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Little Thing May Decide Your Fate .- The Importance of Trifles.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—A Bible incident set often noticed is here used by Dr. Talmage to set forth practical and beautiful truth; text, H. Corinthians xi. 32.—Through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall."

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Damascus is a city of white and glistening architecture, sometimes called "the eye of the East," sometimes called "a pearl surrounded by emeralds." at one time distinguished for awords of the best material called Damascus blades and upholstery of richest fabric called damask. A horseman of the name of Saul riding toward this city had been thrown from the saddle. The horse had dropped under a flash from the sky which at the same time was so bright it blinded the rider for many days, and I think so permanently injured his eyesight that this defect of vision became the thorn in the flesh he afterward speaks of. He started for Damascus to butcher Christians, but after that hard fall from his horse he was a changed man and preached Christ in Damascus till the city was shaken to its foundation.

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The mayor gives authority for his arrest, and the popular cry is, "Kill him, kill him!" The city is surrounded by a high wall, and the gates are watched by the police lest the Cilician preacher escape. Many of the houses are built on the wall, and their balconies projected clear over and hovered above the gardens outside. It was customary to lower baskets out of these balconies and pull up fruits and ficwers from the gardens. To this day visitors at the monastery of Mount Sinal are lifted and let down in baskets. Detectives prowled around from house to house looking for Paul, but his friends hid him now in one place, now in another. Smal are lifted and let down in baskets. Detectives provided around from house to house looking for Paul, but his friends hid him now in one place, now in another. He is no coward, as fifty incidents in his life demonstrate, but he feels his work is not done yet, and so he evades assassination. "Is that preacher here?" the foaming mob shout at one house door. "Is that fanatic here?" the police shout at another house door. Sometimes on the street incognito he passes through a crowd of clinched fists, and sometimes he secretes himself on the house top. At last the infuriate populace get on sure track of him. They have positive evidence that he is in the house of one of the Christians, the balcony of whose home reaches over the wall. "Here he is! Here he is!" The vociferation and blasphemy and howling of the pursuers are at the front door. They break in. "Fetch out that gospelizer and let us hang his head on the city gate. Where is he?" The emergency was terrible. Providentially there was a good stout basket in the house. Paul's friends fasten a rope to the basket. Paul steps into it. The backet is lifted to the edge of the balcony on the wall, and then while Paul holds the rope with both hands his friends lower away carefully and cautionsly, slowly but surely, farther down and farther down, until the basket strikes the earth and the apostle steps out and afoot and alone starts on that famous missionary tour the story of which has astonished earth and heaven. Appropriate entry in Paul's diary of travels: "Through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall." I observe first on what a slender tenure

I observe first on what a slender tenure great results hang. The ropemakers who twisted that cord fastened to that lowering basket never knew how much would depend upon the strength of it. How if it had been broken and the apostle's life had been dashed out? What would have become of the Christian Church? All that magnificent missionary work in Pampbelia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Macedonia, would never have been accomplished. All his writings that make up so indispensable and enchanting a part of the New Testament would never have been accomplished. All his writings that make up so indispensable and enchanting a part of the New Testament would never have been written.

The story of resurrection would never have been so gloriously told as he told it. That example of heroic and triumphant endurance at Philippi, in the Mediterrancen Euroclydon, under flagellation and at his beheading would not have kindled the courage of 10,000 martyrdoms. But that rope holding that basket, how much depended on it! So again and again great results have hung on slender circumstances.

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Did ever ship of many thousand tons crossing the sea have such an important passenger as had once a beat of leaves from taffrail to stern only three or four from talifal: to stern only three or four feet, the vessel made waterproof by a coat of bitumen and floating on the Nile with the infant lawgiver of the Jews on board? What if some crocodile should crunch it? What if some of the cattle wading in for a drink should sink it? Vessels of war sometimes carry forty

What if some crocodile should crunch it?
What if some of the cattle wading in for a drink should sink it?
Vesseis of war sometimes carry forty guns looking through the portholes, ready to open hattle. But the tiny craft on the Nile seems to be armed with all the guns of thunder that bombarded Sinni at the lawgiving. On how fragile a craft sailed how much of historical importance!

The parsonage at Epworth, England, is on fite in the night, and the father rushed through the hallway for the rescue of his children. Seven children are out and safe on the ground, but one romains in the consuming building. That one awakes and, finding his bed on fire and the building crumbling, comes to the window, and two pensants make a ladder of their bodies, one peasant standing on the shoulder of the other, and down the human ladder the boy descends—John Wesley.

If you would know how much depended on that ladder of peasants, ask the millions of Methodists on both sides of the sea. Ask their mission stations all around the world. Ask their hundreds of thousands already ascended to join their founder, who would have perished but for the living stairs of peasants' shoulders.

An English ship stopped at Piteairn Island, and right in the midst of surrounding cannibalism and squalor the passengers discovered a Christian colony of churches and schools and heautiful homes and highest style of religion and civilization. For fifty years no missionary and no Christian infinence had landed there. Why this onus of light and a desert of heathendom? Sixty years before a ship had met disaster, and one of the sailors, unable to save anything else, went to his trunk and took out a Bible which his mother had placed there and swam ashore, the Bible held in his teeth. The book was read on all sides until the rough and vicious population were evangelized, and a church was started, and an enlightened commonwealth established and the world's history has no norre brilliant page than that which tells of the transformation of a nation by one book. It did

results?

Practical inference: There are no insignificances in life. The minutest thing is part of a magnitude. Infinity is made upol infinitesimals; great things an aggregation of small things. Bethlehem manger palling on a star in the Eastern sky. One book in a drenched sailor's mouth the avangelization of a multitude. One book of papyrus on the Nile freighted with svents for all ages. The fate of Christendom in a basket let down from a window on the wall. What you do, do well. If you make a rope, make it strong and true. a make a rope, make it strong and true.

You know not how much may depend
Your workmanship. If you Iashion a
at, let it be waterproof, for you know
t who may sail in it. If you put a Bible
the trunk of your boy as he goes from
me, let it be remembered in your praya, for it may have a mission as far-reachg as the book which the sailor carried
his teeth to the Pitcairn beach.
The plainest man's life is an island heseen two eternities eternity past ripmig against his shoulders, eternity to
me touching his brow. The carnal, the
cidental, that which merely happened
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corded service. Who spun that rope? Who tied it to the basket? Who steadied the illustrious preacher as he stepped into it? Who relaxed not a muscle of the arm or dismissed an anxious look from his face until the basket touched the ground and discharged its magnificent cargo? Not one of their names has come to us, but there was no work done that day in Damaseus or in all earth compared with the importance of their work. What if they had in their agitation—ind a knot that could slip? What if the sound of the mob at the door had led them to say. "Paul must take care of himself and we will take care of ourselves?" No, no! They held the rope and in doing so did more for the Christian church than any thousand of us will ever accomplish. But God knows and has made record of their andertaking. And they know.

How exuitant they must have felt when they read his letters to the Romans, to the Ephesians, to the Philippians, to the Colossians, to the Thessalonians, and when they heard how he walked out of prison, with the earthquake unlocking the door for him, and took command of the Alexandrian corn ship when the sailors were nearly scared to death and preached a sermon that nearly shook Felix off his judgment seat! I hear the men and women who helped him down through the window and over the wall talking in private over the matter and saving: "How glad I am that we effected tilat rescae! In coming times others may get the glory of Paul's work, but no one shall rob us of the satisfaction of knowing that we held the rope."

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Once for thirty-six hours we expected Once for thirty-six hours we expected every moment to go to the bottom of the ocean. The waves struck through the skylights and rushed down into the field of the ship and hissed against the boilers. It was an awful time, but by the blessing of God and the faithfulness of the men is charge we came out of the cyclone, and we arrived at home. Each one before leaving the ship thanked Captain Andrews. I do not think there was a man or woman that went off that ship without thanking Captain Andrews, and when years after I heard of his death I was impelled to write a letter of condolence to his family in Liverpool. Everybody recognized the goodness, the courage, the kindness of Captain Andrews, but it occurs to me now that we never thanked the engineer. He stood away down in the darkness amid the hissing furnaces, doing his whole duty. Nobody thanked the engineer, but God recognized his heroism and his continuance and his fidelity, and there will be just as high reward for the engineer, who worked out of sight, as for the captain, who stood on the bridge of the ship in the midst of the howling tempest.

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Come, let us go right up and accost those on the circle of heavenly thrones. Surely they must have killed in battle a million men. Surely they must have been buried with all the cathedrals sounding a dirac and all the towers of all the cities tolling the national grief. Who art thou, mighty one of heaven? "I lived by choice the unmarried daughter of an humble home that I might take care of my parents in their old age, and I endured without complaint all their querulousness and administered to all their wants for twenty years." Let us pass on round the circle ents in their old age, and I endured without complaint all their querulousness and
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years." Let us pass on round the circle
of thrones. Who art thou, mighty one of
heaven? "I was for thirty-five years a
Christian invalid and suffered all the
while, occasionally writing a note of sympathy for those worse off than I, and was
general confidant of all those who had
trouble, and once in awhile I was strong
enough to make a garment for that poor
family in the back lane." Pass on to another throne. Who art thou, mighty one
of heaven? "I was the mother who raised
a whole family of children for God, and
they are out in the world Christian merchants. Christian mechanics. Christian
wives, and I have had full reward for all
my toil." Let us pass on in the circle of
thrones. "I had a Sabbath-school class,
and they were always on my heart, and
they all entered the kingdom of God, and
I am waiting for their arrival." But who
art thou, mighty one of heaven, on this
other throne? "In time of bitter persecution I owned a house in Damaseus, a
house on the wall. A man who preached
Christ was hounded from street to street,
and I hid him from the assassins, and
when I found them breaking into my
house and I could no longer keep him safeiy, I advised him to flee for his dear life,
and a hasket was let down over the wall
with the maltreuted man in it, and I was
one who helped hold the rope." And I
said, "Is that all?" And while I was lost in
amaxement I heard a strong voice that
sounded as though it might once have
been hoarse from many exposures and
triumphant as though it might once have
been hoarse from many exposures and
triumphant as though it might have belonged to one of the martyrs, and it said,
"Not many mighty, not many noble, are
called, but God hath chosen the weak
things of the world to confound the things
which are mighty, and base things of the
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called, but God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mightly, and hase things of the world and things which are despised hath God chosen; yea, and things which are not to bring to maught things which are not to bring to maught things which are that no flesh should glory in His presence." And I looked to see from whence the voice came, and, lo, it was the very one who had said. "Through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall!"

Henceforth think of nothing as insignificant. A little thing may decide your all. A Cunarder put out from England for New York. It was well equipped, but in outting un a stove in the pilot hox a nail was driven too near the compass. You know how that nail would affect the compass. The ship's officers, deceived by that distracted compass, put the ship 200 miles off her-right course and suddenly the man on the lookout cried, "Land ho!" and the ship was halted on Nautucket shoals. A sixpenny uail came near wrecking a Cunarder. Small ropes hold mighty destines.

A minister scated in Boston at his table, tacking a word, puts his hand behind his head and tilts back his chair to think, and the ceiling falls and crushes the table and wanid have crushed him.

A minister in Jamaica at night by the light of an insect called the candle fly is kept from stepping over a precipice a hundred feet. F. W. Hobertson, the celebrated English elergyman, said that he entered the ministry from a train of circumstances started by the barking of a dog.

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Had the wind blown one way on a certain/day the Spanish Inculsition would have been established in England, but it blew the other way, and that dropped the accuraced institution, with seventy-five tons of shipping, to the bottom of the sea or flung the splintered logs on the rocks.

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Nothing unimportant in your life or mine. Three naughts placed on the right side of the figure one make a thousand, and six naughts on the right side of the figure one a million, and our nothingness placed on the right side may be augmentation illimitable. All the ages of time and eternity affected by the basket let down from a Damascus balcony.

Swiss Town to Abolish Fuel. The town of Davos, writes a Swiss correspondent, is considering a bold scheme for the abolition of all the ordinary forms of fuel. It is proposed to erect an extensive electric plant at the confluence of two large mountain tor rents, whose united waters will supply the necessary motive force. A large firm of Swiss electricians has been studying the problem for over a year, and has obtained the concession of the forces of the torrents alluded to. The same firm has bought out new electric heating and cooking appartus espectally designed for the scheme. The first cost of the installation is estimated to be 8.500,000 francs. Already electricity is not only used for lighting and motive power, but is adopted in many villages for cooking and heating and in one of the largest bakeries. The idea is to do away with all contamination of

In 1870 the savings banks of the United States held \$549,000,000 belonging to 1,630,846 depositors. In 1900 the deposits amounted to \$2,384,000,000, and the deposits numbered 5,875,450.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL

nternational Lesson Comments For September 1.

ubject: Israc the Peacemaker, Gen. xxvi., 12-25 -- Golden Text, Matt. v., 9 -- Memory Verses, 24-25-Cormentary on the Day's Lesson.

Connecting Links. Soon after the events of our last lesson Sarah died at Hebron, and Abraham purchased the cave of Machpelah for a burring-place for his wife. When Isaac was forty years old Abraham sent his servant to Mesopotamia, called Abraham's country (22 4) because it was the place where the iamily of Haran, his brother, had settled, and where Abraham's father was buried. The servant succeeded in his undertaking and Rebekah was brought back to Canaan and became Isaac's wife. When Isaac was sixty years old Jacob and Esau were born. In B. C. 1821 occurred the death of Abraham. He had lived to the good old age of 175. He was "quiet and restful in his later years, growing in faith and piety, and gniding with his counsels and his example his son and his grandsons, Jacob and Esau, with whom he lived until they were fifteen years old, showing them acts of kindness and love." Abraham was buried in the cave of Machpelah with his beloved wife Sarah. At present this cave is covered by a Mohammedan mosque, which is ascrelly guarded against the intrusion of travelers. When Jacob and Esau were thirty-one years old Esau, the elder, sold his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage. Gen. 25: 27-34. We read that he "deepised his birthright." About a year after Esau had \$2.2 his birthright there was a famine in the land, and Isaac went to dwell in Gerar, which was the chief city of the Philistines. He seems to have been making preparations to go to Egypt, where his father had gone during the first famine, more than a hundred years before this; but the Lord appeared unto him and told him not to go down into Egypt, but to dwell in Canaan. At this time the covenant made with his father, Abraham, was renewed. Gen. 26: 3-5. It seems strange that when Isaac went to dwell at Gerar he should fall into the same snare that Abraham had fallen into in the very same place, but such was the case, for when they asked him concerning his wife, Isaac was famine in God's service. His hie was uneventful, almost monotonous. He was not physical

came very great.

14. "Envised him." Here we see how vanity attaches to every earthly good; prosperity begets envy, and from envy proceeds injury. Envy is the constant

proceeds injury. Envy is the constant companion of prosperity.

15. "For all the wells," etc. In those countries a good well of water was a possession of immense value, and hence in their wars it was an object for either party to fill the wells in order to distress the enemy. Envy considers that which is lost to another as gain to itself.

16. "Go from us." Issue does not insist upon the bargain he had made with them for the lauds he beld, nor upon his occupying nor improving of them, nor does he offer to contest with them by force, but peaceably departs. We should deny ourselves rather than quarrel.

17. "Valley of Gerar." The country around Gerar.

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18. "Digged again the wells." etc. It is our dut? to keep up the memorials of the great and good. The Philistines had filled the wells Abraham had dug, and Issac resolves to open them again. Many . our enjoyments, both civil and religious, are the sweeter for being the fruits of the labor of our fathers, and if they have been corrupted by adversaries since their day, we must restore them to their former purity.

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19. "Well of springing water." "Well of living waters." This is its meaning both in the Old and New Testaments. See John 4: 10-14; 7: 38; Rev. 21; 6; 22; 1. An John 4: 10-14; 7: 38; Rev. 21: 6; 22: 1. An unfalling spring was an emblem of the graces and influences of the Spirit of God. 20. "Did strive." Those that avoid striving, yet can not avoid being striven with. Psa. 120: 7. In this sense Jereniah was a man of contention (Jer. 15: 10), and also Christ Himself, though He is the Prince of peace.

21. "Digged another well." "Never did any man more implicitly follow the divine command. 'Resist not evil,' than did Isaac:" whenever he found that his work was likely to be a subject of strife and contention, he always chose to suffer wrong than do wrong. He overcame evil with good.

22. "Removed from thence." We are told that he met the envy with patience

22. Removed from theree. We age told that he met the envy with patience and removed from well to well. At last the Philistines desisted. Endurance, meekness, the gospel spirit, are the only true weapons to use against the world. Isaac, like Christ, conquered by meekness. Abraham was the man of faith, Isaac the man of endurance, and Jacob was the man of prayer.

ham was the man of faith, Issae the man of endurance, and Jacob was the man of prayer.

23. "Went up—to Beer-sheba." Issae had trouble while among the Philistines. "To enjoy God's presence we must be where He is, and He certainly is not to be found amid the strife and contention of an ungodly world; and hence, the sooner the child of God gets away from all such the better; so Issae found it."

24. "The Lord appeared." The angel-of the covenant—the Messiah. "The same night." "He needed special encouragement when insulted and outraged by the Philistines, and God immediately appears to comfort and support him in his trials by a renewal of all His promises." "The God of Abraham." "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Matt. 22: 32. Therefore Issae is assured that his father has not perished by death, but that he is still alive. "With thee." Issae was encouraged not merely by the Lord's blessing, but by the Lord Himself.

25. "Builded an altar." "Issae first built an altar and then digged a well. Every dwelling-place of the godly should be a sanctuary." Here at last he had real enjoyment. He had an undisputed well which the Philistines could not fill up, because they were not there.

Made Notes While Unconscious Prof. C. Le Neve Foster, D. Sc., the British inspector of mines, is retiring from a post which he has filled for nearly thirty years. His blue books on mines and quarries are well-known works of reference. On at least one occasion he was placed in imminent peril through carbonic-oxide fumes, the re sult of an explosion in the Snaefell lead mine, Isle of Man, During the interval which ensued before aid could be rendered from the surface, and while his companions were being drawn up, each in turn, and in various stages of unconsciousness, he made pencil notes of his sensations and the surrounding conditions.- New York

A Growing Family.

Mrs. Will Burnett of Duniap, is the five years ago she has ten children, born in this order: First, one child; second, twins; third, triplets; fourth, a quartet. The latter arrived a few CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

September I - Spiritual Acquaintance - Jol zzii., 21-23.

Scripture Verses.—Eph. B, 10-22; Bi., 14-21; Phil. i., 9-11; Bi., 12-14; Col. i., 9-11; Thess. Bi., 12-13; 2 Thess. i., 3; Heb. vl., 1; xiii., 20, 21; 2 Peter Bi., 18.

Lesson Thoughts.-God is a burden carrier. Are you weighed down with business cares? Have disuppoint-ments made your life hard? Have friends forsaken you? Does anything cause you sorrow or anxiety? "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peacee." Acquaintance with God means a growing familiarity with his word and loving obedience to his law. Hatred of sin always accompanies acquaintance with God. There is a deadly, uninterrupted eternal war between God and Satan, and friendship with one means enmity with

Selections. Learn that to love is the one way to know, Or God or man; it is not love received That maketh man to know the inner

Of them that love him; his own love

buil do it. —Jean Ingelow. Let all our employment be to know Shull do It. God; the more one knows him the more one desires to know him. And as knowledge is commonly the measure of love, the deeper and more extensive our knowledge shall be, the greater will be our love; and if our love of God were great we should love him equally in pains or pleasure. Whatever below God is the object of our love will at some time or other be the matter of our sorrow. The history of all the great characters of history of all the great characters of the Bible is summed up in this sen-tence: They acquainted themselves with God, and acquiesced in his will in all things. God is a center of the soul; and, just as in a circle, what is nearest the center is subject to least motion; so the closer the soul is to God, so the less movement and ag-itation to which it is exposed.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS. September 1 - Spiritual Acquaintance - Joh xxII., 21-23.

itation to which it is exposed.

we know God. We may not know Him with the head. But we can know him with the heart. Good always comes when God comes. His law is the method by which he does things. We ought to know his word. We shall never be able to put away infullyq till we have God's word in our To know God, there must be known. There can be no correspondence until there is something to correspondence until there is something to correspond. Mind lies at the base of every temple of knowledge. Mind is the button God touches when he wish-

es to send a message to mankind.

The mightiest movements are the movements of usind. Jesus said: "He that hath ears to hear, but him hear." St. Paul said to Young Timothy, "Give

St. Paul said to Young Timothy, "Give attendance to reading," Strive to understand, the very effort to know helps one to understand.

Jesus said, speaking of God's doctrine, "If any do His will, he shall know of the doctrine."

We may know God through his handleach

his bandwork. It would acquaint us better with heaven if we studied the heavens more. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his bandiwork. The love of God's heart is revealed in the work of his hands. of his hands.

In his immortal mountain sermon Jesus said, "Behold the fowls of the air," and "Consider the illies of the field." We are to learn from this field." We are to learn from this that he cares for souls. We should love Jesus more if we know the lilles

As the summer sun beams upon the rosebush till the buds break into bloom, so the soul must upon God's word till the infinite beauty unfolds. The searchers are the finders. Men search mines and find gold. If they will search the Bible they will find God.

We may know God by experience.
Many things may be experienced that
cannot be explained. The soul may
know God by personal experience of
His power, and love. The peace this
knowledge before. knowledge brings can be experienced. It is only knowing God that brings

## RAMS' HORN BLASTS



ing is the gain of the axe. His sacrifice is seed of our

salvation. God's His presence. The spoils of avarice build the

tomb of all the virtues. You

keep the Sabbath till you love and prize it. His glory surpasses the sun because He stooped to sinners.

Earthy church-going may end in heavenly church-being. It is not the truth so much as the Teacher who saves.

God's songsters sing in the bare tree as well as in the green. A s'appery character will not insure you against friction in life.

hook for the devil's line. All agree that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive advice. He who slanders another smuts

An inverrogation point makes a fine

There are no passports to heaven. To abide in God's love is to live in heaven.

The best praise of the sermon is its Gratitude doubles the gift and

halves the debt. Trials may be God's testimony to our strength. Much of the sting of life comes from our smart sayings.

He who persecutes the Christian pains the Christ. He that aims at a reputed wolf may

Boiling anger scalds nobody's fingera but our own. The best graces of life come from the grace of God!

Life's commonplaces fit us for its incommon places. Love is the only lever long enough to reach the heart. COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions

New York (Special).—Bradstreet's review of trade says: An improvement alike in tone and in demand is noted in weather and crop conditions in the Northwest combine to give that section specially generous yields. Good crops in the Pacific Northwest are also re-

The iron and steel strike shows little The iron and steel strike shows that change, but despite the lowered consumption growing out sof the strike stocks of pig iron are smaller that they were a month ago on a comparatively trifling decrease in production.

Boot and shoe manufacturers have booked good orders. Leather is active

and hides are firm.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week in the United States aggregate 9,039,761 bushels as against 8,832,199 last week, and 3,113,641 in the week last year. Wheat exports, July 1 to date aggregate 44,072,332, as against 10,044,600 last year. 19.044.096 last year.

Corn exports aggregate 508,807, as against 990,714 last week, and 3,017,08c last year. July 1 to date exports are 9,227,168 against 23,676,349 last season. Business failures in the United States number 178, as against 185 last week. 168 in this week a year ago, 172 in 1890, 195 in 1898, and 221 in 1897. For Canada failures for the week number 25, as against 29 last week, 24 in this week a

against 29 last week. 24 in this week a year ago and 20 in 1899.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Crop conditions in the territory most affected by the recent drought are improving and the weather has been highly satisfactory in nearly all districts east of the Missouri river. though rains have interrupted the

spring wheat harvest.

The steel strike has affected prices extensively, particularly on sales for immediate delivery. In tin plates the advance has been greatest, while hoops, sheet, skelp and billets are sold at premiums. Confidence is steadily shown by placing of distant deliveries at regular prices.

### LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Best Patent, \$4.60; High Grade Extra, \$4.10; Minnesota bakers, Wheat-New York, No. 2 red. 7814c;

Philadelphia. No. 2 red, 74½a74½c; Baltimore, 76c. Corn—New York. No. 2, 61½c; Philadelphia. No. 2, 60½a6re; Baltimore. No. 2, 65c. Oats-New York, No. 2, 40c; Phil-

delphia. No. 2 white, 43a44½c; Baltimore, No. 2 white, 43a44c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$17.00; No. 2 timothy, \$16.00a16.50; No. 3 timothy.

\$15.00a15.50. Green Fruits and Vegetables-Ap-

ples—Eastern Shore, Maryland and Virginia, per bbl, fancy, \$1.75a2.00.

Beets—Native, per 100 bunches, 75a90c.

Blackberries—per quart, Wilsons, 6a7.

Cabbage—Native, per 100, Flat Dutch.

\$3,50a5.50. Cantaloupes—Gems, per basket, green. 20a25c; large, per 100. \$2.00a4.00. Celery—New York Sate. per dozen stalks, 25a40c. Corn-Per dozen, 4a6c. Damsons-Maryland and Virginia, per bbl. \$3,50a4.00. Eggplants
—Per basket, 30a35c. Huckleberries—
Per quart, 6a8c. Onions—Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bushel, 60a 65c. String Beans—Native, per bu, 50a65c. Peaches—Maryland and Virginia, per box, yellows, 65ca\$1.00; Georgia, 6-basket carrier, \$1.25a1.75; Georgia. 6-basket carrier. \$1.25a1.75;
Sonth Carolina, per carrier, \$1.25a1.75.
Pears—Manning Elizabeth, per basket,
40a60c; Eastern Shore. Bartletts, per
basket, 30a40. Plums—New York, per
8-lb basket, 15a20c; Eastern Shore, per
quart, 2½a3½e. Squash—Per basket,
15a20c. Tomatoes—Potomae, per 2basket carrier, 75a80c; Rappahannock,
per peach basket, 30a35; Maryland, per
basket, 30a35; Anne Arundel, per basket, 40a50. Watermelons—Per 100, selects, \$16.00a18.00.

ket, 40a50. Wateri lects, \$16.00a18.00. meld." We are to learn from this that he cares for souls. We should love Jesus more if we know the lilies better.

We may know God through his word. Speaking of the godly man, and God's law, David says, "In His law obth He meditate day and night." As the summer sun beams upon the \$1,000 and \$1,00

\$3.0003.25. Provisions and Hog Products-Bulk rib sides, 91/2; shoulders, 81/2; do, fat backs, 14 lbs and under, 81/4; mess strips, 8½; do, ham butts, 8½; bacon clear sides, 10½; sugar-cured breasts, small, 13½; bladecuts, 9½; California hams, 9¾; hams, 10 lbs, 13 to 13½; do, 12 lbs and over, 12¾; beef, Western, canvassed and uncanvassed sets,

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14½; mess pork. \$16.50; ham pork.
\$16.00; lard, refined & -lb cans. 9½; do
do, half-barrels and new tubs. 9¼.

Hides—Heavy steers, association and
salters, late kill, 60 lbs and up, close
selection. 10a11½c; cows and light steers, 9a91/2.
Dairy Products—Butter—Elgin.

-c; separator, extras,22a23c; do, firsts, 20a21c; do, gathered cream, 19a20; do, imitation, 17a19; ladle extra, 15a17; ladles, first, 14a15; choice Western rolls, 15a16; fair to good 13a14; half-pound creamery, Maryland, Vieginia and Pennsylvania, 21a22; do, rolls, 2-lb,

Eggs-Western Maryland and Pennylvania, per dozen, -at6e; Eastern shore (Maryland and Virginia), per oz, -at6; Virginia, 15½at6; Western nd West Virginia, 151/2016; Southern

Live Poultry—Hens, 10c; old rous-ters, each, 25a3oc; spring chickens, 13½a14c. Ducks, 8aoc. Spring ducks, oatoc.

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"Why, one is for external and the other for internal use," was the reply.

other for internal use," was the reply.

"But which is it?"

"This is for external. External means outside, you know. You rub it on."

"Yes, sah."

"And the other you swallow."

"Yes, sah; but sposin! I dun git dem bottles mixed up arter I git home?"

"Yes, you may do that. Have you got a wife?"

"Suahly, sah."

"Well, then, let her take the contents of one bottle and you rub your legs."

well, then, let her take the contents of one bottle and you rub your legs with the other. Understand?"
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She had returned with an M.D. from she had returned with an M.D. from a university after her name, and had been elected to the chair of English literature in a small local college. On the day before the session opened the president was explaining to her the duties of her place. "In addition to your work in English literature," he said, with apologetic hesitation, "I should like you to take the junior and senior classes in closuring and also assume charge of the elocution and also assume charge of the physical culture.

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training?"
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"And I was elected to the chair of

Eiglish literature—"
"Yes," the president answered gloom-

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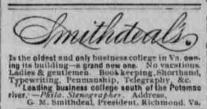
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