In the the statue of the religious editors, if we still be sitting at our editorial desks, we will cry out in the memorable words: "My father, my father! the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof !"

solutely necessary to demonstrate the unity of the Christian world. Wide and desperate attempt is made to show a battle ground of sects, and the cry what the Christian religion really is. This denomination says a few drops of dresses the people in his shirt sleeves. Some of your denominations have the that from all eternity some were predestinated to be saved, and that from all eternity others were doomed."

Now, it is the business of Young societies, and Sunday-school unions, and pronounced undenominational journals to show the falsity of the ourselves, by gathering all Christian gious printing press.

united under one flag, and inspired by one sentiment, and led by one com-Christ commands all the troops of all denominations of Christians, and they are going to shout together in the final victory when the whole world is redeemed.

But we have in all our denominations got tired of trying to make other people think as we do on all points. The heresy hunters in all denominations are nearly all dead, thank God, and we are learning that when men get | the latter. wrong in their faith, instead of martyrizing them by arraignment, we do better to wait for the natural roll of they have the right spirit, each one years to remove them. Men die, but the truth lives on. We may not all churches. What are the 500 or 5,000 agree as to the number of teeth in the people making up a Sabbath audience jawbone with which Samson slew the compared with the 10,000, or 50,000, or Philistines, or agree as to what was 200,000 that the religious journal adthe exact color of the foxes which he desses? Each journals are pulpits man knows it.

RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS set on fire to burn up the corn shocks, but, on the vitals of religion, we all

If we could call into one great convention the 645,566 Episcopalians, the 1,420,905 Lutherans, the 1,460,346 Presbyterians, the 4,153,857 Baptists, the 5,653,289 Methodists, putting unto them the following questions, we would get unanimous answer in the affirmative: Do you believe in a God, good, holy. just, omnipotent? Do you believe in The subject of Dr. Talmage's latest Jesus Christ as a Saviour? Do you besermon was the mission of the reli- lieve in the convicting, converting and gious newspaper, and his text Zecha- sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost? riah 5: 1: "Then I turned, and lifted Do you believe that the gospel is going up mine eyes, and looked, and behold to conquer all nations? If you should put these questions to those assembled millions on millions, while there would thing rolled up advancing through the not be a solitary negative, there would heavens. It contained a divine mes- be an aye! aye! aye! loud enough to make the foundations of the earth It had much to do with the destiny of tremble and the arches of the heavens nations. But if you will look up you resound. Let there be platforms, let will see many flying rolls. They come there be great occasions, let there be with great speed and have messages undenominational printing presses to for all the earth. The flying rolls of thunder forth the unity of all Christhis century are the newspapers. They tendom. One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One God and Father. One

So also there is room for a religious There are in the United States about journal that stands for liberty as 20,000 newspapers. The religious news- against all oppression. No authority, paper of which I am the editor was political or ecclesiastical, must be permitted to make us believe this or that. seven years ago. In this brief time it | Liberty of the Armenian to worship God independent of the Turkish govand, by the ordinary rule of calculat- ernment. Liberty of Cuba as against ing the readers of a paper, it has about | Spanish domination. Liberty of Ha-1,000,000 readers. Our country was | waii as against all monarchial authorblessed with many religious journals, ity which it has thrown off. Civil libedited by consecrated men, while their erty. Political liberty. Religious lib-

Again, I say there is room for a religious paper charge with old-fashioned evangelism. Other styles of religious newspapers may do for advertising purposes, or for the presentation of able essays on elaborate themes, .utif world itself having become a flying this world is ever brought to God it will be through unqualified, unadultergoing out of existence. There will be ated, unmixed, unmistakable evangelism. It was astounding that the Lord Almighty should have gone into great bereavement, submitting to the loss of His only Son, that Son stepping off the doorsill of Heaven into a darkness and an abysm that no plummet has ever yet been able to fathom; and through that funeral of the heavens life is offered to our world; but how to journal in this land, already favored get the tidings to all people, and in such an attractive way that they will take hold of them, is the absorbing question. The human voice can travel only a few feet away, and the world tional newspaper. When the millenium | wants something further and wider reaching, and that is the newspaper press; and as the secular press must necessarily give itself chiefly to secular always prefer this or that form of affairs, let the religious newspaper give itself to the present and everlasting of worship. You might as well ask us salvation of all who can read, or, if not all to live in one house as to ask us all | able to read, have ears to hear others to worship in one denomination, or to | read. If there be an opportunity highabolish the regiments of an army in er, deeper, grander than that offered to newspaper evangelism, name it and Each denomination must have its own | guide us to it, that we may see its journal, set apart especially to present altars, its pillars, its domes, its infini-

Again, I notice there is room for a lar sect. The death of one denomina- religious paper thoroughly humanitar- ous and depraved literature, come to tional journal is a calamity to all the ian. The simple fact is, the majority other denominations. A denomination of the human race have not enough to duced pictures administrative of vice, al journal had better be edited by some eat or wear—the majority of the come to judgment! No one will then one who, rocked in the cradle of that | human race are in trouble. How | dare say: "I knew it was not true, church and ordained at her altars, hav- to multiply loaves of bread and ining become venerable in her service, crease the fuel and heal the wounds and shelter the homeless are questions that Christ met equally as soon as He did spiritual necessities. The first most sacred crypt of our memory stands | heart to respond to the cry of sufferers from drought, or flood, or earthquake, Abel Stevens and Joshua Leavitt, and or cruelty, should be the Christian the royal family of the Primes-Ire- heart. Therefore let the pages of naeus and Eusebius-while others lin- religious journalism spread out the ger on the banks of the Jordan, where story of all such woes, and collect rethey will not have long to wait for lief, and disburse alms all around our Elijah's chariot; and when they go up, suffering world. Religious journalism ought to become the aqueduct through which the Christian charities of the world should pour until there is no more hunger to be fed, and no more ignorance to be educated, and no more Undenominational journalism is ab- nakedness to be clothed, and no more suffering to assuage.

For the most part, in a religious journal, let the editorials be cheerful that the religion of Jesus Christ is only and the pictures cheerful. If in one column there be a ghastly woodcut of has been, "If you want us to accept the famine-stricken in India, in the your religion agree, gentlemen, as to next column have a list of contributions for alleviation of the suffering, or a picture of a ship carrying breadstuffs. water dripping from the end of the If in one column there be the death fingers is baptism, and another de- of an old minister of the gospel whom mands the submergence of the entire | we cannot spare, in the next put the body. This one prays with book, and name of some young Elisha who can that one makes extemporaneous utter- | wear the mantle of Elijah. If some evil ance. The rector of one delivers his of society is depicted in one column, in sermon in a gown, while the back- the next show the gospel machinery woods preacher of another sect ad- | that is to drive it back into the perdition from which it accended. More and more sunshine let there be in religious majestic dominant in the service, and journalism. Publish in it more sermons others, spontaneity. Some of you think on texts like, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good," and fewer on texts like, "Out of the depths of hell have I cried unto Thee, O Lord." If anyone has anything gloomy to to say Men's Christian associations, and tract let him say it to himself. If he must write it, let him not send it to editorial rooms, but put it in the pigeonhole of his desk for his heirs and assigns to charge that we are fighting amongst | read it further on, for probably they can stand it better than we. I once denominations on one platform or gave seven dollars to hear Jenny Lind launching the united sentiment of all | sing; I never will give a cent to hear a Christendom from one style of reli- man groan. Up with the blinds and throw back the shutters, and let the Unity! Complete unity! Never was morning light come in! There is not any other army on earth so thoroughly so much religion in the dampness of a cellar as in the breath of an apple orchard in blossom week. What a vicmander, as is the church militant, tory David got over himself when he closed the Psalms with six chapters of "Praise ye the Lord," saying it ove: and over again, antil, in any other book, it would have become monotonous. If in our diaries and our family records and our religious newspapers we would write two honest catalogues, the one a catalogue of blessings, and the other a catalogue of troubles, the former would be five times larger than

Pray for the religious newspapers of America, because of the fact that, if does as thuch good as five, or 50, or 200 that preach day and night. They reach weekly those who, through invalidism, or through indifference, never enter churches. They reach people in their quietude, when their attention is not distracted, as in church, by the fine millinery that appeals to eye, or the rustle of attire that attracts the ear. It will always be our duty and our privilege, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but I believe the consecrated printing press is the chief agency under God to

save the world. Pray also for the religious newspapers of America, that they may resist the temptation to become acerb, harsh and damnatory of these who think differently from themselves. In allays Nervousness, and so assists all denominations there are disappointed people who put mean things in religious newspapers about ministers and other prominent Christian workers. Unsuccessful men and women never like successful men and women. There are editors and reporters hopeful anticipations-she passes who, instead of writing with ink, dip through the ordeal quickly and their pens in oil of vitriol or lampblack. When a religious newspaper does lie it beats all secular journalism in contemptibility. As Adam Clarke, the commentator, said: "Some people serve the Lord as though the to life of both is assured by the devil were in them." That only is a helpful newspaper which, as we fold the time of recovery shortened. it up after reading, leaves us in a mood to pray for all men, and in a spirit that wishes prosperity for all Christian workers, whether they work our way or some other way; and we feel as though the angel, flying fourth confinement, and was relieved through the midst of Heaven, having quickly and easily. All agree that their the everlasting gospel to preach, had labor was shorter and less painful. with the flapping of his wing stirred

the air on our cheek and forehead. And now, let all of us who are connected with either secular or religious word we write in editorial, or reportorial, or contributors' column-for move, and for the style of secular or WANTED-TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE religious newspaper we patronize or encourage. In Ezekiel's prophecy the Angel of God, supposed to be Christ, envelope. appears with an ink-horn hung at his Chicago side, as an attorney's clerk in olden time had an ink-horn at his side. And I have no doubt the ink-horn will have an important part in the day of judgment. Those who have used it well to receive eternal plaudit, and those who have misused it to receive condemna-

Piled up in all the world's printing offices, secular and religious, are the publications of past years, bound up year by year; and in those offices they can tell just what they printed any day for the last 20 years; and in the great day of judgment all that we have written or printed will be revealed from the mighty volumes of eternity. All those who have ruthlessly pried into the secret of unhappy domestic life and despoiled homes, come to judgment! All those who have by the pen assassinated character, come to judgment! All those who have had anything to do with salacijudgment! All those who have proand I only intended it for a joke;" or, "I had to make my living, and the paper that I worked for paid me in proportion to the startling nature of the stuff I prepared;" or, "I corrected the stuff in the next issue;" or, "I felt my power in the editorial chair, having opportunity to address such multitudes week by week, and I wanted to keep the church and the world in awe of me.

On that great day of judgment all the power we have had on earth will be insignificant compared with the power that will pronounce our rapture or our doom, and that which might have been considered a joke in the 'composing room," because it humiliated an enemy, will be no joke at all amid the wreck of mountains and seas; and the ink-horn will there tell of 'all we wrote anonymously and under the impersonality of a newspaper, as well as that which was signed with our own name. But what a beautiful day for a Frances Havergal, when she gets rewarded for all the kind things she ever wrote with the tears of her invalidism; or when the authors and authoresses of all lands and ages are told how many came to Heaven through their instrumentalities; and for all those who use the influence of the press to correct the errors, and extirpate the wrongs, and break the serfdom of mankind! Then the inkhorn by the side of the angel of the new covenant will speak out and tell of what it had to do with all letters of kindness written, with all emancipation proclamations, with all editorial and reportorial eulogies of salvation to a lost world.

Better in that day will it be to have set up the type for one line of Christian encouragement, or written one paragraph of useful sentiment, or published one page of helpful truth, than to have written books as big as Gibbons' five large volumes concerning "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," if these volumes put Christianity at a disadvantage; or as brilliant as Voltaire's "Discourses Upon Man," if they inculcated injurious theories; or as rhythmic as Byron's "Don Juan," if it sacrificed the decencies. On that day, the flying roll which Zechariah of the text saw thousands of years ago, and the rolls which we see flying over all our towns and cities, and flying from the swiftest printing presses that were ever invented, will be found to contain messages divine or satanic. Not only the ink-horn which Ezekiel saw, but all the ink-horns will come to judgment. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened."

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STATE COLLEG NOTES.

The Hon. Robert M. Foster, member of the Soldiers Orphan Commission, will inspect the Orphan school at Scotland

Rev. J. O. Definiston will occupy the house on Beaver avenue, which will be vacated in a day or so by Prof. H. H.

Mrs. Emily G. Fleming has resigned her position as stenographer to the President of the College, and has gone to visit relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Ruth M. Streeter, of Ionia, Mich., has been appointed as stenographer to the President, and has entered upon her easy running. There are other duties. Miss Streeter is at Dr. Fernald's for the present.

The illustrated lecture by Dr. Henry T. Fernald, in the college chapel, on last Thursday evening, was upon the subject of the "Eye" and was listened to with marked attention by a large

Mr. R. J. Weld, of Sugar Grove, Pa., will take the place of Mr. Enos H. Hess, during the latter's trip through the western part of the state on Farmers' Institute work.

Mr. A. A. Miller, chairman of the street commission of council, has called a meeting of property holders living on College avenue, Osage avenue, and Mc-Allister street to be held at the council room in the Botanical building, where all

interested may be heard. We are pleased to learn that the State College steam laundry is doing well, and is picking up a good trade. We congratulate Mr. Everts upon the succes of his venture.

PENN HALL.

We are having continued cold weather. W. C. Meyer takes the laurels in hav-

coming from the other side Mr. Lester Moyer, who spent last of the Atlantic, and with the summer in North Dakota, returned home

The United Evangelicals are at present holding a series of meeting, which

means anything. We sell at F. F. Zerby's. Wonder what's the intention?

E. C. Housman's stave factory is running on full time. Mr. Housman has a few carload of staves ready for market. H. F. Weaver is going to erect a new dwelling house in the near future, on a lot which he recently purchased of Harry Weaver.

Jno. H. Gramley, who, for the last few weeks, had been baling hay in Nittany out the next crop. The valley with his new steam baler, is at Champion and Pennsylvania present engaged in baling at Potters Mills.

SOAP FACTORY:-We are informed that Jacob W. Hazel, of Spring Mills, formerly known as a member of the firm of Hazel & Gramley, of Madisonburg, and Kline Miller, of Mansfield, Pa., have leased J. Smith's coach shop and will start a soap factory.

A. P. Burrel is thoroughly renovating his house and will take unto himself his better half, in the near future.

Last week one night our neighbor was aroused out of their acaceful slumbers by the cale humpian band which gave W. Bartges and his better half a favorable serenade. When Henry Roush first heard the bugle of this famous band, he of course, thought that the McKinley band wagon was coming along.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

Miss Kate Thomas, of State College, spent several days with her friend Miss Ina Krebs, last week.

Mr. Fletcher Sauserman, of Altoona, is saying "how do" to his many friends here, while a guest of his brother-in-law. H. M. Krebs, the carriage maker.

Mr. C. Milton Fry has been in Ohio luring the summer months, has returned home for the winter. He advises farm hands to go "west" as wages are better, but not to wait until too late in the Spring as all good positions are then taken. His sister, Miss Belle Fry, of Mifflin county, is also at home for a short stay.

Supervisor Archey, with a gang of men, are busy making roads when the weather permits. At present they are cutting into the top of the hill near Mr. Frank's barn where there was quite a steep grade, and which when completed will be a vast improvement to that section

Mr. Isaac Martz, returned bome on Saturday from the "Buck Eye" state where he has been for some time past. We believe that if Ike had been here this Autumn there would be fewer deer roaming the mountains now, than there are. You can still hunt for rabbits, turkeys and pheasants, Clean up your gun Ike and show the boys how to hunt.

Measles and scarlet fever are playing havoc with the school children in town and community. In quite a number of families three and four are afflicted at once. As a result Dr. Woods is kept busy day and night administering to their needs.

Our teachers are beginning to make preparations to attend Institute, which convenes at Bellefoute, next week and which promises to be a successful meeting, judging from the list of instructors secured by Prof. Gramley for the occasion. The small boy will also be happy, as he will not have to go to school for one whole week.

P. F. Bottorf, of the firm of J. B. Ard & Co, coal dealers and millers, is lying seriously ill at his home with trouble of the liver. He is in the care of Dr. G. H. Woods, assisted by Elmer Reed as nurse, and if good care will be of any benefit

then we may hope for a speedy recovery. And still they come. The last to arrive was James Ward who has been working for Mr. Morgan, at State College, who brought his kit of tools home on Satorday evening.

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