CHARTIERS Presbytery will meet at M

REV. Dr. McClure, pastor of the U.P. Church, Wheeling, W. Va., in 40 years' pastorate, has not been absent from one commu-

Now that Christmas treats are over, Sunday

crease in attendance, by visiting all the

THE Protestant Episcopal Church of this

diocese, under the energetic lead of Rt. Rev.

Cortlandt Whitehead, is doing more aggressive work than ever.

H. B. Grose having accepted the invitation to succeed the late Prof. Olsen.

REV. J. J. DUNN, of St. Bridget's R. C.

Church, recently delivered a lecture on the "Holy Land" before the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of Christ Episcopal Church, Mead-

REV. F. A. NOBLE, D. D., of Chicago, for

moriy pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, this city, has received a call to Plymouth Church, Worcester, Mass. It is thought be will

THE types last week made it appear that the

amount obtained by the fair for the benefit of the U. P. Orphan Home was \$52,000. It should have been \$2,000. We wish it had been the for-

LANE SEMINARY has property valued at \$488,177; the Western Seminary, 8697,184; Auburn Seminary, \$782,892; McCormick Seminary, \$1,-250,000; Union Seminary, \$2,000,000, and Prince-ter, \$1,500,000

Among the many churches which showed

appreciation of their pastor's labors by their generous gifts were the U.P. Churches of Northwood, O., Deer Croek and Hanover, Pa., Redding, Ia., and Geriaw, III.

A NEW ministerial association has been

formed to include the ministers of Tarentum

and vicinity. Rev. J. De Q. Donehoo, of St. Barnabas Church, will open the discussion on Monday on "Individual Responsibility."

In seven months the U. P. Board of Home

Missions has received \$17,324 41 and expended

\$31,521 23; a deficiency of \$14,196 82. What bet-

ter time than this festal season to send in checks to relieve this condition of things?

CONEMAUGH Presbytery received the Rev.

J. A. McGill and accepted the resignation of Rev. T. P. Patterson, of Bethel, and Rev. H. Q. Graham, of Crete. It also voted by 14 to 8, against licensing students who use tobacco. THE Dennison, O., M. E. Church has had an

addition of 15 to its membership; Gaysport, 40;

Sarahsville, 12: Hanover, 19; Bethesda, 30; Cochranton, Pa., 89: Woodcock, 69; Jamestown, 109; Tunnelton, W. Va., 21; Barbour, 8; Smith-ville, 28; Charleston, 38.

THE Presbytery of Allegheny on Monday

voted to dissolve the pastoral relation existing

between Rev. I. N. Hays, D. D., and the Cen

tral Church. Dr. Hays is anxious to establish a new church near Fremont street. Would it not be wiser for all concerned if he would locate

BLAIRSVILLE Presbytery took the following

action: "Inasmuch as the Presbytery of Pitts-

burg at its last meeting appointed a committee to organize a church at Milltown, if the way be clear, we would respectfully inform the Pitts-burg Presbytery that Milltown is clearly within our bounds."

THE United Presbyterians are acting wisely

in not allowing young men to practice preaching on audiences till they have made some

preparation therefor. Presbytery of Steuben-ville resolved "That our unlicensed students are cautioned against preaching in any of our

REV. A. C. Good, lately returned from

Africa, delivered a lecture in the Bellefield

Church on Wednesday evening. Speaking of

caunibalism he said "the prime cause of this disgusting custom of eating human flesh lies in the extreme scarcity of meat." He says, however, there is very little of it done.

THE United Presbyterian speaking of the

decease of one of the most noted ministers of

the day well says: "The cause of Protestant

religion in Paris has sustained a great loss in the death of Pastor Bersier. He was one of

plety was of that earnest, fervid sort which showed itself, not only in his sermons, but in his entire life, public and private."

Among churches known for activity in all

Meadville Protestant Episcopal is certainly far

from being the last or least. It has a "Sewing

Society," a "Woman's Auxiliary and Parish Missionary Society," 'Guild of St. Agnes," "Aid Society," 'Industrial School," "Choir Guild," "Ministering Children's League," "Altar Society," 'Brotherhood of St. Andrew." 'King's Daughters," "Sunday School Orchestra," Guild of St. Lucia," "Knights of Temperand

BAD BLOOD STIRRED UP

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

WASHINGTON, December 27 .- Several

prominent Democrats in the House are in-

clined to attach much importance to the

statement made by Representative Mills,

in the House on Saturday last, when he and Mr. Carlisle were

endeavoring to raise the salary of an employe of the House from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Judge Holman opposed this ex-

travagance in a very earnest speech, which was not at all reished by Messrs. Carlisle

In replying to Mr. Holman, Mr. Mills

said that the gentleman from Indiana never

thought of economy when it came to voting

added that if he should ever arise to Sena-

torial dignity he should ask for nothing

more than was accorded members of the

lower House.

Mr. Holman is threatened with the loss

of his chairmanship of the House caucus for

JUST after Christmas of 1870, I was laid

get, I tried various medicines, but none ap-

parently done much good, leaving me low

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HAPPY PEASANT LIFE

The Azorean Farmer One of the Most Primitive on the Earth,

BLENDING LOTS OF FUN WITH TOIL. He Threshes With Blindfolded Ozen, Uses

Tools Most Ancient.

AND LIVES IN POETICAL MODESTY

FAVAL, AZORES, November 25 .- After all, the human rather than the scenic or other interest in any land holds mind and heart closest. And in these human activities, I sometimes think, the living, doing and environment of the lowly furnish truest means for judgment of the relations of all classes; and certainly provide the most lasting impressions an earnest traveler may

Of the two divisions of the lowly in the Azores, the peasantry are infinitely more captivating than the lowly of the towns. The servitors and the beggars of the score or more Axorean cities are in appearance quite the same as those the traveler will find in Havana, Lisbon, Barcelona and all Mediterranean ports. Two delightful exceptions in their favor exist. They are the most kindhearted and sunny-faced folk that live; and the water-carriers, chiefly women and girls, are so remarkably picturesque a class that they are really entitled, in poetry, romance and art, to extraordinary attention and distinction. Among every manner of city serving men and women there is a ludicrous chivalry in interchange of civility such as I have found among no other lowly people. Their gravity and dignity in this regard are really wonderful. The cumulative adjectives applied to intensifying the formal expression of mutual regard and leading up to those highest titles of respect, Senhor and Senhora, never reach lower plane than "most adored," "truest regarded," "most heart thrillingly beloved," or "exceeding

and most illustrious." "Most dazzling and beautiful neighbor and maiden, has the thrice-execrated catarrh left the roof of thy more than angelic

"Nobly conceived son of a mother radiant beyond naming, the poison of its noxious presence sped away with the warlocks at the bidding of goat's-milk cheese bound at night time on my pain-racked forehead. Our Lady's blessing on thee, thy household and all thy kindred, for the friendship shining like stars through the anxiety of

thy ever-prized asking!" NO WONDER WAGES ARE VERY LOW.

These poor, ignorant beings seem to think, possible conscious and unconscious condition of their experiences for weeks, one Azores do not exceed 18 cents per day. Even the beggars speak to each other in just one here yet who, on my declining to contribute after his poetic appeal, with a polite "Pardonl—in the name of God!" as is the custom, did not follow to bless, and pile on his blessings, until my home and street. It is found in all, and the she Come suddenly upon a half-naked child playing upon the damp stones of some grimy entrada, or tossing the glittering brown lava sand back into the Distrust and all its train of hatefulness have no place in their composition. They possess nothing; acquire nothing; have burning ambitions for nothing. A bit of meal-bread washed down with water is a repast. Add to the bread a bit of fish, or a few swallows of wine, and it is a feast. The stinging scourge of necessity for providence with which the rigors of winter whip and lash our own poor is incomprehensible here. At their backs are mountains and valleys green to the sun and sky the whole year through, and never failing in their rich yield of fruit and grains. At their feet is the sea alive with luscious food free for the taking. None ever become rich. None ever arrive at our own most modest idea of competency. None know how to even think how riches can be desirable. It may seem

strange to you and me. GREAT BELIEVERS IN PATIENCE. of placid suspicion in the Azores.

werdure-clad Western Isles. Rest is in the sun and sky, the earth and air, the home and field, in all men and ail nature. I do and place in dreamful isles of peace. not mean that no labor is per ormed. all labor done has in it the seeming of mere dalliance with toil. The senses are not sur-ferted with odor, luxuriance, and the almost intoxicating profligacy of nature as in the tropics. Every active exertion of human life does not betray, as there, the superlative inUnited States during the last ten years, over does not betray, as there, the superlative in-dolence painfully effortful in the bare process of existence. But a restfulness pervades
these sea-kissed lands which reveals elation in excess of any other brand. Quality tells instead of soddenness; joyousness instead of sensuousness; peace rather than passion and pain. Just as upon our own land when the October days have come. I do not say the Azorean peasantry know this as you and I are conscious of it. But to the beholder's the scene upon which he looks that their holidays will find it to their satisfaction to presence is an inseparable element in its essential barmony.

FARMING UNDER LIFE LEASES. The neasant tenant tariners of the Azores. the land esseiros of the islands, retain their holdings under life leases, and pay rentals to the morgados, the owners of the estates, or the "gentlemen larmers" as they are here called, "in kind." It is a sort of 'tithe system always amicably adjusted between owner and peasant, and at no time in the ry of the islands have agrarian disturbnnces been known. A grade below these casetros are a class corresponding to the English, Scotch and Irish cottiers. These upanas live in the cabins of the morgados and caseiros at the will of the latter. Aside from these are the sheep and cattle herders and the goat herds that are found in more pirturesque mountain localities; the flaz bienchers along the edge of some bawling mountain stream or against the shelter-ing rocks by the sea shore; the interior ers who, for the most trivial wages or portions of grain, convey products and merchandise to and from the towns of the coasts; the wood choppers of the mountains, lazily engaged in felling trees for the manufacture of orange boxes; and the carbanciros who are found in the highest mountain forests quite as lazily richs, is published in to-morrow's employed in burning the charcoal used in DISPATOR.

antry may be counted the rush gatherers ptain tarns; the osier cutters who forze gatherers who dot the dreariest mount-

ain heights; the fern and rush cutters who supply the churches and homes with fra-grant branches for strewing on holy and feast days; and the wood gleaners who gather dead limbs at will in the forests of estates and among the mountain wilds both for the use of the peasantry and the humbler classes of the towns. Among all these peo-ple is not a single implement or utensil invented within the past thousand years; an ordinary American farm hand would accom-plish under our methods in one day more than a score of any of these; and the winard brush of the painter of Barbagon never fastened upon canvas more startingly ancient ways, wares, postures and ploddings among the clods of Brittany, than remain universal and changeless among the bright-eyed but changeless folk of these entrancing

mountain vales. WHO COULDN'T ENJOY SO LITTLE TOIL? There is a careless, half-joyous abandon upon the surface of all Azorean peasant toil which adds greatly to its picturesqueness. Join with this, quaintness in dress, primitiveness of implements that grace which unvaryingly accompanies innocent ignorance, and the universal loveliness of scenery, and your pastoral pictures are most idyllic and complete. Ground is tilled with oxen, tandem, in rush traces drawing a plow of the sort first known to man-the tree-crook or sharpened root. Now and then you will find one rudely pointed with iron. One short furrow is scratched amid tremendous shoutings. Then the half-dozen who have clung to the handles, rode upon the beam, or goaded the oxen, rest by the flower-laden hedge or division wall to enjoy siesta or the delights of country gossip with passing goatherds or muleteers.

All American cereals grow here in luxuriance for a mere pricking of the soil. The small grains are gathered, a handful at a time, cut by the olden sickle, and gleaners follow as in the Bible days. Corn is cut, or pulled, the blades preserved for fodder, the stalks munched by goats or donkeys, or used for fires, the ears strung together and bung upon pyramidal lattice-work for cur-ing, and, finally, the kernels removed from the cobs by the cottiers and children who receive the cob, for burning, in payment-a score of merry stragglers being required to house the product of one acre of ground, and every one of these working, or making pretense of work, in that care-free, need nothing way that marks all toil and effort here. Wheat and barley are threshed precisely at they were 3,000 years ago. At every road nose?" grandly asks the barelooted Pietro of a wench at the fountain, who as gravely rebeaten and rain soaked until hard as stone, may be seen. These, called eiras, are the Agorean threshing-floors.

BLINDFOLDED OXEN TO THRESH. The grain is piled upon them and cows and oxen, blindfolded, are driven around these in opposite directions until the tread-ing has released the kernels. There is no other method of threshing grain in these islands; and the fanning-mill is unknown. Sunday, January 5, 1890. The following topics have been selected by the Evangelical The straw is lifted off the eiras with wooden forks and preserved for the food of donkey and goats. Then a flag is hoisted to find the direction of the wind. This done, men act and exist in precisely such windy and the direction of the wind. This done, mer wordy heroics. After knowing it in every and women, but more often women and girls, standing at the side from whence comes the wind, throw the grain and chaff into the air, needs no further information to understand and the chaff is borne away. Nor is this why wages of all manner of servants in the done as if the fair workers knew the mean-

Down there by the sea acres of linen made such faniaronde; and I never found from the native flax is spread upon the flat one here yet who, on my declining rocks, or drawn smoothly upon bright, beaches. It looks like a gipsy camp Scores of women and children, bareheaded barelegged and barebreasted, their gail colored clothing contrasting prettily cheeks crimsoned with shame at the un- the clive of their faces, wade into the sea carned benedictions showered upon me. In-deed it is difficult to convey by pen any just conception of the apparent utter absence of back among the linens pour water upon the resentment, the complete self-abnegation, and the ever-present, never-varying sunni- echo back from the cliff and blend melodiness of heart and act, in these lowly ones of ously with the music of the waves along the

If anything like energetic labor is ever known in the Azores it is at this season of the year among the orange pickers and packers, in getting this luscious fruit ready for shipsparkling plume of the incoming surf, below ment to the American and English markets. the quays, and it will look up into your own Each orange is wrapped in an odorous cornwith a face beaming with positive radiance. husk-you can always know an Azorean orange by this wrapping—and the dexterity with which even little children will proceed in this work among the picturesquerowds which comprise the orange-pickers is winsomely marvelous indeed.

NO BURGLARS TO BE AFRAID OF. The home-life of the Azorean peasant, if not always a radiant one, never lacks cheeriness, affection and simple content. He knows no other life better than his own and is satisfied with what he has and gets to the end of his days. The cottage or cabin or hut is simply a square structure built of lava rock thatched with furze or tiles.

The windows and doors are never closed for there are neither cold blasts nor robbers to enter. The bare earth is the floor. He requires no stove. His fireplace for cooking is simply a slab, waist high in the wall, and the smoke kindly takes care of itself. His staple food is meal-bread fast-day, feast-day The wonder with them is that anyone and five times a day. Eggs, chickens and should strive; that any numan being should gont's milk are almost without value, and ever be in a hurry. As with the Cubans in salt fish and wine are his luxuries. His their languor-breeding clime whose "Mana-na!" (to-morrow), is the key to their torpor and vassalage, "Paciencia!" or "Patience!" chickens do perch in the loft, the pig insist and vassalage, "Paciencis!" or "Patience!" chickens do perch in the loft, the pig insist tells the story here. Something is wrong with that one who would hasten. Crime surely lurks under leanness and vigor. And lives gloriously in his way without severe good Citizen Train with his doleful propher, this wife and children are loyal and cey that "Fat is Death!" could awaken no never gadabouts. He is true to his religion, use to his trygienic shibboleth save one his home, his friends; and he is never too old to love his guitar or mandolin, or to But the mountains and valleys of these islands give home to a folk possessing all the numbers of his beloved island music. If the winsome sunniness of the lowly of the towns without a tithe of their apathy and sluggishness. You may read all the pastoral poems ever written, from the idyils of his simple heaven from a heaven of everyitus to the "La Nencia" of Lorenzo, day content. To my dying day I shall re and you can gather no more colorius picture of pastorai lives in endless content and fruits and flowers, their scents and songs, peacefulness than your eyes may behold in peacefulness than your eyes may behold in lark-like pipings upon the heights, not as lark-like pipings upon the heights, not as

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THE GREAT BLESSINGS OF TO-DAY

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NEWSY NOTES FOR THE CHURCH-GORR

The one thought that has occupied all minds of late has been the happy Christmastide. While we have thus been enjoying the pleasures of giving and receiving, is it out of place to give thought to what would have been if the Christ child had not come; if we had no Christmas to celebrate. History will very soon answer this question for us. At His advent military power, and the authority of law had done their best for mankind, and the debaucheries and brutalities of the Roman civilization were the outcome. An ample opportunity had been given to Grecian culture to display its possibilities, and a barren, cheerless skepticism, accompanied by looseness of moral life had resulted. Slavery in its very worst features was prevalent. We talk of easy divorces of this day, but what was it then. Rottenness in moral corruption was prevalent on all sides, and the age was sinking

deeper and deeper into black despendency.

This is no exaggerated picture. It is a portrayal of what the world had become before Christ came, which advent was the first particle of divine leaven, which has been rmeating the world with blessings slowly but surely ever since, till now the blessings are to be felt on every side. Had there been no such advent, the world would undoubtedly have gone from bad to worse. Had no other divine interposition come the human race would have gone down in disease and

Taking this view of things, is it not very clear that Christmas means far more than we usually think of. With allits joyousness, with its family gatherings, its trees, its gitts, its many happy greetings, it will not hurt us to think of it in this double scuse.

O happy earth, whose darkest night The angels flood with song and light; O happy shopherds first to hear The tidings meant for overy ear Ohappy night, O happy morn A Saviour, Christ the Lord is born. Awake, awake, O sluggard heart;

O foes, be friends, forget your smart; O cold hearth, glow; laugh, lonely place; O'erdow O earth with every grace; Sing, sing again this blessed morn A Saylor, Christ the Lord is born.

Subjects for the Week of Prayer. The "Week of Prayer" will begin on Sunday, January 5, 1890. The following Alliance:

Sunday, January 5 .- Sermons .- The Church of Christ. Prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit to work a great revival among Christians -Ephes. i: 15-23.

Monday, January 6 .- Confession and Supplition.-Confession of sin and failure in the oast, and prayer for consecration to a holler life. Prayer for the Church Universal, that there may be more of love and co-operation among Christians of every name; for the gift of the Holy Spirit; for the greater faithfulof the Holy Spirit; for the greater faithfulness to Gospel truth; for large accessions of consecrated young men to the ministry; for pastors and other laborers in Christ's vineward. Tuesday, January 7.—Nations and Their Rulers—Prayer for all in authority; for the enactment of wise laws and their faithful administration; for the abolition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks; for the repeal of all laws which protect vice; for the sanctification of the Lord's day; for social purity and all other needed reforms, and for the recognition by all men that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

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Wednesday, January 8.—The Young—Prayer for special grace and wisdom for those who are charged with their training; for a great in cross in the number of earnest Christian teachers in schools, colleges and universities; for more abundant spiritual fruit from Sunday schools and from organizations of young men

more abundant spiritual fruit from Sunday schools and from organizations of young men and young women.

Thursday, January 9.—The Church at Home—That the Church may be awakened to an appreciation of her increased opportunities and responsibilities for bringing the Gospèl to every home in cities, rural districts and new settlements, and to our immigrant population. Friday, January 10.—The Church Abroad—Prayer for the missionaries; for those who are preparing to enter the foreign work, and that their number may be greatly increased; for eative pastors and helbers; for missionary schools and colleges; for native churches and converts, especially such as endure persecution for Christ's sake; for the suppression of the opium traffic, the rum traffic and the slave trade; for the manifestation of Christ as the promised Messiah to God's ancient people, Israel; for the quickening of nominal Christians; for the conversion of Mohammedans and heathen.

Saturday, January 11.—Thankaguing.—For manifold blessings, spiritual and temporal, public and private; for the mauntenance of peace among the nations; for answer to prayer; for the progress of Christ's kingdom; for a growing spirit of Christian love and co-operation; for the increasing number of those who have dedicated themselves to the service of missions; for the privilegeof being permitted thus to lay our requests before God during this week of Prayer.

Sunday, January 12.—Subject of Sermons.—

Sunday, January 12.—Subject of Sermons.— The future glory. Isa. ii: 1-5. Dan. ii: 34, 35, Church Notes.

METHODISM in Canada was 150 years old October 25. 'shame water." THE Baptists are again engaged in revising

the New Testament. REV. J. D. Scott was recently installed pastor of the Scottdale U. P. church. REV. C. H. SPURGEON'S affliction, the gout, is causing him very severe pain at pres-To-morrow will be "review day" in the Sun-

day schools using the International lessons. THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church raised this year \$226,365 96. REV. J. SHARP accepts the call from the U. P. Church, Oil City. He has been at Mt. Jack. GRACE REFORMED CHURCH people think

the \$85,000 offered for their property is not suffiat Mansfield, O., U. P. Church, January 1 and 2, 1890. REV. MAURICE WILSON, D. D., of Baltimore

Md., has declined the call to the First Church, Oil City. BLAIRSVILLE PRESBYTERY, by a vote of 36 to 6, said they did not wish a revision of the CHHIST P. E. CHURCH, Winchester, Va., was

destroyed by fire on Sunday. It was a very beautiful ecifice. DR. DANIEL AYRES has given \$250,000 toward the endowment of Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn. THE meeting of the U. P. Women's Associa

will be held on Friday next in the First' MR. D. L. MOODY preached in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Sunday last to Dr. Talmage's congregation. PRESBYTERY of Monongahela will hold its regular meeting at Mt. Washington on Tues-day next at 10:30 A. M.

THE sermon prepared by Rev. J. W. Long, Fredericksburg, O., for Thanksgiving Day, was stolen from his study desk. STEUBENVILLE Presbytery, after a long discussion on the tobacco question, voted to defer action till its next meeting. BISHOP NEWMAN, of the Methodist Episcopai Church, is able to be out again, having re-recovered from his sickness.

REV. J. C. GLOVER was ordained and installed pastor of the Millersburg (0.) Presby-terian Church on the 19th inst. BISHOP Foss dedicated the new M. E. Church, Blairsville, on Sunday, and preached at Johnstown Monday evening.

THE Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church expended last year \$221,843 97, making a total of \$2,508,847 65 in 22 years. To-Mornow has been selected as Hospital Sunday. There ought to be very liberal offer-ings made for such worthy objects.

REV. T. J. PORTER has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, to enter on foreign missionary work. Co., 971 Liberty st. REV. E. P. COWAN, D. D., pastor of the EXCEPTIONAL bargains in combination pattern dresses at \$7 50, \$10 and \$12 50 each. Third Presbyterian Church, of this city, has been granted a vacation of six weeks. A SCOTCH religious paper gives the name of

TALMAGE IN ATHENS. half a dozen ministers who are to engage in a "preaching match" for a vacant pulpit.

Prospect on Friday next, at II A. M., to consider the resignation of Rev. C. M. Alford.
SERVICES for deaf mutes will be held to-Premier and Queen Interviewed, and many people dressed in the quaint attire the East. Louis Klopson. morrow by Rev. A. W. Mann in Trinity Chape at 10:00 A. M., and in Calvary Church at S.P. M. Sights of Modern Corinth. THE ministers will meet as a united body on Monday morning in the rooms of the Y. M. C.A., in place of their usual denominational gather-

PREACHING ON FAMOUS MARS' HILL

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HOW A CORNER STONE WAS PROCURED

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. ALEXANDRIA, November 25,-We have scarcely arrived at this historic city when I —Boston is overrun with "la grippe." Of actual cases demanding medical care it is no exaggeration to say there are 25,000 cases in and around Boston. FOURTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH will again be without a pastor after to-morrow, Rev. in Athens and written on the steamer on my way here.

> We did some sightseeing at Corinth, but not much. That noble natural fortress, the mighty Acrocorinthus, which looms up grandly 2,000 feet above the surrounding plain, well rewards the tourist who climbs to ascent. We saw ruins of the theater, some temples and the race track where runners contended for the corruptible crowns given to the victors in the struggle.

> We arrived in Athens on November 20. The next morning Dr. Talmage preached on Mars' Hill to a gathring of Americans, Englishmen and Greeks, reading as the lesson of the day, St. Paul's address to the Athenians of his time, as reported Acts avii. The day was not Sunday, and preaching was not in order according to our pre-arranged programme, but the earnest divine was so carried away by the enthusiasm of the occasion that he took out his Bible and began to read. As he read he made interesting remarks on the passage he was reading. When he first began to read there were but few persons present, but as soon as be was fairly started they congregated fast and faster until a good-sized audience had

A VISIT TO THE PREMIER.

The day following Dr. Talmage visited M. Tricoupis, Premier of Greece, an honor, which resulted in this way: The sister of the statesman who, like him, is unmarried, presides at his mansion. She entertained Mrs. Talmage in the morning, when she suggested that the Brooklyn prescher visit her brother, who, she added, would be delighted to see him. Accordingly in the afternoon Dr. Talmage and the writer paid their respects to the Prime Minister at the War Department. Although a very busy man, holding two portfolios and crowded with important matters, the Greek Assembly being in session, M. Tricoupis received us very courteously.

This "modern Aristides," as he has been aptly called, speaks English with fluency. He is accurately informed on American affairs, and highly eulogized several of our statesmen. In his early days, while Secretary of the Greek Legation, he made the acquaintance of Edward Everett, who was then American Minister to England.

In the course of conversation the states-man manifested a particular interest in Mr. Blaine, whom he regarded as a very able man. He had no doubt, he said, that Mr. Harrison would acquit himself creditably.
"In fact," continued he, "all your Presidents are strong men. You do not generally place the most promising men in the Presidental chair, but once there they develop rapidly and invariably surpass in statesmanship the most sanguine expectations.

That shows the stock and stuff Americans are made of." In corroboration of this theory he named several Presidents of humble origin now endeared to the hearts of the American people, and very feelingly re-ferred to Abraham Lincoln, whom he considered to have been one of the greatest men of the century.

PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN. The United States Minister, Mr. A. M. Snowden, being absent at Bucharest and our stay in Athens but brief, it was apparently not within the range of possibilities for Talmage and party to be presented to ing required to secure an introduction to royalty, we had given up the expectation of seeing the amiable Queen, when, the morning after the interview with M. Tricoupis, Dr. Talmage was informed by that gentle-man that he desired to present him and party to her majesty. When we arrived at the palace, we found that the ex-Empress Victoria, widow of the Emperor Frederick III., was just about to leave Athens, where she had attended the marriage of her daughter Sophie to the Crown Prince of Greece. She bowed and smiled very sweetly as she

passed, although her eyes were filled with tears on her parting with the Queen. M. Tricoupis presented Dr. Talmage, wife and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Klopsch. Queen Olga shook hands with all in the right royal democratic American fushion, and then engaged Dr. Talmage in conversation.

The Queen said she had heard that Dr. Talmage was on his way to Palestine, and hoped sincerely that he and his party would enjoy a safe and pleasant journey. We were, all charmed with the simplicity of the Queen and the cordial manner in which she received us.

THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR.

The evening of the day in which we had our interview with Queen Olga, the First Secretary and Charge d' Affaires of the Russian Embassy, M. Bachmetiff and his wife, a daughter of General Beale, ex-Minister of the United States to Austriato pay for clerks to Senators. This was a direct blow at Senator Reagan, of Texas, whose wie has been sworn in as his clerk. Mr. Mills Hungary, joined us at a dinner party at the Hotel de la Grande Bretagne. General Beale, the reader will remember, was the in-timate and confidential friend of General Grant. It was to him that the hero confided first the shocking secret that he was afflicted with a disease that must soon terminate his life. Mrs. Bachmetiff we found to be a

up with an obstituate cough, together with spitting of blood, accompanied with some fever—from the joint effects of which I was greatly weakened and became rapidly reduced. Following the best advice I could spirited enough. I made up my mind at last to try Dr. Jayne's Expectorant, and procured some. I used it carefully as di-rected, and gradually got rid of my com-plaint.—Wm. A. C. Pyle, Tamaron, Perry liever, Dr. Talmage told Dr. Manatt, United States Consul, that he had found but one which did, and that after long and comprehensive search. It was the work of a young and comparatively unknown artist, and would appear in his forthcoming "Life of Christ." Until that time this precious discovery will, by agreement, be kept unseen by the general public.

ABOUT THAT CORNER-STONE. burg, lately bought by the successful Alle-gheov photographer, H. Sonnenberg, estab-lished 16 years. The very best talent, as operators, retouchers and artists, has been

ABOUT THAT CORNER-STONE.

It was in his mail that Dr. Talmage found It was in his mail that Dr. Talmage found the suggestion of that stroke of enterprise which will make the new Tabernacle in Brooklyn a point of interest to the wandering antiquarian as well as to the great multitude bungering for the sound doctrine to be thereat dispensed. He opened his mail at breakfast time, and, finding in it an excellent drawing of the Tabernacle to be erected for him on Clinton avenue, he remarked:

"What a grand thins it would be to have "What a grand thing it would be to have the corner-stone for this magnificent church om Mars' Hill. I shall write M. Tricoupis and tell him just what I want. Per-haps he will help me." Suiting the action to the word, he sat down and penned a letter to the Prime Minister, who responded that he should have great pleasure in at-

In Athens, which is yet, as you know, only of small size, Dr. Talmage became quite well known to the citizens, many of quite well known to the citizens, many of whom learned to recognize him as he pegged away at his sight-seeing. He showed all the scholar's enthusiasm in his work, jogging his memory by timely reading for every day's observations. Speaking of the modern Greeks, he said to me: "With their political freedom and artistic traditions, with the source of inspiration at their very doors, may we not expect that they, with all the rest of the world, but in a higher degree, will develop a capacity for art and literawill develop a capacity for art and litera-ture which may yet astonish the world?"

There is much that is attractive in mod-ern Athens. It has good buildings and well-kept streets, and its stores appear to be

well stocked. My observation is that the majority of its population dress very much as we do. Of course houses of oriental architecture still exist, and one sees quite a good

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Chicago claims to have the influence. -Two more Cetestials have been killed Chinatown, San Francisco, by highbindera The directors of the Lackawanna Railroad yesterday declared the regular quarterly divi-dend of Pa per cent.

-The following offer of bonds was received at the Treasury and accepted yesterday after-noon: Four per cents, registered, \$45,500 at 127. -Lorillard's brick works at Keyport, N. J., were damaged by fire early yesterday morning to the extent of \$10,000. The fire started in the

—Two live stock insurance companies, of Plankinton, S. D., the Dakota Mutual, and the State Live Stock, have had their charters taken away by the Public Examiner.

-Eight little boys, aged from Fto 13 years, have been arrested in Beston for larceny. They were members of a band bound together by blood-curdling eaths to stand or fall together. —J. J. Plunkett, the Christian scientist, whose wife recently left him for A. Bentiey Worth-ington, the bigamist, was married in Massachu-setts on Christmas Day to Irene Venguita, of New York.

-A storiny meeting of the Chicago Board of Trade Association was held yesterday. The meeting was called to protest against the recent advance in storage rates agreed upon by the cievator men elevator men -The furnaces of the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore

Company, at Columbia, which have been idle for three years, are being repaired to be put in blast immediately. They are among the largest furnaces in Pennsylvania.

furnaces in Penusylvania.

-Thomas Smith, aged 25 of Canton, Mass., died yesterday morning. He had been ill with "la grippe," and ventured out before he had entirely recovered. His illness developed into pneumonia, with the stated or esult.

-It is stated that the inter-Oceanic Mexican railroads will pool their freight and passenger rates. Work on the Inter-Oceanic road is being vigorously pushed, and the line to Vera Cruz will be completed at an early date.

-Michael Beland, the hyphyrid of a St. Louis

—Michael Boland, the husband of a St. Louis weman, and the father of 12 St. Louis children, has been located at Bright Star, Ark., spending a second honeymoon with a 16-year-old bride. He will be prosecuted for bigamy.

 —Joseph Newman and Ernest Jomberg stepped off a street car platform on a railroad crossing in Chicago, Thursday evening, and were struck and thrown down by a train. Newman was fatally injured, and Jomberg may die. —Wesley Cheezua, a young man living near Dover Bridge, Md., died yesterday from the effects of an accidental shooting on Christmas. He was crossing a stile when the hammer of bis gun fell, and the charge went into his head. -The cable working between Maranham and Rio Janeiro has, according to latest advices from Brazil, ceased to work. No cause is given for the break in the line, as means of communication between the two points is

—Dr. Paul Zolki, the New York dentist, who recently entered the office of Dentist C. H Delamater, and assaulted the latter with an iron bar, yesterday pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$500. -In Newport, Ky., Mrs. Reda Huch, a widow

aged 82 years, while on her way to mass yester-day, attempted to cross the Louisville and Nashville Railroad track, when she was caught by a passing engine and frightfully mangled. She was killed instantly. -John Hoos, a resident of Harlem, Ill., was found in the river near the Rush street bridge, Chicago, Thursday night, with his skull crushed in and in a drowning condition. The circumstances surrounding the affair point to a robbery and an attempted murder.

—A terrible accident occurred near Van-couver, B. C., Tuesday. Six young men, out sleigh riding, were driving along the road, when a tree fell, crushing the sleigh, killing four of the occupants and the horses. The names of the dead are: James Lawson, C. D. Campbell, Joseph Lock and J. V. Bodwell. The other two escaped with severe bruises.

-Natural gas has been discovered at Re -Natural gas has been discovered at Reu-field, in Spink county, South Dakota. The find is the strongest yet struck in the State, and its quality is of the best. The discovery was made by parties digging for water. The pressure is so great that it carries sand and gravel 60 feet in the air. This is the fourth discovery of the kind made in South Dakota within 60 days.

—William Green and George Wilkerson, two negroes are under arrest at Leavenworth, Kan, for the alleged murder of the old soldier, Alex Blackburn, who was found in an outhouse Thursday with his skull crushed. The colored men were seen with Blackburn the night of the murder. It is supposed that the pension money that Blackburn had recently drawn was the intentive for the crime. -William Green and Ge orge Wilker

-The scaffolding at the new building of the First National Bank of Baltimore gave way yesterday afternoon, and precipitated Foreman William Devine, and William Denby and Thomas Elliott, bricklayers, 60 feet to the ground floor. Denby is so badly injured internally and on the head that his death is expected momentarily. Devine and Elliott are also quite seriously hurt.

-The body of Lillie Cook, an attractive young girl, the victim of malpractice, lies at her late home in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dr. Vansile has fled, it is alleged, to avoid the consequences of an unlawful deed. Howard Terrell, the young man whose name is coupled with that of Miss Cook, left home on Thanksgiving eve, and people in the neighborhood say he took about \$2,000 with him. Nothing has since been seen of him. -The officers of the next Maryland Legisla

The officers of the next Maryland Legislature have practically been decided upon. Mr. John E. Hubner, of Baltimore county, will be elected Speaker of the House, and Senator Robert Bratton, of Somerast county, President of the Senate. There will be a contest over the United States Senatorship. The triends of Governor Jackson are pushing the Governor's claim, but Senator Willson will probably succeed himself. -James Smith, the New York letter carrie

—James Smith, the New York letter carrier who shot and killed his two children, Elizabeth and Mary, ageu 2 years and 11 mouths respectively, on November 22 last, was placed on trial yesterday before Judge Glidersleeve. The defense was insanity. Several medical experts declared that the prisoner was insane from melancholia. The jury adjudged him insane, and he was committed to the insane asylum at Poughkeepsie.

—A disnottly from London states that the -A dispatch from London states that the steamer Prior (British), from Hamburg to New York, which returned to Swansea two days ago with the loss of her propellor biades, has met with another accident. While putting into Swansea she came into collision with another reseal and had a hole store in

Swansea she came into collision with another vessel, name not given, and had a hole store in her side. She had eight feet of water in her hold, and her cargo will be discharged. She will go on the dock for repairs.

life. Mrs. Bachmetiff we found to be a bright, handsome and witty lady. She possesses great influence in political circles and is a leader in society. This fortunate lady, moreover, maintains intimate relations with the royal tamily of Greece, with all of whom she is a great favorite.

Speaking of the inadequacy of pictures of Christ to satisfy the mind of the devout believer, Dr. Talmage told Dr. Manatt, United States Consul, that he had found but one which did, and that after long and compressions are all the dock for repairs.

—The twentieth anniversary of the organization of the Knights of Labor will be celebrated in Chicago this evening by members of Peoria and Monroe streets. It is the first time in the history of the Knights that they have attempted to observe their initial day, and they have consequently made elaborate preparations for an enjoyable evening for members of the order and their friends.

—W. A. Clarke, one of the wealthlest men in Butte, Mont., a few days are

-The new City of Mexico bank, Foment

The Empire, of Toronto, the Government organ, says that the reports which have been scattered broadcast throughout the United States, to the effect that the Government in-States, to the effect that the Government intends to renew the modus vivendi next year,
are entirely unwarranted. By the Treaty of
Washington act, passed by the Dominion Parliament hast year, the modus vivendi expires on
the 15th of February next, and in order to renew it further legislation will be required.
Whether it will be renewed or not involves a
question of policy which the Government has
not yet considered.

-The State music teachers, in Davis Carter, of Pittsburg. Piano solos were given by Carl Retter and J. H. Gittings, of Pittsburg, and Miss May A. Benham, of the same city, gave several soprand soles Katrina Collins, also of Pittsburg re accorda operatic selections during the noon. Last evening there was a grand of t evening there was a gration, the Pittsburg dela presented on the program

The New State of North Dakota Faced by Bankraptey-A Deficiency of \$300,-600 to be Met in Its

First State Year. St. PAUL, Minn., December 27 .- Bismarck official circles are darkly, deeply, beautifully blue. North Dakota has been a State less than two months, and bankruptoy is already staring it in the face. Governor Miller, in his message to the Legslature, estimated the deficiency for the first year at \$155,870 80, and called attention to the imperative need and importance of the strictest economy in all departments of the new State." Subsequent developments and figures show that the Governor did not understand the gravity of the situation. Expert Hayden has fig-ured out the state of the finances for Freas-urer Booker, and makes the following state-

North Dakota's share of all the expenses for the current year is \$248,835 CP, from March 9 to November 4, 1829, or eight months. Add to share sum one-third for four months more, or a full year, and the total is \$272,229 13. But, under Statehood, we pay \$61,000 more in salaries, and that makes the total \$434,229 12. That, however, is not all. We must add the present Legislative expense, estimated at \$100,000, and make the grand total \$281,180 18. The Governor gave in his message the estimated receipts available at \$241,885; therefore, we have the starting dedictency of hearly \$200,000, or hearly \$100,000 in excess of the \$200,000 authorized by the Constitution in excess of our present bouded indebtedness of \$550,807 48.

Senator McCormack's proposition to borrow \$200,000 does not meet the additional deficiency. At the present rate, in one year we will find our constitutional limit of \$200,000 exhausted and our warrants on the market would be \$273,000. The revenue of the second year will be increased one-fourth by increasing the levy 1 mill, the present rate being 3 mills and the constitutional limit 4. An increase in valuation is not practicable, and therefore the desciency is inevitable.

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Governor Miller had been apprised of the exact state of the finances, and he is expected to meet the emergency in a business way, by recommending that certain schools and other public institutions be closed temporarily, that the State may survive.

READS LIKE A ROMANCE. Girl Wanted Who Was Once Given Away by Her Parents,

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR 1

BROCKTON, MASS., December 27 .- James McCue, Brockton's wealthiest Irish resident, died on November 5, leaving considerable property and only one heir apparenthis wife, Ellen McCue. To-day the Gazette received a pasteboard box in. the mail, in which was inclosed a confession, dated September 8, 1889, and signed by James McCue, in which he says there is another heir, a daughter, who disappeared from her home over 32 years ago. The daughter, it appears, was given to the care of another family, as the McCues were too poor, at that time, to keep her. This occurred in Taunton, and from that time to the present day all efforts to find the daughter have proved

The story of the disappearance and the condition of the McCues reads like a romance, and there are some sensa-tional developments promised if the lost child is found. In his confession McGue bequeaths ail his property the physicians of the Polypathic Medical Institute, at 420 Penn avenue, and am entirely cured of my disease. "A. D. King,"

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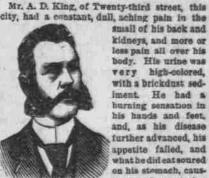
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