Church and Sunday-School

Y., the place where the fifty-first session of the conference is to be held. The Monday travelers are the various examiners constituting the conference board, and the young men in classes of the first, second, third and fourth years. These will meet for class work on Tuesday, so that proper reports of their proficiency might be presented ind, if worthy of advancement, be properly graded by the conference. By ar the major part of the members will reach Waverly on Tuesday and be in attendance upon the temperance anniversary in the evening, at which time Rev. Charles A. Crane, D. D., will deliver an address, entitled "The Greatest American Fraud."

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop Merrill will open the conference proper with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At 10 o'clock the first business session will open. The secretary of the last conference, Rev. Dr. Sweet, will call the roll of the 285 memhave died during the year, viz.: Rev. Richard Hlorns, of our city; Rev. William Edgar, formerly of Dunmore and of our Providence church; Rev. Philip Holbrook, Rev. A. W. Loomis, and Rev. ferred Rev T B. Miller to the New York East conference, and Rev. W. H. Pearce to the Philadelphia conference. One has been received by transfer, Rev. Joseph Baird from the New York East

There are no great questions of vital importance to the church at large to be discussed. With the exception of the report of a commission appointed to consider the practicability and advisability of re-districting the conference, the work will be largely routine, such as reports of presiding elders of charges, examining committee of superannuates and supernumeries. These things are relieved with addresses by the various representatives of the great benevolences, educational institutions, advocates, etc., and from these things generally the preachers turn to each other for delightful visits.

Twentieth Century Conference.

The meetings of the twentieth century Baptist conference of Northeastern Pennsylvania will be held in the following churches of Scranton:

Monday evening, April 14-Young People's raly in the Jackson Street Baptist charch at 7.30. Address of welcome on behalf of the Abington as ociation, Rev. H. J. Whalen, D. D.; addres "The Relation of a Young Christian to His De-nomination," Rev. E. Caivers, D. D.; addres, "The Missionary Problem of Today," Rev. Curtis

Tuesday morning at 9,30-Penn Avenue Bantist church, Rev. P. H. Jones, D. D., Miss F. M., Schuyler, Rev. Leroy Stephens, D. D., Rev. E. fulley, Ph. D.

Thesalay afternoon at 2—Green Ridge Baptist clarrels, Mrs. H. N. Jones, President J. H. Hay-ris, D. D., Rev. J. L. Jones, D. D. Tuesday evening at 7.30-North Main Avenue aptist church, Rev. General T. J. Morgan, D.

D., Rev. R. S. MacArthur, D. D. Wednesday morning at 9.30—Penn Avenue Bap-tist church. Mr. John Wallace, Miss Mary Meiby. Wednesday alternoon, 2,30—First Baptist church—President H. G. Weston, D. D., Presi-

church, Rev. H. C. Mabie, D. D., Rev. F. S. Thursday evening at 8-Penn Avenue Baptist church-Rev. J. L. Campbell, Rev. H. C. Mabie,

Religious Notes.

The class recently confirmed in St. Luke's church will be admitted to Holy communion, Sunday, April 13, at 7.30 a. m. All members of the class should be present.

The Baptist Ministerial conference next Monday morning in the Penn avenue church will have a paper presented before it by Rev. D. J. Williams, of Blakely, on "Herbert Spencer, the Phil-

The men's meeting at the railroad department of the Young Men's Christian association on Sunday afternoon at 3.45 will probably be the last meeting of the season as the association goes into temporary quarters next week. retary W. W. Adair will speak on "Nehemlah's Building Plan, The Task, The Hinderers, and The Helpers Also, The male quartette of the Evangelical church will sing. A cordial invitation who are interested in the building enterprise. No collection will be taken

RUN DOWN.

When a phrase is coined out of world wide human experience it is apt to be prief and expressive. down" we say in the endeavor to de-scribe a relaxed

physical condi-tion, and all the terminology of medicine could not more ex-pressively de-scribe the actual condition than that every day phrase. It sug-gests the clock, perfect mechan-ically, but failing to record the

passage of time because it is run-

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reat medicine is far more than a tonic. t cures diseases of the organs of digesfect digestion and assimilation of food of which alone all physical strength is made.

"The reason I delayed writing was because I wanted to wait one year after I had taken the medicine before giving my statement, and now I can send a good, conscientions testimonial;" writes Mr. Chas. H. sergeant, of Plain City, Madison Co., Chio. "Buring the summer and fall of 1896 I became all 'run-down,' nerves were out of order and stomach out of order. I wrote to Dr. Pierce for advice. He said I had general debility, and advised Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and, thanks to you for your advice. I used six bottles; and since I stopped taking it about one year ago. I have not taken any medicine of any kind, and have been able to toork every day. My appetite is good, I can eat three square meals a day, and I do not feel that miserable burning in the stomach after eating. My blood and nerves are in good shape, and, well—in fact, I think I am in pretty good run-zing order."

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VARIOUS CHURCHES

Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church—Early prayer and praise meeting, 9.30 a. m. Preach-ing by the paster, Dr. C. M. Giffin, at 10.30. Class meeting in Sunday school room at close of morning services; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior League at 3.30 p. m.; Senior League at 6.30 p. m. Presching at 7.30 p. m., by the pas-

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church-Rev. H C. McDermott, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 6.30 p. m. All made welcome. Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—

Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., subect, "What One of the Christian Graces Is the Most Neglected?" Class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Intermediate League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 5.30 p. m., leader, William Parsons, Evening preaching service at 7.30 p. m., "The Unchangeable God." Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Monsey avenue and Delaware street—Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., paster. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul at 9.30 a. m.; preaching at 10.30 a. m., by the paster: Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; Epworth League at 6.30 p. m.; preaching at 7.30 p. m., by the pastor. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7.30 p. m. Seats ree and all are welcome.

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African Methodist Episcopal church, Howard place—Dr. D. S. Bentley, pastor, Preaching at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; song and prayer service, 7.30 p. m.; preaching, 7.45 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church-F. P. Doty, pastor. At 10 a. m., meeting of the Brotherhood; 10.30 a. m., meeting of the Brotherhood; 10.30 a. m., morning worship and sermon; 11.45 a. m., Sunday school; 3.30 p. m., Junior Epworth League; 6.30 p. m., Epworth League; 7.30, evening worship and sermon by the pastor, A cordial welcome to the stranger and to all others who love the house of God. Providence Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. George A. Cure, pastor. The Brotherhod of St. Paul meet at 10 a. m.; preaching at 10.30; Sur

Paul meet at 10 a. m.; preacting at 10.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6:45 p. m., topic, "Giving: Its Law, Its Reflex Influence," E. T. Sanders, leader, Preaching at 7:50 p. m., subject, "Brotherhoods."

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—G. C. yman, pastor. Quarterly conference, Saturday at 130 p. m., Rev. A. Griffin, president. Sunday

love teast at 9.30 a. m.; preaching at 10.30 by Dr. Griffin, followed by the sacrament of the Loud's supper: Sunday school, 11.45 a. m., G. R. Clark, superintendent; Junior League, 2.30 p. m., Mrs. Ryant, superintendent; Epworth League, 2.30 o, m.; preaching at 7.30, by the pastor, Seats rec. Strangers welcome. Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev

J. R. Austin, pastor. Morning preaching service at 10:30 o'clock, subject, "The Blessedness of Enduring Temptation." Class meeting at 11:30. Charles Croop, leader; Sunday school at 2 p. m., Peter Hartman, superintendent; Epworth League at 6.45 p. m., E. W. Stone, leader, Evening preaching service at 7.30, subject, "Amen." A ordial welcome to all.

Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue be-tween Spruce and Linden streets. Strangers cordially welcomed. Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Morning prayers in the lower temple at 9.45. Theme of the morning sermon, "The Thought Which Determines Man's Destiny." Sunday school at the home church at 2 o'clock and at the Amerman mission on Pres-cott avenue at 3.30. Young People's meeting at 6.30. The evening sermon will be preceded by an illustrated bymn service, the congregation inging the familiar hymns from the stereopticon clews on the screen. The topic of the evening astor will use "Pictured Truth" crayon sketches

at the after-meeting evangelistic service.

First Baptist church, Seath Main avenue—Rev.

F. Mathews, pastor. The usual services Sabbath morning and evening, 10:30 a. m. and 7.50 bath morning and evening, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, p. m., br. B. G. Beddoe, superintendent; Baptist Young People's union service, 6:30 p. m., in assembly room. Regular prayeer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evenng. All are welcome to these services.

Jackson Street Baptist church-Rev. Thomas le Gruchy, D. D., pastor, Morning men's meet ing at 9.30, leader, Richard Nicholls; mornit service at 10.30. The pastor will preach a short ermon, at the close of which the Lord's suppe will be administered. Sunday school at 2 p. m. John Lloyd, superintendent. Evening service at 7 o'clock sharp. This service will be held under the auspices of the Loyal Crusaders. The Ripple division, Sons of Temperance, will attend in a body. The orator will be Mr. Irwin, of Williams. port, who will speak on "For God and Country and Our Homes." Mr. Gomer Reese will sing "Flag of the Free." All are welcome the solo.

Green Ridge Baptist church, Monsey avenue pecially hoped that all church members will be present at these services. Morning prayer mest-ing at 9.45; Junior Baptist Young People's union meeting at 3.30 p. m.; Senior Baptist Young People's union at 6.30 p. m. Sunday school will ollow morning service.

North Main Avenue Baptist Church—The pastor, Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith, M. O., will preach morning and evening. 10,30, theme, "The Story of Dorcas, or Light on Three Perplexing Prob-lems." 7,30, theme, "The Life and Work Ad-oniram Judson, Sunday school, 2 o'clock, Wihiam Chappell, superintendent; Christian Endeavor, 30, William H. Hall, president, Last Sabbath Pastor Smith entered upon his second year as pastor of the church. Twenty-seven new members were given the hand of fellowship at the com-nunion service. There have been sixty-eight ad-

litions to the membership during the year.

Memorial Baptist church-Pastor Rev. W. F. Davies. Services at the usual hours, when the pastor will preach Welsh in the morning and English in the evening. Sunday school at 2 p. m., superintedent, Miss Tydvil Rees. The pastor, by request, will preach in the evening on a special subset. Strangers are cordially invited and heartily welcomed to all the services. Shiloh Baptist church, corner Mulberry street and Adams avenue—Rev. J. B. Boddie, pastor.

and Adams avenue—Rev. J. B. Boddle, paster. Preaching at 11 s. m., subject, "Our Duty to God as a Race." Sunday school, 2,30 p. m.; preaching, 8 p. m., subject, "Getting Mail at the Trath." Baptist Young People's union meeting, Monday evening. Preaching, Wednesday evening. General prayer meeting, Friday evening. All are welcome.

Dudley Street Baptist church, Dunmore-Preaching on Sunday at 10.30 s. m.; Bible school at 12 m. At 7.30 p. m., Rev. David Spencer, D. D., will preach. Everybody welcome.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church-The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered in the the Lord's apper will be administered in the morning. "Ignatius Loyola, the Prince of Roman Catholic Devotees, or an Evening with the Jesuita," will be Dr. McLeod's evening subject.

Second Presbyterian church, Jefferson avenue, between Vine and Mulberry streets—10.30 a. m., celebration of the Lord's supper; 12 m., Sinday school; 6.30 p. m., Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; 7.30 p. m., evening worship, Rev. J. H. Odell will presche on "St. Francia of Rev. J. H. Odell will preach on "St. Fran

Green Ridge Presbyterian church-Rev. I. J. Green Ridge Preshyterian church—Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor; Rev. L. R. Poster, assistant; 10.30, service of worship with sermon by the pastor, subject, "Profit vs. Loss."; 12 m., Bible school; 6.30 p. m., Phristian Endeavor; 7.30 p. m., evening worship with sermon by the pastor, eighth in series on the "House of Life," subject, "Property, Rights and Wrongs."

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Providence Presbyterian church—Pastor, Rev.
Dr. Guild. The 10.30 a. m. service will include
the sacraments, the Lord's supper and baptism,
and the recention of new members. the sacraments, the Lord's supper and baptism, and the reception of new members. Sanday school at noon, Junior Endeavor service, 3.30 o'clock; Senior Endeavor service, 6.35 o'clock. At the 7.30 o'clock evening service, the choir will give a second rendition of the Easter music. The seats of the church are always free.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street-Services at 10.30 and 7.30. The Rev. Mr. Hughes will preach on "Some of the Pitfalls of Life," in the evening. Sunday school at 3 o'clock; Christian Endeavor society at 6.45. All welcome

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Capouse chapel (Green Ridge Pre-byterian church)—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., by the paster, Rev. L. R. Foster. Sunday school at 3 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Senier Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, 7.30 Thursday evening. Welcome to all.

St. Luke's parish-Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector; Rev. Edward J. Haughton, curate. Second Sunday after Easter. St. Lake's church-7.30 a. m., boly communion; 9,15 a. m., Sunday school; 10,30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7,30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

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St. Mark's, Dunmore—8 a. m., holy communion; 10.30 a. m., sermon and holy communion; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.
St. George's mission, Olyphant—2.30 p. m., Sunday school; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. South Side mission, Fig street-2.30 p. m., Sun

East End, Prescott avenue, mission-2.30 p. m unday school. Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Monsey

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Monsey avenue and Green Ridge street—Rev. Francis R. Bateman, rector. Second Sunday after Ecaster. Holy communion at 7.30 a. m.; morning prayer at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school and rector's class, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer at 7.30. St. John's mission, Osterhout hall, Providence Square—Sanday school, 2 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon by Rev. F. R. Bateman, at 4 o'clock.

Reformed Episcopal.

Referenced Episcopal church, Wyoming below Mulberry street—George L. Alrich, avenue below Mulberry street-George L. Alrich, paster. Prayer and praise service, 9.30 a. m.; Divine worship, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at both services. Sunday school, 12 m.; Young People's Society of Chris-itna Endeavor, 6.39 p. m. Lesson study every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m. Prayer meet-ing at 8. Seats free. All welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Holy Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Adams avenue and Mulberry street -Church services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; Luther League at 6.45 p. m. The new pastor, Rev. E. F. Ritter, of West Hazleton, has arrived and will have charge of the services. All are welcome. Seats free. Grace Evangelical Lutheran church general synod), corner of Mulberry street and Prescot avenue—Rev. Lather Hess Waring, pastor. A 9.30 a. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., Young Peo-ple's Society of Christian Endeavor, leader, Miss Lessie Kaufman; 10.30 a. m.and 7.30 p. m., divine worship, with sermons by Rev. A. S. Hart-man, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., the general sec retary of the board of home missions of the gen eral synod. Good music. Everybody welcome.

Miscellaneous.

All Souls' Universalist church, Pine street, be ween Adams and Jefferson avenues, Rev. Thomas B. Payne, pastor. Divine service, with ser non, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; morning sub-mor, "Thought for Others"; evening subject, "The Universalist Conception of Christ." Sun-day school at 1 m. Seats free. Strangers cor-dially welcomed.

Zion United Evangelical church, 1420 Capouse avenue, Rev. J. W. Messenger, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; subjects, "Use day school, 9,30 a. m.; Junior Endeavor, 4 p. m. Senior Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. All seats free Everybody welcome to all services. First Primitive Methodist church, Green Ridge

-Rev. G. Lees, pastor. Morning subject, "The Higher Rock"; evening subject, "Unexpected Release." Class meetings at the close of morning Plymouth Congregational church, Jackso school at Sherman avenue at 2.15 p. m. Rev

occupy the pulpit. Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street-Rev. Marion L. Firor, paster. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m Midweek service, Wednesday at 8.15 p. m. Cate chism, Saturday at 3.30 p. m. Morning subject 'As the Dev Unto Isreal"; evening subject

First church (Christian Scientist), 519 Adams avenue—Sunday services, 10,30 a. m. and 7,30 p m.; Sunday school, 11,45 a. m., subject, "Doe Atonement." Testimonial meetings is also open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in its free public reading room. "Science and Health, with the Key to Scripture," by Mary Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigators without charge. Visitors and letters of inquiry re welcomed and given courteous attention and

Gospel Tabernacie, Jefferson avenue, Dunmore James Leishman, pastor. Sunday preaching ser-vices at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday schoo at 12 m.; Young People's meeting, 6.30 p. m Christian and Missionary Alliance Tuesday at 2.30 and 7.30 p. m.

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS

BY REV. ROBERT F. Y. PIERCE, D. D. [From Author's Notes in "The Sunday School Lesson Illustrator," Published by F. II. Revel & Co., Chicago, III.]

Golden Text-"Jesus Christ maketh ther

There are three special lessons to be empha sized in our teaching today. First, the FAITH-FULNESS of the preacher; Peter, the man of God, went about doing good. Second, the FAITH of Aeneas, the palaied man who was healed. Third, the Work and Alms of Dorcas. the woman of God, who did "what she could,"



life; the best evidence of Christianity is the good it does in the world. The best illustration

MONDAY next many of the ministers of Wyoming conference will be traveling to Waverly, N. epiace where the fifty-first sesting the conference is to be held. The ministers in the conference is to be held. The services in the conference is to be held. The services in the conference is to be held. The services in the conference is to be held. The services in the conference is to be held. The services at 10.30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; Christian Endeavor Juniors, at 3.30 p. m.; Young and walk. It required great faith in the prescher mand is God, for the sick man to obey the command of Peter. The miracle illustrated the manner in which salvation is applied to the hearts of me, faith in God.—John vi24. of men, faith in God.—John v:24.

Not by rites and ceremonies, but by faith, shall we be bealed of all our spiritual maladies. In this lesson we see

Doreus laid the foundation for the thousands of helping-hand societies in the Christian world, and we should honor her name on every suitable



ing service for mankind. She ministered to the poor who had no other helper, and unconsciously wore her name into the fabric of her service. No work done for others "In His Name" will be forgotton. Somewhere, somehow, some time, it will be found and our names will shine with a mystic light, as what we have done will be the witness for our reward,-Matt. x:42.

"For the poor ye have always with you, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good," Dor-cas did not wait for an opportunity, but watched for the opportunity and sought for the occasion to do them good. Her's was truly the service of the "hidden hand." Scranton, Pa.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL **LESSON FOR APRIL 13**

PETER, AENEAS AND DORCAS. Acts, ix: 32-42.

BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D. Secretary of American Society of Religious

egun among the apostles, was soon extended to the Jews. At this many were greatly offended, and a conspiracy was laid against his life. To escape their evil designs, he fled from the city at night, being let down over the wall, in a basket. In later life he recorded what Luke omits rom the ucts, that he went away in Arabia, and fter a brief sojourn, returned to Damascus. (Gal. 1:17.) The conversion of this fiery leader put an end to the persecution for the time, and the ittle congregations, formed in various places, and the church prospered. History now turns away from Paul, leaving him in retirement to prepare for his great ministry, but relation to the disembodied spirits as modern theologians claim, at that word once more occupied its former house of flesh. (Verse 40.) The even

PALSIED.-A kind of supervision was exercised over the young churches by Peter (Acts viii, 14), it traveled through all quarters. It is imposto state how large was the circuit. In one erhaps twenty-five miles from Jerusalem. iment, and no one knows who carried the gospel or the church-a man was there who had the (Verse 23) His name, Aeneas, never and noble and condescends to take note of the unfortunate (Matt. xi, 5), and to lift them up ito distinction. The palsied Acneas is the only ne remembered of all the Christians who dwelt

CURED.-What did Peter do in Lydda'i Did preach? Did he instruct believers? Did he et apart men to official trust? Possibly, there invited by friends (James v.14, 15), an example for all ministers. He entered sympathetically, re-garding only his bodily condition. He speke th name of the invalid, and directed attention to the mighty healer. (Verse 34.) He did not say what might be done but be declared outsight the 10)-that the cure, beginning immediately, would was a miracle. In one sense it was wrought by Peter; in a much larger sense, according to Peter's own words, it was wrought by Christ. The postle was the instrument used by the one Lord. There we must pause. On many point, speculation might be indulged, but without profit

DECEASED.-Not far from Lydda was Joppa n old seaport town, made famous by Hiram and later as the shipping point of the disabedient prophet. (Jonah L., 3.) Here lived a Christian woman, universally beloved on account of her character and good deeds. (I Tim. 11, 10,) Her name Tabitha in Hebrew, Dorcas in Greek, signifies the gazelle, given, doubtless, because of her beauty, it being customary to apply names of beautiful animals to young women. (Verse 36.) Death came and removed this good woman from the scenes of her generous activity. Kind friends prepared the body according to the custom of the time, and laid it in an upper room, a place of retirement and honor. (Verse 57.) In common with all Eastern people, those who were bereaved expected a resurrection. Universal hu-manity has paused at the spectacle of death, to

nquire concerning the destiny of the departed INVITED.-When friends are taken away the heart reaches out instinctively for sympachy. The sense of loss is so painful that another is sought whose presence can supply the balm. When John was beheaded his disciples went and told Jesus. (Matt. xiv. 12.) So with the believers at Joppa, they could not bear their sorrow alone. Their names are not given, their numbers are not known; but they came together for consolation in distress. It was reported that Peter was at Lydda-probably the cure of Aeneas had reached them, and two men were sent to it vite him. (Verse 28.) The power of company 19), never more important than when trouble, like a heavy burden, rests on the soul. There was an earnest request that the apostle would make all possible haste to come to Joppa. In him all hope centered.

LAMENTED.-The better instincts of humanity this invitation. (James 1, 27.) I the two messengers he hastened corted by the two messengers he hastened to Joppa and entered the chamber of death. There good it does in the world. The best illustration of Christ's power was a changed life. Too often Christian workers forget that the intelligence, the elequence, the zeal, the physical powers of the laborer are only the agencies for the working of the Spirit of God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. ivi6.

It is not the spirit of God for the preaches which boreas had made, the evidence of her in which Doreas had made, the evidence of her in which Doreas had made, the evidence of her in which Doreas had made, the evidence of her in which Doreas had made, the evidence of her in which Doreas had made, the evidence of her in which Doreas had made, the evidence of her in the control of the cont which Doreus had made, the evidence of her

lustry and skill and goodness, the highest evi dence of womanly virtue to an Orientalist. (Prov. xxxi:19-20.) The reward had already come for the life of service. The tender regard of the orrowing, the words and looks of appreciation the genuine and general lamentation, all showed that Doreas had not lived in vain. (Psalm 2c,

RESTORED.-The fisherman apostle must be been greatly moved. The sight of the dead and stony heart. Presently he excluded all others from the room, as he had seen Jesus do. (Matt. ix, 25.) Kneeling down, he prayed, thereby confessing weakness and asking help. Men must cal upon God when a great work is attempted. (Eph. vi. 10.) "Tabitha, arise," he cried. speaking her Hebrew name dearest to her heart. The departed soul, whether it hovered near, as the old Jews believed, or had been in the home away from Paul, leaving him in retirement to prepare for his great ministry, but relating the deeds of other spostles.

BALSEE A. BALSEE the friends entered, and Doreas was presented to them alive. (Verse 41.) Her earthly work was not finished, and she was restored to the earts that loved her.

> the cause of Christ; one by truth, the other by nower. The first is slower, less certain, but it the end productive of the best results. (2 Cor ciii, 8.) The latter may be employed to good le hold upon the people, supression and gained many converts. believed in Jesus. It must not be supposed that those who believed because of this miraculou power, were made true followers of Jesus Christ their faith was like that which many had dur ing the Saviour's ministry—a kind of intellectua assent to these general doctrines which he preached, and the cause which he represented. But discipleship lay a long way further on (John iii. 3D a continued attendance upon the teach ings of the gospel. The beginning, however, v.a made, and purture must follow it. (1 Peter 11.

> rather, why the account of them? It cannot be cure a paralytic and bring back to life a pion and much-loved woman, commendable as those actions were. He tarried some time with Simon the tanner, and could not have been idle, (Venall other deeds and record these only? This question is the more important, because after a time the working of miracles was esteemed less important than the teachings of truth. I Con xil:28-31.) Out of many answers this is pro-The apostles, as successors of Christ, were for ers of the church, custodians of power, invested with authority. They would have no successors. was necessary that everyone should respec their persons and their administration. The whole Christian system would not rest on them (Eph. 11-20.) If Christ wrought through then then for all time they were attested chosen representatives. (John xv, 16.) ubsequent generations may turn back to them.

CHINA'S LOOTED SEALS SOLD.

The home secretary having appar-

From the London News,

ently been satisfied by Messrs, Deben ham that the eight Chinese imperia seals, about which questions were asked on Thursday, cannot be regarded as British plunder, the sale of these by auction took place yesterday. said they were the property of an American citizen, who purchased them from a Russian officer returned from China. Inasmuch as they are now in the possession of a foreigner, the Chinese court deems them to have los their sacred character. Some of the seals are square, measuring as much as four or five inches, while one or two of those used for private correspondence are of oblong shape, about two inches long by three-quarters of an inch wide. In each case the handle is more or less elaborately carved. mostly with grotesques, and the Chinese inscriptions-in one case the words are in the Manchu language-have a decorative effect. There appears to be no doubt that the seals are actually those used in Pekin.

The first two to be offered, kept by the chief eunuch, and not touched by the hands of the empress, under whose orders only they could be used, were soapstone seal bearing the Chinese equivalent for "Nourish your mind and nurse your spirits," employed when actors were appointed for the imperia palace, and another impressed on all documents relating to the imperial palace guards. These were bought by a private gentleman for fifty-two pounds. Six private seals of the emperor and empress have yellow silk cords at-

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