

A SNUG LITTLE HOME

That can be built by persons whose means are limited.

PLANNED TO GIVE AMPLE ROOM.

New Every-Day Things May be Utilized for Household Decoration.

HINTS OF VALUE TO HOME MAKERS

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.) Pretty and attractive homes are the rule rather than the exception throughout the country in these enlightened days of modern architecture, and there seems little if any cause, for the many unsightly structures that are constantly intruding themselves as "blots upon the face of the land."



land. Everywhere and within the reach of people of small incomes, as well as the man of wealth, for the daily and weekly papers furnish suggestions and ideas to the many readers at a small outlay—the paper only—and to a great extent may be termed the people's architect.

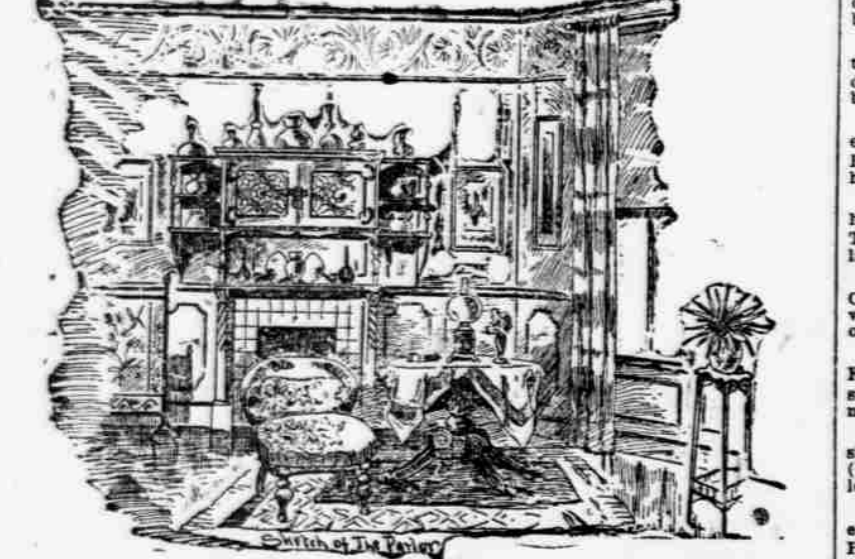
Our sketch in this issue shows a simple and attractive little cottage of moderate cost, one of those homes that look so well snuggled down among the green trees and verdure of a suburban village. The plan is compact and roomy, allowing a hallway, dining room—that answers for living room as well as parlor and kitchen on the first floor, with five bedrooms above and ample attic accommodations. The piazza is wide and roomy, allowing of plenty of outdoor space in the summer time, when the warm and long evenings make out of doors attractive; the little cubby hole under the roof answers the same purpose, and gives additional greens and light to the rooms within.

Supporting our house to the ground are the four columns, which are so ingeniously placed upon what they mysteriously call "equally with the columns" in the matter of church government. There are, of course, notable exceptions, noble lives devoted to good work; but how often the practical work of the church government is finding fault, many giving grudgingly even their financial support, equally grudgingly in what would be better spent solely on account of the tremendous and unbearable pressure upon their minds and physical powers. The cause of all this is plainly apparent. The task of preaching acceptably in these times and critical times grows harder every day. The public eye constantly is for freshness, vigor, and originality, and the minister who is not the public thought is fearfully careless as to the amount of careful preparation which commences with the inevitable demand for the minister, too, is expected to be in all things to come, and at all times. And when are the laity all this time? Especially where the "ignorant-minded" most who are so fiercely demanding to be placed upon what they mysteriously call "equally with the columns" in the matter of church government.

To the right is the parlor—see the interior sketch—this is in the front of the house. The wood work is all of one tone, a creamy buff or ivory tone being preferable. The walls are finished a clear soft tone of yellowish white, plain and simple, but with a little more elaborate; the background being a low-toned gold of a pebbly texture with a running pattern over it of soft buff and peacock blue in several shades. The ceiling is a soft delicate rose color, with a few delicate gold lines following the cornice molding a few inches on the inside on the filled. The mantel piece is simple, in style, and painted to match the wood work, but in this case enamel paint is used, as it allows of a highly polished finish. The center cabinet is carried on delicate columns, and the wood, with wrought iron hinges and lock plates, and the doors filled with stained glass panels in quaint design and soft, delicate coloring. The two wings of the over-mantel come outside the line of the mantel piece and are supported by delicate brackets extending down to the cap molding of the dado. The whole effect of this is light and charming.

On the other side of the entry we find a pleasant dining room, and this should if possible be a pleasantly light, here the wood work is oak, slightly darkened with ammonia, and the mantle piece and a figure in the same finish, all to have a slight gloss. The walls are a cool sage green, paper or water color as the taste dictates, and if paper is used with a pattern, this should be a darker tone of the same color.

The entrance to the kitchen is through a narrow passage, and the ceiling is a quiet buff tone, relieved if required with a few soft lines of red, olive and gold. The small kitchen of a mantel piece above here, is in this room and is sufficiently quaint and simple, to satisfy an artistic eye. This is shown with a little open grate for burning coal. The tiles may be either olive green or peacock blue, as desired. A hard wood floor oak preferred, is desirable here with a



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PREACHING NOT ALWAYS EASY.

Laymen Often Take Their Ease, Looking on and Finding Fault.

COLLECTION OF RELIGIOUS NOTES

A wide discussion is taking place in the religious world with reference to the work of the laity, about which the Philadelphia Telegraph wisely says: "There never was a time in the history of the Christian church, certainly not, at least in this land, when there was a larger field or a more urgent call to duty earnestly addressed to every intelligent layman of every branch of the Christian faith, than there is to-day. In most denominations—in all, indeed, to a very great extent—the clergy are overburdened. Especially is this true in all populous sections; and this country is becoming a land of cities, towns and villages. Every year adds to the demands upon the clergy."

Two small packing boxes, fastened together and covered with plush, will make a neat bookcase; the brackets supporting it may be sawed from one-half inch pine, in simple outline, and covered with a certain of Japanese silk to harmonize in color with the

Black the night, Jesus lay Buried from the light of day. Every shadow round his tomb; For the world's darkness hangs Ever about the tomb. Christ was dead! The fearful thought, From his grave the angel brought; And the stone rolled away, And the tomb was empty. Knowing all the reason why, Hark! the voice of mercy calls, Down the King of Terror falls; Earth and hell have felt the shock; Knowing all the reason why, Christ hath won eternity. R. M.

Church Notes. JOSEPH COOK is lecturing through the West. BUTLER Presbytery meets at Butler on the 22d instant. BELLEVUE U. P. Church has had 22 accessions recently. A NEW M. E. Church will be erected for the Sunday school. The purple Lent now gives place to the white of Easter.

CONGREGATION Presbytery at Homer City on Tuesday at 2 P. M. Mrs. H. P. GREEN, of Brookly, has endeavored to do a good deed. The East End Reformed Presbyterian Church will be dedicated about May 1.

The United Presbyterian, of Wilkingsburg, are erecting a \$15,000 church to seat 1000. Rev. S. H. BAKER, D. D., of the East Ohio Conference, died at Colchester, O., on Sunday. A MISSION school has been started among the coke workers, at Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

The senior class of Princeton Theological Seminary voted for revision to 29 against the 10. ALLEGHENY Presbytery will meet in the First Church, Allegheny, on Tuesday at 9 A. M. Rev. W. J. MARTIN, of Fall River, Mass., preached in the Sixth U. P. Church, on Sunday.

At the dedication of the Kane M. E. Church the whole amount necessary was raised. It cost \$12,000. The Conference Board of Church Extension will meet at 127 Smithfield street on Monday, at 2 o'clock. A CORRECTED list of all presbyteries voting up to the present time gives 23 for revision and 22 against.

Rev. DR. MURRELL, D. D., declines the \$12,000 call to the Collegiate Reformed Church, New York. ALLEGHENY (U. P.) Presbytery will meet on Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the Fourth Church, Allegheny. FRANK R. WILSON will preach in the Central U. P. Church to-morrow morning, and Rev. Dr. Spruell at 3 P. M.

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THE closing exercises of the Butler Street M. E. Church Industrial School took place on Monday evening last. The program was held in the hall of the school, and was a most successful one. The exercises were presided over by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Long, and were attended by a large number of friends. The program included a variety of musical numbers, and a most interesting address by the pastor. The exercises were a most successful one, and the school is to be congratulated on the high standard of its work.

THE census of 1880 an attempt was made to get a fair estimate of the average cost of hauling grain from the farm to the market. It was found that the average cost of hauling grain from the farm to the market was \$1.00 per bushel. This was a very high cost, and it was found that the average cost of hauling grain from the farm to the market was \$1.00 per bushel. This was a very high cost, and it was found that the average cost of hauling grain from the farm to the market was \$1.00 per bushel.

"When one thinks of the hundreds of millions of bushels of wheat grown in this country, practically all of which, except the small amount which is raised for home consumption, is transported over country roads a distance of several miles on the average, and then, when one adds to that the more than 2,000,000,000 bushels of wheat which are raised annually, a large proportion of which is transported over these same bad roads, and the importance of good highways, and the gain arising from the improvement of these roads, it is not surprising that a farmer should reflect that the gain would come largely to him.

ACTUAL LOSS BY A POOR ROAD. "This matter of hauling at a heavy expense has incited a great deal of attention in the West. It has become a matter of some importance, and it is interesting to note that the same has been made by a State whose topography is generally level, and world, therefore, seem to be favorable to the farmer. It is interesting to note that the same has been made by a State whose topography is generally level, and world, therefore, seem to be favorable to the farmer.

Rev. DR. CHARLES S. ROBINSON says in reference to revision: "In all the discussions of a revision of the confession of faith, it has been assumed that those who are in the community are the Presbyteries, allowing each a certain number of votes. This is not correct, and those who are at the outside will not enter in because of the requirement of a majority. On Monday evening, I secured a list of all presbyteries voting up to the present time gives 23 for revision and 22 against.

Rev. DR. A. McCLELLAN will preach at the Sixth U. P. Church, East End, to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. NOW IS THE TIME for the spring meetings of Presbyteries. Pastors are advised that all reports are carefully prepared. Three persons fainting in the M. E. Church, New Brighton, on Sunday morning. A school for the blind is being started in the German Reformed Church at Chestnut Grove, was destroyed by fire on Monday. It is now being reconstructed, and will grace the platform of Union depot, where it will prove a great convenience to the traveling public generally and the

suburban portions of the Pennsylvania lines. Postmaster McKean has obtained permission from Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen to remove what is called the "Registry Transfer" from 1157 Penn avenue to the Union