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Religious....

when nightly and daily services have been held in many churches. people. The meetings addressed by Rev. Charles E. Hurlburt have been at-tended with phenomenal interest. The deeply consecrated life of this clergy-man, his knowledge of the Bible and his impassioned method of teaching have had a marked effect on his listeners. Yesterday afternoon he completed a series of talks on the Holy Spirit, and was heard by a large congregation in the Second Presbyterian church. He spoke from Gal., 5:15.

It is not strange that we can pray to the Father. It is not strange that we can pray to Jesus. It is to be regretted that too few realize the blessing of being able to pray to the Holy Spirit. In the spirit's presence we have all that the Father and Son can be. If we walk by the Spirit, the power of the flesh that has dominated our being will be conquered. The Spirit has given to us by the Father a guide book by which we may walk safely. The Spirit can and does and will, for God's willing children, lead step by step. The general plan is laid down in the Bible, but it is possible to be guided in the smallest details of life by the Spirit.

A beautiful illustration was given of the true man-body, soul and spirit. The body has only windows toward the the Spirit with its windows opened toward heaven. The soul, midway between these, must gain its light from one or the other. If the windows in that upper chamber are kept clear an 1 free toward the light the life must be accordingly bright and lovely. If, on the contrary, the soul must look down through this lower chamber, where only the pale light of earth, the miasma laden air may rise, nothing but worldwearled wretchedness must ensue. Only the bright, pure light from that upper chamber can shut out the charm and deception of the earth visions which shine but to lure to misery the soul made for glorified joys.

A popular praise and evangelistic service with sermon will be held tomorrow evening in the Providence Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Guild's theme will be "Some Facts About Man." Special gospel hymns will be given by the choir. The programme

"Rock of Ages" (by request). Schnecker
Mr. John and Choir.
"I'll Lay My Sins on Jesus". Schumann
Mrs. Oscar Payne and Choir.
"Saved by Grace," suggested by the
death of Mr. Rees G. Watkins.

The following musical selections will be rendered at the morning and evening services at Elm Park church to-

Organ, Prelude in G........Pearce Choir, Jubilate Deo, in F.......Holden Organ, Offertory in B flat......Cutler Choir, "Lo! I Will Give You Rest,"

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Organ, Postlude in E flat.....Cutler

EVENING.
Organ, Prelude in C......Hiles
Choir, "O Come, Let Us Sing", Holden
Organ, Offertony In E. Organ, Offertory in F.......Novello Choir, "Golden Harps Are Sound-Cheir, "Golden Harps Are Sound-ing" Shepard Solo Sciected Organ, Postlude in D. Oakley J. Alfred Pennington, organist and

J. M. Chance has arranged the foling music for the evening services the Second Presbyterian church to-

Organ prelude, Andante...... Whiting Inthem, Venite in B flat. Blumenschein Mertory-quartet,. "O Power Eter-

Misses Black and Garagan, Messrs
Gippel and Morgan,
Trgan postiude
unday school
P. S. C. E., solo
The following and misses Salmon

The following selections will be sung the services of the First Presbyter-

The Simpson Methodist Episcopal The Simpson Methodist Episcopal church has been crowded each even-fig of this week to listen to the forceful preaching of Rev. P. J. Kain, of Philadelphia, an eloquent evangelist. Much interest is being manifest, enthusiasm is aroused and church and people are being encouraged and strengthened. Tomorrow will undoubtation of the property of the prop

AHE PAST FORTNIGHT has been | gin at 7 o'clock and continue all day, a busy one in religious circles, Mr. Kain is announced to preach on 'Belshazzar's Feast" at 10 o'clock. To hear him in the morning will create a The result is already noted in a desire to listen to him in the afternoon spirit which pervades the church-going and evening. Services each evening of the coming week.

Religious News Notes.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Marshall will lecture at the First Presbyterian church next Friday evening on "An All-Around the World View of Foreign Missions."

Dr. Plummer, the Boston evangelist. who was to have addressed meetings in this city tomorrow, is ill and unable to be here. Later announcements will be made concerning her coming.

There will be no Sunday service at the central Y. W. C. A. or at the West Scranton branch rooms, but instead there will be a union service at the First Presbyterian church at 3:45. All are invited.

The Baptist ministers will meet on Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock at the usual place. The Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., pastor of the Jackson Street church, will read his paper on "Ethical Education." The pastors of the association are carnestly invited to attend and hear the scholarly pro-

his talk to the young men at the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow afternoon at 3.45 Mr. Waring is a pleasing o'clock. speaker and all young men should This meeting is a good place in which to spend an hour prof-

Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal.

St. Luke's Parish-Rev. Rogers Israel, rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, Senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Third Sunday after Epiphany. St. Luke's Church-7:30 a. m., Holy Communion: 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 9:15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. Mark's, Dunmore—8 a. m., Holy Communion; 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunda; school and Bible classes, East End Mission, Prescott avenue-

3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

South Side Mission, Fig street—2:30
p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.
St. George's, Olyphant—2:30 p. m.,
Sunday school and Bible classes; 3:30 Sunday school and Bible classes; 3:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. Church of The Good Shepherd, corner Green Ridge street, and Monsey avenue.—Rev. Francis R. Bateman, rector. Third Sunday after Epiphany. Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 10:30 a. m.: Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. All welcome.

Christ's Church (Protestant Episco pal), Washington avenue and Park street.—Rev. F. S. Balentine, rector, Third Sunday after Epiphany, Morning prayer, Litany, sermon, 10:30 Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Evening prayer, ser-mon, 7:30. All seats free, All welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Third Sunday after Epiphany, Gos-pel, Matt., 8:1-13; epistle, Rom., 12:16-

St. Mark's, Washburn and Four-teenth streets, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and D., pastor—services at 10.30 a, m., and 7 p. m.; Luther league at 6 p. m.; Sun-day school at 12 m. Morning subject, "The Strength and Glory of a Living Faith;" evening subject, "The Cloud of Witnesses."

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league at 6.30 p. m.; Sun-day school at 12 m. St. Paul's, Short avenue, Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. pt. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2.30

Zion's. Mifflin avenue, Rev. P. Zion's. Miffin avenue. Rev. P. F. Zizelmann, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m.: Sunday school at 2 p. m.
Christ church, Cedar avenue and Beech street, Rev. James Witke, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.
St. Peter's. Prescott avenue, Rev. John Randolph, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.

at 2 p. m.
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the General Synod, corner Madison
avenue and Mulberry street.—Rev.
Luther Hess Waring, pastor. 9:30 a.
m., Sunday school: 6:30 p. m., Y. P. S.
C. E.; 10:30 and 7:30 p. m., Divine Worship, Morning topic, "Christ and Woman." Evening topic, "The Devil's
Prayer." Everybody welcome,

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor-Rev. P. J. Kain, D. D., of Philadelphia, the celebrated evangelist, will conduct services during the day as follows: Early morning meeting at 7 o'clock; class meeting at 9.30 a, m.; preaching at 10 a. m. (Please notice the change of time); Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Enwarth leaving at 2.30 b, m.; general time); Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Epworth league at 2.30 p. m.; general meeting at 3.45 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.; preaching at 7.20 p. m. The morning sermon will be on "Belshazzar's Feast." You cannot afford to miss it. Come and help make it a glorious day. Services each evening of the coming week, Rev. Mr. Kain preaching. reaching. Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal

church, Rev. James Benninger, pastor -Services on Sunday as usual. Preaching service at 10.30, subject. "Peter's Fishing Trip:" class meeting at 11.30 a.m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior Epworth league at 3 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.; evening breaching service at 7.30, subject, "Memory and the Potential States of the Edward States of the Edw Its Relation to the Future World." Re vival services every evening.

Watson Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Lincoln Heights-Services on Sunday at the usual hours. Sunday school at 2 p. m., Joseph Davis, superintendent; preaching service at 6 p. m.
Come and enjoy the hour with us.
Cedar Avenue M. E. Church—F. P.
Doty, pastor. Sunday, Jan. 21, 1990.
Revival services will be held at the
services during the day. Rev. Madison will preach at the evening service. Hours of service, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The revival meetings will continue each evening during the week, com-mencing at 7:30 o'clock. All Christian people are invited to participate in the vork, which continues to grow in in erest, and power,

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Monsey avenue and Delaware street, Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St, Paul at 9:30 a, m.: preaching at 10:30 a, m. Sunday school at 2:30 p, m.; Senior Epworth League at 6:30 p, m.; preaching at 7:30 p, m. Seats free, All are welcome.

Providence Mathodist Episcopal church, Christian Endeavor; 7:30, service with sermon by the pastor, third in series, on "The Uses of Faith," Subject: "Faith in God," Services and exercise, All Invited.

George E. Guild, D. D., pastor—At the 10:30 a, m. service Rev. Frank Milman will preach. The pastor will preach at the evening evangelistic service, Theme,

evening subject, "An Inexorable De-cree;" Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Ep-worth league at 8.45 p. m., led by E. L. Benjamin. Seats free. A cordial wel-come for all.

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor-Sunchurch, Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor—Sun-rise prayer meeting at 7 a. m.; morn-ing sermon at 11.39; general class at 11.39 a. m., J. E. Masters, leader; Sun-day school at 2 p. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent; Epworth league at 6.45 p. m. Commencing at 7.39, there will be an evangelistic service in charge of Secretary Berry, together with other members of the Yoke Fellows' band. Evangelistic services will canting each Evangelistic services will continue each evening of the week, except Saturday. God is doing great things for us. Come and enjoy with us the service.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian Church-Services 10.30 a, m, and 7.30 p, m. Dr. McLeed will preach morning and evening. Strangers welcome. The Second Presbyterian church

The Second Presbyterian church—Charles E, Bobinson, pastor. Services at 10:30 a, m, and 7:30 p, m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the morning. The evening sermon will be by the pastor on "Making Straight Paths for the Christ." All are welcome. Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a, m, and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 12 m, Young People's C. E, at 6:20 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Dr. Moffat will preach morning and evening. All cordially invited to all of these services. Green Ridge Presbyterian Church.— Dy the pastor. 12:39, 1101e sensor; 6:39, Christian Endeayor; 7:39, service with sermon by the pastor, third in series, on "The Uses of Faith." Subject; "Faith in God." Services and exercise, All invited.

will preach. The pastor will preach at the evening evangelistic service, Theme, "Some Facts About Man." Special to attend and hear the scholarly production.

Providence Methodist Episcopal church—The pastor, Rev. William Edgar, will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 Endeavor service at the usual hours.

Some Facts About Man." Special music by the choir. Sunday school and Endeavor service at the usual hours.

Summer Avenue Presbyterian church,

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church.— Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, pastor, 10:30 a. m., service of worship with sermon by the pastor, 12:30, Bible school; 6:30,

View of a Misunderstood Subject:

ing. "The Greatest Problem of the Age." Gospel meetings will continue each evening next week.

Miscellaneous.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church. Wyoming avenue below Mulberry street, Rev. George L. Alrich, pastor—Prayer and praise service at 9.30 a. m.; divine worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at both services. Morning, "Faith," Hebrews, 11:1-2; evening, "Studies in Zechariah: the Third Vision," Zech., 2:1-13. Sabbath school at 10.30 c. in the continue of the Y. P. C. U. C. U. Calvary Reformed Church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street.—Rev. M. L. Firor, pastor. Service, Sunday, 10.30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Seats free. All welcome, Morning subject, "The Reformed Church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street.—Rev. M. L. Firor, pastor. Service, Sunday, 10.30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Seats free. All welcome, Morning subject, "The Reformed Church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street.—Rev. M. L. Firor, pastor. Service, Sunday, 10.30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Seats free. All welcome, Morning subject, "The Reformed What 1t Is." Sunday school, 11:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m. Chapel Mission—Hulbert's Hall, 117 Wyoming avenue. Preaching, 10:30 a. m., Christian Endeavor society, 7:30 p. m. Good singing. James Wilson, leader, All are welcome to attend these

Rev. L. R. Foster, paster—Song and praise at 10.30 a. m. Dr. John P. Moffat will preach at the 6 o'clock service. Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.; prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, Taylor Presbyterian church—Preaching service as usual at 10.30 a. m., followed by Sunday school.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Preaching both morning and evening by the pas-tor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce. Morning prayer at 9.45 o'clock in the lower temple; topic of morning sermon, "Shining Chris-tians." Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting at 4.45 o'clock; topic of evening sermon, 'Saving the Most Unworthy." Evening service followed by evangelistic meeting in the lower temple. lower temple.

First Baptist church, Main avenue-

S. F. Mathews, pastor. The usual services 11:30 a, m. and 7:30 p, m, in the basement of the Welsh Baptist church-

vices 11:30 a, m. and 7:30 p, m. in the basement of the Welsh Baptist church. Subject for morning, "Confession unto Salvation." Subject for evening, "Beginning at Jerusalem." Sunday school, 2:30 p, m. at Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent, B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting, 6:30 p, m. Ivorite hall, Industrial school, 2 p, m. Saturday, at Ivorite hall. Church prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p, m. All are cordially invited.

Jackson Street Baptist Church—Morning prayer meeting at 9:30, leader, Brother E. R. Griffiths; 10:30, preaching by the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., topic, "Cold Courtesy for Jerus;" Sunday school at 2 p. m., Alired Roberts, superintendent; evening service at 7 o'clock sharp, praise and some service. The full choir will assist. Mrs. Thomas Mathias will sing a Gospel solo, to be followed by an evangelistic service. Topic for consideration, "What Will the Harvest Be?" The public is always welcome at these services, Sents are all free. Come, Jesus and the Bride Say Come." Let him who is athirst come. athirst come.
North Main Avenue Baptist church,

S. G. Reading, pastor—Services at 10,30 a. m. and 7,30 p. m. Rev. A. B. Bowser, who is assisting in revival meet-ings, will breach at both services. Theme for morning, "The Great Question;" theme for evening, "A Prevail-ing Cry." Revival meetings will continue next week. Rev. Mr. Bowser will preach and lead the singing. Every-

Green Ridge Baptist church-Rev. Albert H. Smith will preach at 10.30 a. m., 3.20 and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "If Christ Preached in Green Ridge." The afternoon meeting will be for men, with an address on "The Message of Jesus to the Young Man Who Would Succeed Without Besmirching His Character." Subject in the evening. "The Greatest Problem of the Age." Gospel meetings will continue on the age of the Age working next week."

the Third Vision," Zech., 2:1-13. Sab-bath school at 12 o'clock noon: Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Seats all free, Strangers always welcome. The union Bible class for the study of the lesson every Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Bring your

Bible.

Adams Avenue chapel. New York street—The Rev. James Hughes, pastor, will preach both morning and evening at 10.30 and 7.30 o'clock. The Sabbath school will meet at 3 p. m., Mr. Chandler, superintendent. Subject of evening sermon, "Divine Allurements." A hearty invitation is given to all, and a cordial welcome will be accorded to those who may attend.

All Souls Universalist Church, Pine All Souls Universalist Church, Pine street between Adams and Jefferson avenues,—Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor, Residence, 629 Adams avenue, Morning

to attend.

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ly, little thinking that to that fact they

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immunity from heat prostration or

sunstroke. Perspiration is essential to

health. A person in good health never

suffers from the heat or the cold unless

venienced, but it is a condition of

health rather to be sought than to be

avoided. Too much of a good thing,

however, is not desirable. Proper care

of the body, proper diet, proper exer-

cise, with proper bathing, will produce the normal condition-in which condi-

tion the heat will not oppress any one,

Let me especially caution against the

too sudden checking of perspiration.

inner part of the body open their little

mouths at the surface and through

these channels, as ceaseless as the flow

of time, a fluid containing the wastes

and impurities of the system is pass-

ing outward and is emptied out of the

This fluid must have exit or we die in

a few hours. If it does not have vent

at the surface of the body it must have

some internal escape. Nature abhors shocks as she does a vacuum. Heat

distends the mouth of these ducts and

promotes a larger and more rapid flow

of the contained fluid; on the other

hand, cold contracts them and the fluid

is at first arrested, then dammed up

and then it rebounds. If these mouths

are gradually closed nature has time to

adapt herself to the circumstances by

opening channels into the great inter-

nal waterways of the body and no harm

follows: hence the safety and wisdom

of cooling off slowly after any exer-

tion and the danger of cooling off rap-

idly under the same circumstances

Encourage perspiration, under proper

conditions and with proper precautions

Always keep the surface of the body

warm and clean and at the end of the

season you will be mentally, morally

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Sunday-School Lesson for January 21.

The Preaching of John the Baptist.

LUKE 111,1-17. BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D., LL. D.,

lesson to the appearance lesson, nothforerunner, our present lesson, nothing is known concerning Jesus. Eighmission in the home of His fosterfather, Joseph, the carpenter. It is Scripture and of the writings of the young manhood, was given to industrial pursuits. He was waiting for official career, at thirty years of age. We shall now consider how John the Baptist, His cousin, began his mission. by whom Jesus was afterwards introduced.

THE PREACHER (verse 1 and 2) .-Luke fixes the time of John's appearance, not by date, as we would do, but by mentioning the prominent men then holding positions in church and state, Tiberius Caesar, who succeeded Augustus as Roman emperor, was in the fifteenth year of his reign which began Aug. 19. A. D. 12. Three of the sons of Herod the Great-Herod. Philip, Lysanius-presided over provinces which had come to them by will at the death of their father, the location of which territory may be learned from any text book on sacred geograpy, Pontius Pilate, a Roman, was governor over Judea, a section former-ly ruled by Archelaus. (Matt. ii:22-) Annas had been high priest, but Calaphas, his son-in-law, now filled the office. At that time John came, a messenger from God. He began his ministry in the country about Jordan, called a winderness, not a barren region but one sparsely populated.

THE PROPHECY (verses 3 to 6),-John's message was very simple,—repentance for the remission of sins, and he baptized as a symbol of remission. He called men to repent and assured them of God's pardon, (1 John 1:9) and he baptized those who did repent, John's exalted mission was the more in teresting because it had been foretold. The greatest of all the prophets, to whom more than any other the Jewish nation paid reverence, as he looked down the centuries, saw and heard by faith this herald of the wilderness. (Isa: x1:3-4) and wrote of him in no unmistakable terms. That prediction, made seven hundred years in advancwas readily recalled by those to whom John came, and many gathered about him and questioned concerning his na-ture and mission. (John 1:21.)

THE FRUITAGE (verses 7 to 9). The Jewish people in John's time were expecting a temporal deliverer. They

eagerly looked for one who would break to John, recognizing his power and exteen years, more than half of His pecting his leadership, were willing to might be attached to what they supposed would be a victorious political probable that the earlier part of that movement. Discerning their purpose time was devoted to the studies of the great preacher called them a "generation of vipers," and assured them rabbls prescribed for the Jewish youth. | that the axe was laid at the root of the and that the latter part, the period of trees, signifying that Divine justice was about ready to cut down and destroy the Jewish state in its wickedthe time to come when according to na- ness. (Matt. vii:19.) To avert impendupon the individuals all were exhorted to change their mode of life, which was called bringing forth fruits unto re-

THE PEOPLE (Verses 10 and 11) .-This direction to reform their lives was so general as not to be fully understood, and the multitude separated into two classes and then sought more specific instruction. The people, the masses of every day folk who usually stand nearest to the greatest reforms. approached first, and asked what they should do. (Acts II: 37.) To these sincere seekers John's word was kindly and elevating. He did not rebuse their sins, or even so much as appear to know that they were guilty of great sins, unless it was that they lacked the highest of all qualities, namely, Christian charity. (I Cor. xiii: 13.) They had been too selfish-they had failed to recognize their duty to others in need, the fault of the world at that ime, (Luke x:29.) John therefore enjoined a division of clothing or food of living. (James ii:15-16.)

THE PUBLICANS (verses 12 and 13.) The common people having been satisfied, the publicans or tax gatherers came next. Standing on the bank of the river seeking baptism they also enquired what they must do to make despised by all. (Matt. ix:11.) That supposed, or that the preacher had unusual power to convict sinners. John was faithful to this class-he gave instructions adapted to their character and calling. "Exact no more than that which is appointed you." (Luke xix:x. In the former case charity was required, now justice. Tax gathering is a legitimate pursuit, for thereby government is maintained, (Matt. xxii:21) but extortion and fraud are sins, to be put away in repentance.

THE SOLDIERS (verse 14) .- Last of forth above all others

INTRODUCTION .-- From the return | prided themselves upon their descent fall came the soldiers, desiring to know of Nazareth mentioned in our last from Abraham, (John viii:39) and what they should do to reform their the Roman yoke. Many who resorted The preacher's words were intended earthly life, were passed in quiet sub- accept his baptism, if thereby they favor. But here are Roman, the repreforeigners? Will be inform them tional custom He might enter upon His ing calamity upon the country and and he must know how to lead a good a faithful discharge of duty without omplaining.

THE MESSIAH (verses 15, 16, 17) -

Secretary of American Society of Religious Education. unduly exposed. One may be inconlives. That was a notable occurrence primarily for Israelites, as a method of making the nation ready for Divine sentatives of the world power that then held the jews in subjection. What will John say? Will he refuse to receive them as unworthy because they are Millions of canals and tubes from the they are odious? as oppressors of his people? Will he say that their vocation is objectionable and that God cannot be pleased with them on that account? By no means—a soldier has his place, life. Three items were in the answer, Do no violence; accuse none falsely; be content with wages. That signified

> Several days may have been occupied in these interviews. The answers to questions evidently satisfied all who heard. The wonder increased, and the musing and the debating followed concerning this wonderful person. Perhaps he is the Christ, the long expected Messiah of the Jews. When John learned the thoughts of the people he quickly informed them that he was not the Christ, and set Him forth by striking contrasts: 1. John baptized with water but Christ would baptize with the Holy Ghost, a distinction of immense importance; 2. John was then present, enjoying public favor, but Christ would come afterward, so much greater that he was not worthy to perform a menial's service of unloosing the shoe latchet; 2. John was preaching (2 Cor. viii:14) with those that lucked a and exhorting, seeking to win men practical exhibition of the gospel rule from sin, but Christ, would do more thorough work, as the thresher's of grain cleanse the floor, gather in the wheat and burn the chaff. (Matt. xiii:

> CONCLUSION.-The ministry of John stands forth in great prominence worthy of careful consideration in the themselves worthy candidates. As a following particulars: 1. He was sent class they were hard men, who filled with the word of God. (John 1:6), the their coffers by extortionate demands primary qualification of a preacher, He upon others and they were therefore who goes unsent, (Rom, x:15) goes in vain: 2. He filled a place appointed for they sought John, however, is a proof him in the providence and wisdom of that they were better than the people God, known and announced centuries before, a place which no other could have filled. So in measure ought every true minister to feel that his work is ordained and appointed, and then ought he to enter upon it with singleness of purpose. 2. His preaching was adapted to his hearers, not the same old story to all, but a message suited to the classes before him. The seekers of place and honor, the common people, the publicans, the tax gatherers, the soldiers, each his appropriate truth. 4 He was loyal to Christ, setting Him

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