"TRAGEDY OF A OUEEN" A Brilliant Sunday Sermon By Rev. F. F. Siannon.

maws a Timely Lesson From the Story of Vashti Pew Piner Exhibitions of Sacrifice.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.-For his Sunday morning sermon, in Grace M. E. Church, the pastor, the Rev. Frederick F. Shan-non, had for his theme "The Tragedy of a Queee." The text was from Esther 1:11-12: "Bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to show the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. But the Queen Vashti refered to come at the king's command-ment by his chamberlains." Mr. Shannon and:

refaced to come at the king's command-ment by his chamberlains." Mr. Shannon "Beneficient by his chamberlains." Mr. Shannon "The Ahasuerus of the book of Esther is the Nerxes of profane history. By com-mon consent of historians he was one of the most powerful monarchs that ever with the exploits, and Grote and Rollin, also, dwell upon his power and achieve-ments in an interesting manner. But his tawdry greatness is worth while only as it every set forth the heraism of Yasht Ahrady the centuries have tarnished the brithance of his court, but not the beauty of his queen. Simban, the paizer, exists on in name. The bundred sail four evers all one allows and the brithance of his gorous kingdom and the brithance of his court, but not the beauty of his queen. Simban, the paizer, exists on an able hanging, tied with cords of purple and fine those to silver rings in polar and silver beds, which sail upon a pavement of red and blue and white and black marble, have had no occupants for from which primes quadfed the royal wine, it all one with the golden years. The polar marble perished long ago. The polar marble perished long ago the provement of red and blue and white and black marble, have had no occupants for from which primes quadfed the royal wine in the table. The is no respect of peri-back in a shadow of darkness. I the polar is for a white hie sind the beauty of a great soul. Time cannot quench is fine source is a put whesert. And that which size of a white hie. Time cannot perificient the source of a durantion and the fine source is a put where the and the beauty of a great soul. Time cannot quench is why Queen Yashti and the tragedy of a users.

Perhaps we shall be more causible of measuring the unfortunate queen by glanc-ing at the momarch sile opposed. Ahasue-rus possessed the aimost unlimited power of an Oriental despot. His will was su-prome in everything. We find him here giving a feast to his lowds and princes. Having conceived the idea of making war on Greece, this least to his subjects is a step looking to that end. Whatever he undertook usually came to poss. He could die a canal through the isthmus of Monnt Atlos. He could build a bridge of ships are for its tempestuousness. He could bedeck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for its traitfunces. He could heteck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for its traitfunces. He could heteck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for the traitfunces. He could heteck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for the traitfunces. He could heteck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for the traitfunces. He could heteck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for the traitfunces. He could heteck the branches of a tree with pewery as a reward for the traitfunces. He could hete that in less than a creative not one of these men would survive. Bat we have 'erhaps we shall be more capable of

flected that in less than a century not one of these men would survive. But we have in our text one thing this monstreh could not do. He could not corned a helpless woman to permit him and his dranken courtiers to make a toy of her beauty. He could not drag a high-souled queen down from the pedestal of her stainless purity? Consider, in the first place, that the life-story of Vashti recalls the fact that places have furnished the actors in some of the darkest, deepest tragedies in history. When Shakayearte wanted material from which to create this inmortal dranas, with unerring vision the 1 ghty master began to probe the life history of kings and queens. From their laughter and tears, from their splendor and shame, from their rise and fall, he wove a literary "yeatry which is the growing wonder of me. In-deed, as we watch Shakayeare move his royal players over his mental chease board, we have to exclaim, with Asachylus," What a shadow of a shade is human foralty!" Rieng in brillance, these royal stars set in darkness; and, usually, their darkness is made more terrible by the ominous flashings of red lightings of remorse. After a palace and its occupants have passed under Shakapeare's pen, this is the conclusion of the whole matter. Thrones are painted bubbles, and kings and gueens are bubble chasers! This is not saving there are no good sums and and queens are bubble chasers! This is not saving there are no good kings and queens, because there are. It is, rather, emphasizing the fact that the bappiest people are those who are fortunate enough not to have been born under the star of

regalty. We all know how the historian loves to We all know how the instorian loves to dwell upon the character of Cleopatra. Be-youd question, she was one of the most raptivating women of paganism. Descend-ed from a long line of kings, royal blood

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sa day! Indeed, modesty is so inherent an element in the great essentials making genu-ine beauty that without modesty beauty is impossible. We are indepited to no hu-man law for this truth-God has woven <text>

death was a vications sacroice for sin. "The sin." All the sins of all the children of Adam. The atonement was complete, no one was left out, but all may be saved if they will no one was left out, but all may be saved if they will accept the provisions made. 30. "After me," etc. Jesus came after John in point of time, but He was pre-ferred before him in dignity and honor. "Was before me." This refers to Christ's eternal pre-existence with the Father. 21. "Knew Him not," I was not previously acquainted with Him, and there has been no private collogion or Strangement has another coronation on high.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY B. JANUARY EIGHTH.

Subject: The Witness of John the Saptisr to Jesus, John L. 19-34-Golden Text, John L. 39-Memory Verses, 26, 27-Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

Commentary on the Day's Lesson. 1. The testimony of John the Baptist (*) He sentence means this is the testi-mony that John bare. "The Jews." This is the sentence means this is the testi-mony that John bare. "The Jews." This is the opponents of the set." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The Jews." are the opponents of the set." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The Jews." are the opponents of the set. The Jews." The set and Levites." The provide the set of the Sanhedrin." "What do you protees to be the Messiah, or provide the the set of the set are plain to be the Messiah, or plainter, The other is the state of expect the set of the set of the set and the set of the set of the set of the set and the set of the set of the set of the set of the set and the set of th iquity. The Scriptures thus describe the natural state of man. "The imagination of the thoughts of the heart is evil from his youth up." The carnal mind is said to be at enmity against God, and "dead in trespasses and sins." forth in iniquity." salvation. By no process of evolution or education can the natural man develop into the spiritual man. cannot be justified. (Rom. 3, 20.)

ministry. The other is that one superstations in which the people were at this time.
20. "Not the Christ." The form of specific in this verse implies a very positive of the number of the senter of the s time "Not the Christ," The form of

II. John points out Jesus (vs. 29-31). 29. "The next day." After the testimony of John to the deputation from Jerusalem. "Seeth Jesus." The fact that John knew Jesus shows that the baptism and tempta-tion (Matt. 3:13 to 4:11) preceded the events of this lesson. "Lamb of God." There is no reasonable doubt that John gave this name to our Lord because He was the true sacrifice for sin, the true anti-type of the passover lamb, and the lamb prophesied of by Isaiah (isa. 53.7). "Tak-eth away." Or "beareth away," as in the margin. On the great day of atonement the priest confessed the sins of the people and laid them upon the scapegoat, and the goat was sent to the depths of the desert. Christ's taking away the sins of the world is borrowed from this act. We have here one of the many expressions which declare the meat scriptural truth that Christ's death was a vicarious sacrince for sin. "The sin " All the sine of the schulders."

THE GREAT DESTROYER 1

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

"The Making of a Christian; His Poems No Place For Boys - Drinking Among Women Has Come to Be One of the Social Problems of Brooklyn-Look Ont For the Girls.

Scripture Verses.--Matt. 18, 3; 7, 16:15; Heb. 11, 6; Eph. 4, 22-24; Gal. 5, 19-21; Rom. 7, 21-25; 8, 1-13; Jor. 24, 7; John 1, 12: What can a boy do and where can a boy stay, If he is always told to get out of the way? He cannot sit here and he must not stand

There is need of a new birth, be

He cannot sit here and he must not stand there: The cushions that cover that fine rocking-chair Wore put there, of course, to be seen and admired. A boy has no business to ever be tired. The beautiful rows and flowers that bloom On the floor of the darkened and delicate room. use by nature we are born in in

room Are not made to walk on-at least, not by

"conceived in sin and brough The house is no place, anyway, for their The new birth is the only way of noise.

Yet boys must walk somewhere; and what if their feet, Sent out of our houses, sent into the

street, Should step around the corner and pause at the door Where other boys' feet have paused often But one life can live in the kingdom of God, and that is God's life. Take a

before, Should pass through the gateway of glitterbird from the air and put it in water,

and death by drowning ensues Take a fish from the water ing light. Where jokes that are merry and songy that are bright Ring out a warm welcome with flattering into the air and it dies by suffocation

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ural man cannot live in a heavenly at mosphere, nor the spiritual man breathe a worldly atmosphere. The

man can come to Christ except the Father draw him." If he comes

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O HEIGHT AND DEPTH OF LOVE. BY ANNIE E. WOODCOCK.

Bright angels still are near, As in the days of old: Their joyful tidings bauish fear, And grace unfold. To lowly and to high Their message peace imparts, And stallt Betheliem seems night To humble hearts.

O faithful souls and wise -Go worship and adore! The Day star risen to cheer your eyes, Shall set no more. The Prince of Peace is horn. Your Saviour and your Friend: And shadows fice hefore the dawn, And sorrows end.

O height and depth of love!

O heia's and depth of name In deep humilay The eternal King left herven above For you and me. What officering can we bring? What anthem can we raise? Lord! give us hearts Thy praise to sing Thro' all our days? —London Christian.

A Portrait of Christ.

And temptingly say, "Here's a place for the boys!"
Ah, what if they should? What if your boy or mine
Should cross o'er the threshold which marks out the line
"Twist' virtue and vice, 'twixt purchess and sin.
And leave all his innocent boyhood within? Oh, what if they should, because you and the years hurry by.
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To make our round hearthstone a place for the boys?
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This portrait should beget in us a spirit "of love, reverence and worship. For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our bests to give the light of the knowledge of the slow of God in the face of Jesus Christ. – The Rev. S. V. Robinson, at Unior Course Baptist Church, in the Brooklyn Eagle.

Profitable Giving.

by the splendor of its fitting up. After 570. For twenty years previous my tor's bills had not been less than 8 year, but for the last six years they not exceeded \$2 a year. I tell you, "I is that scattereth and yet increaseth," "the liberal sout shall be made fat." "-\$70 -Herald of the Coming One.

A LONG TOLD TALE.

the Troublesome Experience of a Fund. Husband in Story Telling.

There was a friend dining with Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey a few evenings ago. He was a few minutes late to linner, for the train on which he had some out from the city had been deaved by a "hot box."

"That reminds me of an experience I had a year ago," said Mr. Guernsey, when his friend had explained his tardiness.

"Why, no, Frank, if you mean the time that the limited was late, it war eighteen months ago," said Mrs. Guernsey.

"Well, maybe it was, my dear. At any rate, it was a very chilly evening and-

"Chilly!" Interrupted Mrs. Guernsey. "Why, Frank, it was frigid. L remember distinctly that it was eightcen below zero that night. I looked at the thermometer while I was waiting for you." =

"Yes, it was very cold. Well, as I was about to say, Bronson, one of our neighbors, and I were coming out from town and--'

"Oh, no, it wasn't Mr. Bronson that came out with you; it was Wilfred. Clark. You met Mr. Bronson in the smoking car after the accident occorred. You told me so that night."

"I dare say, but that doesn't affect the story. Let me sec, ob, yes, just an our train was pulling in at Maywood,

"No, no, Frank, your train was just leaving Alderson. Don't you remember it stopped right there by the blg water tank? I niways think what a time you had every time I pass that water tank on the cars, and last summer, when I was driving by once with the Reids, I told them all about it." "The train came to a standstill with a fearful jolt," continued Mr. Guezn-

sey, "and I said to Bronson-'No, you said to Wilfred. 1 reminded you a few minutes ago that you didn't meet Mr. Bronson until after-

wards.' "So you did. Well, I said that I thought we were in a collision, for the folt was something fearful. The few people that were standing in the car were thrown violently to the floor."

"Why, some fell on seats, Frank. I know that, because Wilfred told me afterwards that one woman had her ribs broken on the arm of a sent."

"Yes, a few did fall in that way, But as I was saying, I told Wilfred-I suppose it was Wilfred-that I was sure it was a collision, and then we both ran to the rear end of the car."

"It was the forward end of the car. You know that the rear end was blocked by a timber that had fallen across the platform."

"Ob, here comes the dessert," remarked Mr. Guernsey, irrelevantly. "Will you have whipped cream on your pudding?"

The guest said "Yes," and as he had an engagement in the suburb, he left shortly afterward.

"Well, I declare," he said to bimself as he walked away from the Guernseys. "poor, old Frank gives up trying to tell his story; I'll meet him at lunch some day in town and get him to finish it. I wonder that he attempts to talk-under the circumstances."-The Little Chronicle.

Count Bani's Palace.

The house that Count Boni de Castellane built in the Avenue du Bols de Boulogne is once more the sensation of the hour. Since its outer walls, forming an almost exact copy of the Grand Trianon Palace at Versallies, were first displayed to and admiring public, a few years ago, tobsid ceased to be much talked about. w Count to be much talked about. Boni de Castellane and the Counters, nee Gould, are astonishing Paris again



strengthens the disease.

The Making of a Christian: His Birth. -John 3, 1-8.

Birth."-John 3. 1-8.

Lesson Thoughts.

Selections.

natural man receiveth not the things

know, but the facts of the new life

are as plain and certain as that

We may not know the day nor the

hour when we are born again, but we

impartation of life to man, to animal, and to plain is, even in the brightest

tery as ever. But the fact of life is

Come, come to him who made thy

asking, that proves he comes drawn,

though man is incapable of producing

his own regeneration and conversion, yet he has the power of hindering and

preventing it. A sick man can do

nothing in restoring his own health, but he can do much in hindering his

restoration by rejecting the physician, disobeying his prescriptions, and re-fusing his medicine, and on the con-

trary doing that which promotes and

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light of science, still as great a

Come, weary and oppressed;

To come to Jesus is thy part:

His part, to give thee rest,

The new birth is from God.

the strong wind bends the forest trees,

The Spirit's methods we cannot

natural and the spiritual.

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a certainty.

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heart;

This lesson is founded on the pass age which records the conversation of Jesus and Nicodemus. A ruler of the Jews, he comes to Jesus by night. Whatever other conversation may have occurred we know not, but it all revolves around this declaration of the necessity of a new birth. The first thing in the making of a Christian is that he be "well born." There may be and will be great differences in the details of a religious experi-ence but certain clear and well defined epochs will be found in the conscious experience of every Christian. There will be first the sense of sin; then the conscious and sincere turning away from sin; then the looking to Christ for salvation; and then sooner or later the consciousness of peace and pardon. To this conscious

ed from a long line of kings, royal blood flowed in her veins, beauty adorned her person and brillinace sparkled in her train, When Nature called for an Egyp-tian queer, this fascinating Greek princess was the answer. At fourteen she was an accomplished linguist, a student of history and a stilled missican. At ninecteen she conquered that Caesar who had conquered the world. Forty-six years before the Chirstian era she accompanied him to ristian era she accompanied him t nie, where she lived in pomp and las Christian era she accompanied him to Britistan era she accompanied him to according to Putarch, when woman's benut is most splendid and her intellect is in full according to the splendid scheme in the sum most splendid according to the splendid scheme for hump the destiny of the splendid scheme for her splendid before, or since, the scene in her roval barge, the like of which was never herheld before, or since, the scene spectra beheld before, or since, the scene blakspeare. Her who could make words spectra beheld before, or since, the scene blakspeare. Her who could make words spectra beheld before, or since, the scene blakspeare. Her who could make words spectra beheld before, or since, the scene blakspeare. Her who could make words spectra beheld before, or since, the scene beaten gold; the purple sails were spec-tra her splendid the winds were love sket spectra beheld before, she was couched in a sold pavilion like Venus, "where we see her fancy outwork nature." dimpled boys which there, the sole was beat to see a the wing Automy some in the market-plate with the popple usshed out to see a scene.

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her, leaving Antony alone in the market-place. This the incomparable Julius, she came, she saw, she conquered! Antony was dazled, bewitched, ensived by this siren queen. Ever afterward, with the possible exception of three years, he was her slave. Not satisfied with invising silver and gold and precise stones and silks and works of art upon her, he threw whole kingdoms at her feet, as if they were so many Roman forget-me-nots. He was as helpless in her power as a bird under the hypnotic spell of a smake. All the world knows how, at a critical moment in the battle of Actium, Cleopatra, for some unknown reason, was seen leaving with her vessels for Egypt. This was a signal for Antony to abandon the battle and follow his sorceress. For infatuation, she gave him weakness. For infatuation, she gave him decist. For the sweets of love, she save him the egys of scorpions. For dol-stre, she gave him death. The Egyptian Delinh had elipped the locks of this Ro-man Samson and he wist not that his strength was departed from him. Bo far this bewildering woman has only torged with strong men. This child of the palace has held the golden bit of destiny between her teeth of pearl and her gold-have not reined her on. Inthe child of the palace has held the golden bit of destiny

palace has held the golden bit of destiny netween her testh of pearl and her gods have not reined hor in. But her end is coming. After hetraying Autony, and re-ired within a castle, which had been built for just auch an emergency. She then sent her paramour word that she had killed herself and his grief was such that he ici-upen his own sword. But he lived long smorth to discover that sile had decrired him again. Dying and sonked in his own blood, he ordered his servants to carry int to her manneaum. As the only en-trance to her retreat left andarred was a window, he was drawn up by ropes into her preame and died. And what become of her —this actor from the palace. You know the story. How she tried her charme An apple tree in the garden of Van N. Bass in Plymouth, N. H., bears on

The Many Mansions.

The Many Mansions. One thing I have desired, that will I seek after; that I, in my study; I, in my shop; I, in my parlor, kitchen or nur-sery; I, in my studio; I, in my lecture hall, "may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." In our "Father's house are many mansions." The room that we spend most of our lives in, each of as at our tosks or our work tables, may be in our Father's house, too, and it is only we that can secure that it shall be -Alexander Maclaren.

Re Humble.

seles police force is a man of re-

sources, as he proved one evening not

ong ago. He belongs to the blcycle

squad and was walking along a hand

some residence street when he ob-

served a suspicious stranger who was

mable to give a good account of him-

self. The officer found on the man

ark lantern and a coil of rope. Pl

chke did not think he could handle

his prisoner and at the same time

take care of his wheel, which he fear-

ed to leave behind. So he made the

Faen he went for help.

man put his hands on either side of a

Apple Tree's Strange Freak.

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other runnets, while in the center are

apples grown of a mixture of both

never grafted with any kind of

post and handcuffed him there.

porch-climber's outfit, including a

Be fumble, I charge my thoughts be humble still, And all my conduct mild: Content, my Father, with Thy will, And quiet as a child. Unite, my roving thoughts, anite In silence soft and sweet; And thou, my soul, sit genity down At thy great Sovereign's feet. -Doddridze.

"The provide the second of the Led to Jail by His Dog. Handouffed Prisoner to Lamppost. Patrolman Plischke of the Los An-Old and blind 2 man was sentenced

to a week's imprisonment at Waterford for being drunk and disorderly, and his dog was allowed to spend the night in the lock-up with him. Next morning the prisoner, led by

his dog and escorted by the police, was taken to the jail, and at the gate the arimal whinned so pheously being parted from its master that the man was ordered to go to the public pound with his canine companion. Once more was a procession formed

the dog leading the way, and a motley crowd bringing up the rear. At the pound the companions were parted, the dog howling dismally .- London Daily Mall.

World's Largest Hairpin Factory.

enough, this factory employs only 300 persons, the machinery used being automatic and requiring but little atten-tion as it grinds miles of wire into tons of hairpins.

every real C And this is the foundation of the whole religious life. To us, as to Nicodemus, it may be strange and inexplicable, but it may be recognized by its results. Notice how pours out his richest truths to an audience of only one person.

A change which will fit us for companionship with Christ is a necessity of our nature. Socially, politically and intellectually we are constantly changing. There is no greater mys tery in a spiritual new birth than in a hundred other experiences of life, The conscious guilt of a human soul demands that it be changed before it can come into the presence of God. it is not a patching up of the old ian, it is the creating of the new lt is not only repentance, reformation.

and church membership, it is regeneration. It is more than a "ceasing to do evil," it is a "learning to do well." It is a new life. It affects the whole man, his intellect, sensibilities, and his will. It changes his opinions his affections, his choice in life. is a new life which produces a aew creature. It is a radical and permanent change of the whole man the beginning of the life of the Christian.

The newborn soul begins to live. He "hath everlasting life." His sins are pardoned; his nature is changed; loves are revolutionized; his soul lfas peace and joy. He is adopted in to the divine family, and the Spirit witnesses with him of his adoption.

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reign when God's God never forgets the man who for-

When the Babe entered the great

burden began to flee. Even the Prince of Peace had to pay he price of peace.

Every day will be a Christmas when every man is Christ's Christmas without giving is Christ-

mas without gladness.

God in the child gives promise of every child being in God.

Those who hend at a cradle often get the really royal blessing.

When the manger becomes the throne all men will become his door kinzs.

He who turns his face from the poor bis door on Jesus.

He began on our lowest level that we might rise to His greatest height.

story and are uniformly in accord as to the details. It is not the women of as-sured fashionable position and station, they say, who are drinking excessively and mining their health thereby, but women ruining their health thereby, but women of means, taste in dressing, good appear-ance and the right of admission into al-most the best eircles upon occasions. These men say the cases they have most frequently met with are near to the inner eircles, though not quite of them. They are women that have the ambition and a partial entree, and might with judgment and patience win their way within. "It is in this class, doctors and clubmen gree, that the recent increase in drinking appearing, and its spread is marked both among young girls and young matrons."

Saloons Must Be Shut.

Put a new coat on the drunkard, pro-vide shoes for his children, put a stove in his home and see what happens. Straight to the pawnshop go the gifts. The family is just as destitute, the drinker is a little lower down for the new debauch. Charity inds itself pouring benevalence into a bat-tomless pit. Shut up the saloon and we could help the poor. Benevalence would gain new cheer, hope and expansion. Really bitter destitution would soon be un-known. The health that comes of suitable living would be our people's general hetit-ege.

age. Many, many are the good reasons why the saloon should be wiped off the face of the earth, but one of the greatest of these is its destructive powers over the health of the people

We Stand Fifteenth.

We Stand Fifteenth. The ravages of rum and its e. ect on the youth of the nation were graphically de-scribed by the Rev. Dr. W. F. Wilson, of Hamilton, Ont, in an address delivered before the twenty.first international Christian Endeavor convention, at Den-ver. Dr. Wilson said thut the relative amount of liquor consumed yearly by L₃ s great nations of the world was, France, first; Italy, next, then Germany and Ans-tria. The United States stood fifteenth on the list, yet the drink bill of the Unit-ed States during 1903 was \$1,500,000,000.

The Crusude in Brief.

More than twenty per cent, of divorces are caused by strong drink. No church and State for Americans. So say we all. But how about saloon and State?

State? Parents, give the boys a chance by being total abstainers yourselves and setting them au example in practice and a start without the hereditary peril.

New Jersey has \$310 saloonkeepers, 3610 barkeepers, 7420 in all, busy day and night making drunkards and criminals, with 2022 clergymen trying to counteract this evil influence.

We well believe what the United States Commissioner of Labor has asserted that for every dollar of revenue received from the liquor trade 300 go out to rare for its results.—Mrs. Emma Bourne. State Presi-dent W. C. T. U., to the Union Signal.

Jersey City, N. J., had year had 1021 aa-loons, 250 policemen. 7543 arrests. The tax-payers maintain for these juiks. Thomas, penitentiaries, reformato es. police av-tions, adge, juries, lawyers, all requiring salaries, accurt fees, costs of presentions etc.

etc. Whish man the brain. That is why men states and fall into the gutter when drank. Then y beautiful city I have seen a man, dramity of Daniel Webster and Rab-get Barm - build not stand whisky others better let P. Jone.

Tenderness of Christ's Sympathy.

Tenderness of Christ's Sympathy. Do not keep this sacred throught of Christ's companionship in sorrow for the larger trials of hir. If the mote in the eye be large enough to annoy you, it is harge enough to bring out His sympathy, and if the grief be too small for Him to compassionate and share, it is too small for you to be froubled by it. If you are ashamed to apply that divine thought, "Christ bears this grief with me," to those petty molehilis that you magnify into mountains sometimes, think to yourself that then it is a shame for you to be stimphiling over them.

to yourself that then it is a shame for you to be stambling over them. But, on the other hand, never fear to be irreverent or too familiar in the thought that Christ is willing to bear, and help you to bear, the petiess, the minutest, and most insignificant of the daily annoyances that may come to ruffle you. He will do more, He will bear it with you, for if so be that we may suffer with Him. He auters, with us —Alexander Maclaren.

Take the Part of the Weak.

Bear injury when inflicted on yourself, resent injury to others. Jesus took the part of the weak against the strong and of the humble against the proud.—Arkan-sas. Methodist.

The Sign of the Christian.

The sign of easels on our own coasts are bound by law to carry lights at night. Not only must the light be on board, but it is required to be hung at least at a cer-tain height, so as to be readily seen at a distance. So Christians must not only have the light, but have it where it will "churk before me." whine before men."

A Cure For Meinscholy

When you find yourself, as I dare say ros sometimes do, overpowered, as it were, by melancholy, the best way is to go out and do something kind to some-body or other. John Keble.

Killed Two Foxes With One Shot. Newell Hodgkins of Lamoine, Me. recently killed two loxes at one shut while cruising the woods in the vicin-ity of his home. That - two young prowlers were standly gerect on their hind legs in a wrestling attitude when discovered and the crafty young hunter lost no time in taking advantage of such a rare opportunity.

Darced Too Vigorousiy. William Jackson, a church organist of Norfolk, Coun., dislocated his shouldor while dancing.

a luit of some years work has been resumed in the palage, and again Versailles is being copied. The grand drawing room is being decorated in exact imitation of the Salon d'Hercule in the Palace of Louis XIV. The walls are to be almost entirely of white, pink, and saffron yellow marble, with "dashes of gmerald, ruby, and opal," whatever those muy be. The painted ceiling of the Hercules room is being exactly copied. The salon is thirtyseven foot by forty feet. There will be no curtains to the immense windows. In the evening gigantic mirrors, hidden in the woodwork, will be slid out in front of the panes, and will completely conceal them. The flooring is also to be an accurate copy of that of the Saton d'Hercule. In this respect, howover, difficulties are met with. Louis XIV. had each piece of oak, after shaping and polishing, put away in the lofts of Versailles for five years be fore it was laid down. The result it that not a board has warped by a fraction of an inch to this day. Such elaborate thoroughness is, it appears, impossible now .-- London Telegraph.

Doiny His Best.

"Yes, we're going to move," she said to the agent. "We simply can't stand

"Have patience, madam." he argued. "Patience has ceased to be a virtue." she retorted. "We complained twice of that woman in the flat above us who pounds the plano and sings both day and night, and you said you would get her out. Instead of doing that you have calmly let the flat next to her to a man who plays the cornet."

"But that's part of the scheme," he protested. "We put him there on pur pose. His instructions are to make sa much noise she can't hear herself sing. She has a lease, you know, and the only way to get her out is to disage her."-Birmingham (Eng.) Post.

Babble's Pieu. Although Babble had done his share toward demolishing the dinner, the dessert did not leave him too full for niterance.

"Mr. Fumbler," he broke the lee of silence, "you haven't lone your trick yet. Will you do it after dinner?" "I don't believe I know any parlos

tricks, Babble," replied the victim custing sheep's open as Sister Jennie

"Sis says every other time you op your month you put your foot in and won't you please do it. 'cause

and point you piease no it cause just have contention stunts." For this rest of the evening 'f Further's month was not once a enough for the lucation of a pile say nothing of a No. 11.-Clauter Commercial Tribune.

The largest hairpin factory in the-world is at Painswick, a village in the Stroud valley, England. Strangely