## **"PETER'S RENUNCIATIONS"** A Brilliant Sunday Sermon By Rev. Dr. John It . ipstone.

Braws a Lesson From a Chapter in the Life of Simon Peter.

<text><text><text> He would now detach from their business, that they might henceforth give all their time and thought to Him and to His misthat they might henceforth give all their time and thought to Him and to His mis-sion. Two distinct preparations He arranged itself. The first was a sermon from the beat to the multitude. Alas! that the dis-course is unrecorded. What a lesson it would be as to what preaching is at its best. Sitting in the shadow of his Master that day, watching now the Speaker, now the audience, Peter go Lis first introdu-tion to the science and the art of public discourse for religions ends. When, by and by, he became himself a preacher, we may be sure that his discourses reflect the Lord's manner and cory. His method. The sermon finished, followed a miracle; tread a symbol of the aim and end of preaching. "Launch out into the deep and let down the nets for a draught." was the premptory word of Jeaus to Peter, when His discourse was done. Then followed Simon's characteristic exclamation (Peter-saue to the uttermost): "Overseer, we have tolded all might and have taken noth-ng; nevertheless at Thy word I will let or be soft the selesaness of such a proceeding under the conditions. Expe-ience is worth some thing, especially in fishing." Over went the net, at last, and in came the fish as it was hauled. So many were the explives that both Peter's boat and John's, suddenly surumoned to having, were filled almost to the sinking." help, were filled almost to the sinking ont. The effect upon Simon Peter was instan-taneous and overpowering. As in a flash of thought he saw, as he never had scent folt, as he never had known, the differ-against the Master's divine power his own helplessness and ignorance stood forth as a help beam of the start of the same store against the Master's divine power his own helplessness and ignorance stood forth as a help beam of the start of the same store against the Master's divine power his own help beams and ignorance stood forth as a help beam of the store. He who had but just now assumed that air and professional superiority, slight though for was, who had hesitated to trust implicitly and to follow without question or protest the wisdom and the precept of his Master mementary anguish of his spirit, awed by the vision first of his Lord, then of him and personal relation to Leaus Christ. "I am net worthy that Thou shouldet stay in y boat or I in Thy fellowship," exclaims the create as he clause his Lord's knees: "go forth from me. O Lord, for I am a "But this is precisely the act of renunclesinful man." But this is precisely the act of renuncia-tion that Curist will not let any disciple of His make, though his infirmities be many and his self-will assertively strong. If a knows that when, in scome time of su-preme illumination, His disciple sees him-self in almostite against the brightness, of his Master's glory and power the sense of rightness self-depreciation will be overy as-inging the sense. But neget we did Master's glory and power the sense of heque self-depreciation will be over pix-icy strong. But never yet did J an ur will He answer accedingly the de-tring, desperate cry of a soul thu whed and escorbed by the sense of the trast between himself and his Lord He is come not to call the self-approv-in their vain confidence, but sinners beir penitence and humility to a better wiedge of thomselves and of Him. He could see where the fishes swarmed in e multitude in the hidden deep knew the innermost heart of His disciple, aw under all his frailty the firmness is rocklike constancy and the fixity of mascent faith. No man need expect at to leave him because he knows him-

seif sinnis. The moment ward de a point painfully and abasingly conscious of his weakness and inferiority is the instant in His disciple's experience when Josus is Ha disepts's experience when Jesus is wrest to turn encourager and restore of His own. When we with hermined to say the worst of us. When we think, nuch is our sense of us. When we think, and is our sense of us. When we think, and is our sense of us. When we think, and is resolved never to leave nor to forsake us. "The is is the beginning of ticher life and wider service. Henceforth thou shalt catch men." For the knowledge of self and the distrust of self it arcuese, and the knowl-edge of Christ, with the confidence in boots of spiritual growth and the first foundation stones in the edites of a dis-cipt's usefolness. Spiritual sensitiveness is the condition of ministerial effective mess. It is the man who knows he is not fit to minister whom Christ can make so. Therefore, when the boats with their maryelous freight of fish, had been brought is partner that aurender of themselves to service, which involved the separating of themselves from every other interest and compation to exclusive and continuous compation to exclusive and continuous compation. The end there, as one of four, did imon Peter make that supreme rentrai-tion, which, becaus it was made at his accrifice of conternion which only those who have done the like are fit or com-stant work for athers, under this direc-tion, which, becaus it was made at his procepted, and followed Him." It was a secrifice of conternion which and the energies in Peter splace, to face the indeter-minate future as he faced it, that day: to these an of such energy musik have had ad the enthmasam for his associates at heat: of competention which associates at heat of competention which associates at heat of competention which associates at heat of a sourchers, misted by the standards of that land and age—then we what the estimated in semicle starts of its may the heat scarificial use of presen-tion the source of ordinary refinement." We when he left and the secting for min-sherman which evidential use of presen-ting adoined the same das binding revidences in the gorith

shall gain the whole world and lost his soul?" Surely the incentive to such sacrifices is not wanting in the light of Peter's subse-quent career. On that later day, when the rich young ruler had gone away sorrowing because he had great possessions, and was therefore unwilling to make the renuncia-tion, which, in his case, Jesus had asked to save him from the cancer of avarice, which was eating out his life, Simon Peter, after the Lord had discoursed a little on the deceitfulness and hindrance of riches unduly loved, said. "Lo, we have left our even and followed Thee." Whereupon Jesus replied, "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or vrife, cr brethren, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the world to come eternal life." And has not that promise been abundant-ly fulfilled in Peter's case? One thinks end common of the asternal distinction that and in the world to come eternal life." And has not that promise been abundant-iy fulfilled in Peter's case? Oue thinks not so much of the eternal distinction that has come to him in the veneration of mul-tudes who think of him as the foremost aposle of the church: nor of a memorial to his name so magnificent as that which rears its lofty, graceful dome to the Ro-man sky, but of the unfolded fulness of his spiritual life as registered in his epistles; of the influence he has exerted upon men from the Pentecost onward: of that pecu-liar effluence of help and cheer which he even has exhaled through his individual need for painful discipline and his equally triumplant realization of a purified and ennobled character, grown strong and lux-uriant out of the very soll of its many in-firmities. Surely the renunciation of Si-mon Peter was not in vain, either for him-self or for the world. What that little life of his might have remained to be, or deteriorated to become, in its narrow Sy-rian round, if he had refused the call of Christ, who can adequately say? But the imagined contrast between what he would then have been and what he now is suf-fices to move us to the swift acceptance of every proposal Christ makes to us, and the sneedy answer to every call of His for ourselves and our service, at whatever present cost that answer must be given.

## INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 22.

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is able to help them in the present emer-gency. 4. "Woman." This at first sounds harsh to our ears, but it was equivalent to our saying "Lady," and "was a highly respect-ful and affectionate mode of address." He does not call her "mother," because it was necessary now, at once and forever, to show her that He was not Jesus the Son of Mary, but the Christ, the Son of God; that as regarded His great work and mis-sion, His eternal heing, the significance of the beautiful relationship had passed away. It could not have been done in a Lanner more decisive, yet more entirely tender. the beautiful relationship had passed away. It could not have been done in a hanner more decisive, yet more entirely tender. "What have I to do with the?" What is there in common between us? He cannot longer work in her way. She does not un-derstand the influences directing His pres-ent life. "Mine hour." The hour for the manifestation of His glory. Jesus rejects the worldly ambition in Mary's request. She desires a brilliant miracle, as a public sign of His coming. Jesus penetrates this ambitious thought, and traces a boundary for Mary's desires, which she should no more attempt to cross. But this does not prevent His understanding that along with this there is something to be done in view of the present difficulty. As soon as all fleshly claim to hold control over, or gain emolument by, His Messinic power was rejected—as soon as His mother retired to her proper position—then was the last ob-stacle removed; His area of action imme-diately opened, and the hour to manifest forth His glory by miracle had arrived. 5. "Whatsoever—do it." Punctually ob-serve His orders without asking questions. Her faith in Him had not weakened. The answer shows what she was expecting Him to do. Let us take her answer as the moto of our lives. "II. The miracle wrought (ws. 6-11). 6. "Six waterpots." A large quantity of water was needed at a Jewish bangie the gwade-the hands and feet of the guests must be washed, and "the washing or cops and jugs and bottles went on the whole day." "Two or threes firkins." A firkin was about nine gallons, therefore they was needed at a bottles went on the whole day." Two or threes firkins." A firkin was about nine gallons, therefore they was head her in We do not know

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

JANUARY TWENTY-SECOND. "How to win Souls for Christ."-John

1:40-46. (Led by the Lookout Committee.)

Scripture Verses.—Ezk. 34, 6; Matt. 22, 8-10; Luke 1, 78, 79; 14, 21-23; 15, 3-10; Rom. 10, 13-15; 2 Cor. 5, 14; 12, 14; 1 Tim. 2, 3-7. Lesson Thoughts.

To be fishers of men is such a binding duty upon all Christians that sach one will be held to strict ac-count before the judgment seat of God for the mission work he has had concertuity to do opportunity to do.

To-day, now, is the time to talk to your friend or neighbor who has not yet placed himself on the side of Christ; to-morrow his heart may be hardened, and he may turn his ears from the truth.

#### Selections.

On the highways, in the alleys, In the dusty marts of trade; In the palace, in the cottage,

Thousands still the truth evade. These have all been fully purchased the Savior's precious blood;

And shall not they all be rescued From the dark, impending flood? Look upon every man and woman who is in love with sin as dead, a living corpse. Do not treat this as a striking metaphor; treat it as the truth. A man falls dying on a crowded street, and how eager is the throng to help in any vay! What are you doing for these throngs all around you that are far more really dying or dead?

"How many do you carry in your cab?" asked a salesman of an engi-neer. "Two," replied the man at the throttle. "Why don't you take three?" "Three?" "Yes, why don't you take "Three?" "Yes, why don't you take the Lord Jesus Christ along?" The the Lord Jesus Christ along?" The engineer hesitated, and then said that he had been thinking about that very speak to him of Jesus!" "Go thou." Around Napoleon's tomb is a mag-nificent wreath of names of great victories. Will your tomb be garland-ed with spiritual triumphs?

If a poet would write a great poem, he must live the poem, dream it, talk it, walk with it, make it part of himself. There is no poem so beautiful as the conversion of a soul, and it comes only through great painstak-Ing.

## **EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS**

### JANUARY TWENTY-SECOND.

How to Win Souls for Christ .-... John 1. 40-46.

In this lesson we have the very best of examples of how to win souls in the action of Jesus, the great Teacher. The various ways used to induce the different disciples to follow him are very suggestive of the methods we may use now in bringing souls to Christ. Human nature changes very little, and the inducements offered to these men appeal to men to-day. Read, and reread earefully this chap-ter, and note the various methods used by the Master.

He that winneth souls is wise. The value of a soul; the permanency of. the work; the rewards offered for it, all make it supremely wise to win

souls to Christ. Public preaching. Looking on Jes-us, John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God." It was enough. Two of his disciples. Andrew and John, immediately followed Jesus. They were sall prepared. All they needed was to have the public call and they were at once ready to obey. So some in our congregations are prepared and ready. They simply need the evangelistic sermon, the earnest exhortation. The public invitation will reach them. Bring your friends to church; let them

be put under the influence of the ser-mon. Many of them will be saved by



Two Worlds. God's world is bathed in beauty, God's world is steeped in light; It is the self-same glory That makes the day so bright. Which thrills the earth with music. Or hangs the stars in night.

Floating on clouds above— Bringing in autumn's tempest, Murmured by every dove— One thought fills God's creation; His own great name of Love! —Adelaide Procter.

sional Life Cut It Out as a Matter of Polley. The vois of the Prohibition party in the recent election fell off perceptibly, which, to the careless observer, would indicate that the cause of temperance in the Uni-ted States has not advanced during the past four years. But a prominent New Yorker, in speaking on the subject the other day, took another view. "Temperance as a moral issue," he said, "may not be making vast strides, but when it comes to considering the number of non drinking men of to-day in comparison with that of five or ten years ago there is no doubt that it has increased wonderfully. Men to-day do not drink as they did a few years ago, but it is not a result of temper ance lectures, W. C. T. U. harangues or Prohibition proceeding by any means What is it, then? I'll fell you. "A man has to be pretty swift these dars move swiftly. If your eyes are not wide ore hable to lose a trich here and here that will put you completely out of the here all the time, or while you are here the east the kinking on the hus be there all the time, or while you are is the test the time, or while you are is the to step in and take away the is the step in and take away the man here here in and take away the stable to lose a trich here on the filles "Now, the men have found this out and taken a lesson from it. They don't trans act business over the bar any more, and the tendency is to cut out the liquor en Act ousdoes over the bar any more, and the tendency is to cut out the liquor entrely.
"A triend of mine, an actor, had just become a prond father. He invited a few of us to join him at linch to celebrate the crent. We sat down at a big table in the cale of one of the prominent up-fown hotels, and the proud papa gave the order. Bring a magnum of champagne,' he told the waiter, after sizing up the crowd, some time. But with one exception that bunch said in chorus, 'Not for mine — no wine, no booze; just plain ginger ale."
"Now in the aggregation of wine spurners were the following: A song publisher, two newspaper meo, a theatrical manager at a ticket speculator. How is that for a ticket wayon' crowd? Doesn't sound natural, does it? Yet it's true that not one of them allows himself to touch a drop to day of anything, and hasn't for more.

<text><section-header><text><text><text><text><text><text> Which of all God's great spiritual prom-ises and prophecies does not turn? In the last development, upon the coalescence of the human will with the divine? And though the transition from opposition to harmony be long deferred, be interrupted, he to our feeble senses marred, yet it comes. In thousands of cases, likely and unlikely to buman reckoping. God has saved men for whom His children have of-fered persevering prayer. What we get in the very glow and glare of midday in the case of Saul of Tarans is happening in quiet and secrecy every hour. Case looking at the mystery. What have you to do with that? Look at the Promiser. "According to your faith, be it unto you."—F. W. S., in London Chris-tian.

was protected against drunkards in the same way. "My idea is," said Mr. Callahan in hi-will, "that if a person will spend his money in the use of such filthy and useless drugs so that he has not enough left te support him in his old age he must suffer the consequences." The bequest is made on the further con-dition that the Home for the Aged "shall pass within six months an amendment to the articles of incorporation not to know ingly admit any person to the home who for the past ten years prior to the time of his application for admission has been of tian.

#### The Old Skipper's Sermon

The Old Skipper's Sermon. A skipper who had lost his position on a fishing boat because he would not fish on Sunday was placed in charge of a small smack hired by a few benevolent men in London, who charged him to catch more fish in six days than other men did in seven, and to preach the gospel as he went. Dr. Grenfell, the missionary to the Labra-dor fishermen, told the story on his recent visit to Boston. When he arrived at the fishing grounds he was boarded by the skippers of four other vessels, one of them being the "ad-miral" of the fishing fleet, who knew the character of his new enterprise, and came prepared to despise it. "Not this e're cant but more whisky is what we wants," they said. The skipper of the mission ship had been sent on a hard enterprise. He believed binseli able to catch more fish in six days than other skippers in seven, but the mat-ter of meadure was what smalled how.

#### THE KEYSTONE STATE THE GREAT DESTROYER

THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Drink-Men in Mercantile or Profes-sional Life Cut It Out as a Matter of Policy.

#### Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Charters were issued by the State Department to the following corpora-OILS 2

Logan Township Water Company Harrisburg: capital, \$5000. Veteran Water Supply Company, Greensburg: capital, \$5000. Veteran Water Company, Greensburg:

apital, \$5000. Metallic Ladder Company, Pittsburg;

The Possum Glory Distilling Com-

pany, Indiana; cepital, \$10,000. The People's Savings & Trust Com-nacy, Hazleton; capital, \$125,000. Martin Coal Company, Philadelphia;

apital. Sto.coo. The York & Windsor Gas Company,

The York & Windsor Gas Company, Dallastown; capital, \$20,000 George B. McAbee Powder & Oil Company, Pittsburg; capital, \$25,000, Washington Township Water Com-pany, Fayette County; capital, \$5000, Yos Electric Light Company, York

County; capital, \$5000. Harsiminus Coal Company, Philadel-phia; capital, \$100,000.

Lee & Hamilton, Inc., Pittsburg; apital. \$25,000.

Thomas R. Mackey Baking Company, Pittehurg; capital, \$5000.

Voucher Cigar & Manufacturing Company, McKeesport; capital, \$25,000

Eastern Automobile Company, Philafelphia; capit ,al\$10,000.

Nation! Metal Molding Company, Pittsburg: capital, \$30,000.

Warrants for back pay under the pro-visions of the Judges' salary act of 1903 are being held up at the State Treas-ury, and the Auditor General's Departuent has been notified to issue no more until the suit to test the validity of the act is settled. This condition is necessitated by a move on the part of James M. W. Newlin, of Philadelphia, who has taken the matter into the United States Circuit Court in an appeal from the re-cent decision of the State Supreme Court that the act is constitutional. Several warrants for back pay have already been cashed by the State Treasurer.

Frank Zillings and Thomas Pick-wick, aged 13 years, were convicted in Juvenile Court of Norristowa of ma-licious mischief in piling railroad ties on the tracks of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway below Bridgeport, in ordes to wreck a northbound passenger train. A disaster was averted by the discovery of the ties by a shifting crew. Pickwick confessed that there were five boys in the crowd. He also said that the week before they had set a merchant's wa-gon on fire to get the iron on it for junk. The boys were committed to the Catholic Protectory at Flatlands.

A committee representing the League of Third Class Cities of Pennsylvania met at Harrisburg to prepare legislation for presentation to the Legislature. The for presentation to the Legislature. The committee decided to prepare bills em-powering authorities of third-class cities that own water plants to make contracts to supply neighboring towns and ham-lets with water and authorizing the water department officials of such cities to investigate the sources of such citier to investigate the sources of their water supply and protect them from contami-nation. The committee has prepared a bill authorizing city treasurers to receive all taxes collected within the cities, and is working on a bill to make more uniform the assessment of real estate in third class cities. City Solicitor Gard-ner; of Newcastle, is chairman of the committee.

Positions as letter-corriers at Pottstown are eagerly sought, as the work is regarded as tending to prolong life. During the fourteen years that free de-livery service has been in operation in that town there has not been a death among the letter-carriers. Three of them were Civil War veterans, well past middle age, when appointed, and they are still carrying the mails. They are John H. Bond, William H. Jones and G. W. Rohn.

A meeting of a commission of Na

Hid in earth's mines of silver.

A Difficulty in Prayer.

#### Seeing Christ.

ourselves and our service, at whatever present cost that answer must be given.

Seeing Christ. When Simeon went into the Temple and saw the infant Christ he said, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace." What was his reason? "For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Aye, that is it. To see Jesus is to see God's salvation, and to see God's salvation is to be ready to die, and to be ready to die is to be fit to live,-Rev. W. Y. Fullerton.

#### Jiluminate From Within.

Carve the face from within, not dress it from without. Within lies the robing room, the sculptor's we kahop. For who-ever would be fairer, ill...ination must be gin in the soul; the face catches the glow only from that side.-W. C. Gannett.

#### Writes Morse on the Doorbell.

The other afternoor a caller in a Harlem apartment house was prised to hear the dcorbell ring long and intermittently, says the New York Press. She was equally surprised when her hostess, instead of complaining about the noise, went to the door-opener and pushed the button for a couple of minutes. Then the ringing began again, with a second re-sponse from the button, and the hosess quietly sat down to chat with her friend.

"It was only Harry," she explained. "He wanted to know what i wanted brought in for dinner, and I said a steak. He said he would rather have chops, and I said go ahead and get them."

Then the visitor remembered that Harry had married his wife when she was an operator in the same telegraph office in which he was employed, and understood that the intermittent ring ing was really Morse code, employed to save the husband a climb of four flights of stairs. this method.

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#### Parisian Railway Stations.

in nothing is Paris more artistic than in the designs of the metropolitan railway stations. Beauty and utility, divorced by our railway architecture, are blended there in a building like a miniature palace. But there are malcontents. The new station in the Place de l'Opera is denounced because it is not what the French jour-nals call "modern style." It is eightcenth century, and looks like the Trianon at Versailles on a small scale "What have we to do with the eight-centh century?" cry the conscientious objectors. "No true Republican can take his ticket at such a station with out violating his principles. A bas Louis Quiaze! Conspuez les Bourbons!"-London Chronicle.

Fan Made From Slate. J. S. Roberts of Charlotte, VL, Has a slate fan made from a piece of slate from a quarry in Wales, that was 214 by 714 inches, and that opened into sixty perfect leaves composing the

Personal Appeal. "Andrew first

findeth his own brother Simon. And he brought him to Jesus." This is the best way. While one may be saved by the public appeal, ten will be won by personal work. The testimonies of leaders all unite in the evidence that they were won by personal work. Some brother, friend, or worker came to them personally. They were per-suaded to start now. Andrew brought Peter. You may bring your friend. A large proportion of Christians are thus won to Christ, There is no need greater in all our Leagues and churches than bands of consecrated, prepared, intelligent, personal workers If you have a revival in your church this winter it will very likely be be cause you devote yourselves to per-sonal work. And as hand-picked fruit keeps the best, so souls won by per-sonal appeal usually abide and remain

the fruits of revival work. Experimental Test, Nathanael was like a good many people to-day. He was just a little skeptical about Jes-Philip had a remedy: "Come and 118. He disarmed his prejudice by showing his willingness to put the matter to the test; and he concillated Nathanael by indicating his belief that he was able to judge in the matter. do religion a service when we We can induce men to test the matter for themselves.

#### RAM'S HORN BLASTS

# THE devil has a good 15th I servant in the man who is proud of his

Opportunity makes the great differ-ace between the greedy and the

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grafter. It takes more than taste for fried chicken to make a good pastor. Bad habits have hig harvests. Meekness is the mark of might. The best democracy is a theocracy. The will gives worth to our work. Erudition never needs to advertise. A selfish saint is like a black sun. Politics make a good test of piety. Nothing gives confidence for this life like the consciousness of another life. The more you get into this world's pleasures the less you get out of them. The kingliest thing in this world is

than other skippers in seven, but the mat-ter of preaching was what appalled him. However, he prepared to carry out the agreement and to lose no time, but preach to these his first visitors.

to these his first viaitors. There was no grog on board, but the best pot of tea the old man could brew was hot in the cozy cahin, and four warm mufflers were laid out. These the skipper banded to his visitors. "Look yere." he said, and this was the introduction to his sermon, "do y' see them 'ere mufflers?" They saw them, feit them, and knew they were warm and good. "What do they cost, Bill?" asked the admira!

admira "Til give 'em to ye on one condition." said the preacher, progressing with his

sermon. "What's that?" asked the admiral, cau-

"What's that?" asked the admiral, cau-tiously. "That you'll admit there's love in tents for the ladies as knit 'em must 'ave loved ve. though ye never seed 'em." "That's right," assented the audience. "Well, then, take 'em. There they are," and so the sermon concluded. The four men wrapped themselves in the mufflers and snoke their thanks. But as they were leaving Bill added his benedic tion:

"'Ow much more must Jesus 'ave loved

"Ow much more must Jesus 'ave loved yer, when 'e gave 'imself for ver!" Dr. Greenfell adds that this proved a most effective sermon, for three men out of the four resolved to return that love. The admiral "became an effective mission-ary among his admiring followers." and the skipper more than made his seven days work in six, and preached his ser-mon many times.—Youth's Companion.

#### Silent Threads That Gleam

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven togeth-er, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—Canon Farrar.

#### Help to Bear.

Say what you will, the tears of the world have been shed at the feet of Jesus. \*\* "Shall Jesus bear the cross alone?" There is not a strong and chivalrous heart among men that has not been stirred by this hymn.—Rev. John T. Ensor, Balti-more, Md.

Here is my work to do, to worry over. """ "My work," I say. But, if I can know that it is not my work, but God's, should I not cast away my restlessness, even while I worked on more faithfully awd untiringly than ever "--Phillips Brooks.

#### Chestnut Exploded in Mouth.

Picking a chestnut from the stove upon which the children were roasting nuts, Jesse Dayhoff, a farmer, near Mt. Airy, York er nty, Pa., placed it his mouth, when it exploded, blow ing out several teeth and splitting his Hp

#### Station for Lieut. Grant.

Lieut. U. S. Grant III, grandson of the late President Grant, hus been detailed to the white house as pillitary ald to President Roosevelt and will ne stationed at Washington barracks.

Decline of Drunkenness. According to Lacky, in his "History of European Morals," "the virtue of veracity attains its highest development among commercial nations." It is also because we are growing greater in business lines that there is less drunkenness at Christ-mas as well as more truthfulness all the time? A long memory is not needed to re-call a prevalence of yuletide indugence in strong drink which now appears lacking. Holiday drinking was an inheritance from Anglo-Saxon ancestors. But where are now the egg-nogg and mulled wine of the Christmass of vectorsers."

for the plast ten years prior to the time of his application for admission has been or is in the habit of using morphine or any other drug or drinking habitually or to ex-cess any intoxicating liquor or drinks, and on the further condition never to allow such persons within the institution."

Decline of Drunkenness

Temperance in His Will. James Callahan, of Des Moines, Iowa, how paid more taxes than any other five how men, disposed of \$3,000,000 in his will n such a way that no user of liquor, mor-his weath in any way. Mr. Callahan presched the evils of intemperance for them in his will any way. Mr. Callahan presched the evils of intemperance for them in his will and the preached them in his will such and he preached them of temperance. Mr. Callahan is how for them New Yorkers, in such a way that none of them who uses liquor can be a bequest of \$50,000 to found a for the families of drunkards, but he pro-tion the families of drunkards, but he pro-tion of the used to benefit the users a \$20,000 bequest for the Home for the Aget way any protected against drunkards in the a "M' idea is" and Mr. Callahan in hi

Temperance in His Will.

Anglo-Saxon ancestors. But where are now the egg-nogg and mulled wine of the Christmases of yesteryear? The modern sideboard is conspicuous for their absence and the soloon trade has fallen off. The reeing round of New Year's calls is a thing of the past.
 Tady Falmouth has been saying in England that she was struck during here. She found a "total absence of the poor, drink solden-looking beings too frequently seen in England." Bookmakers report a suggestive decrease of drunkenness at the race tracks.
 "It doesn't pay and it is dangerous." says the bookmaker. The clerk and his employer find it so and abstain. And the practical gain is to be commended whether the cause is self-interest or a higher spiritual motive.

ual motive.

#### What Spell Failure.

What Spell Failure. There is a word to young men from a for many years the president of a railroad and leader in the commercial interests that from the work of Failure springs from the indifference of young men to the details of their work, and their desire to spring to its possession. Success may be explained in a few words; failure is so definition is difficult. Dishonesty, intere-tion way to learn of success or of fail-merance, lack of industry spell failure. A good way to learn of success or of fail-word is testimony to be heeded by the spring statements of the men who have achieved one or the other. When word is testimony to be heeded by the spring theread.

#### Texts For a Timely Sermon

Neither saloonkeepers nor any other body of men, it matters not in what husi-ness they are engaged, can persistently ar ray themselves in antagonism to the law without arousing a dangerous public senti-ment.—Chronicle, Houston, Texas.

#### The Crusade in Brief.

Thirty-five saloons have been refused licenses at Dawson, in the Klondike.

The fish that will nibble is sure to caught, and the boy that will tipple end as a sot -- United Presbyterian. Any one who attempts to manage an au-tomobile while under the influence of liquor should be treated as a criminal and punished summarily.

punished summarily. You put rum among your ideas and the way they, huery out is like mad hornets with their nests afire, and it will kill all the ideas in time if you keep is up. These little mental children won't stand liquot long, and you may depend on that. It must be remembered that every line of temperance legislation to day in Amer-ica, with perhaps the exception of one State, is non-partisan legislation, and the same is true of its schierki. of Long Angeles

Coloned John Sobieski, of Los Angeles, the direct descendant of King John III. of Poland, the great warrior and statesman of that country, a veterin of the Civil War, is an implacable foe to liquor, and spends most of his time in temperance work.

The has been a custom in Germany to give a "beer pause" in the informany to give workingmen to get their drinks, and in many establishments the beer was sup-plied. This is sing discontinued, and in some factorie tos and confee are being substituted for bees

tional Guard officials, of which Genera P. S. Gobin is chairman, was held at Harrisburg, for the purpose of discussing legislation for an appropriatiofor the erection of armories for National Guard organizations throughout the State that at present are compelled to rent buildings. The meeting was a tended by Adjutant General Stew a Brigader General Schall, Brigader Gen-eral Gobin, Colonel A. J. Logan, Colonel Tilghman, Third Regiment; Colonel Bowman, First Regiment; Colond Bowman, First Regiment; Colond Dougherty, Ninth Regiment; Colond William F, Richardson, of General Miller's staff, and Captain Jones, of Lo Sheridan Troop. A long discussion en-sued and General Gobin, Colonels Bowman, Tilghman and Dougherty and Cap tain Jones were empowered to draft bill covering recommendations. General Stewart's report and providing for an appropriation of \$30,000 annually for armories for six years. Adjutant General Stewart in his annual report says: "No State has been better served by the citizen soldier han Pennsylvania, and while the State has been liberal in their maintenance, yet it has failed to provide proper army facilities, and has done nothing along this line beyond giv-ing an annual allowance of \$200 per company for armory rent purposes. This is insufficient. In some communities where excellent organizations exist no suitable excellent organizations exist no similable hall or building can be rented for armory purposes." In his report General Stew-art will also recommend that an annual allowance should be made to officers to assist them in defraying the expense of providing themselves with uniforms

It is now believed that H. A. Klens-ing, who shot and killed Millie Crever an Austrian, at Martic Forge, a week ago, is still in that vicinity. After the shooting Klensing disappeared near Safe Harbor. The other might the commiss-ary department of the contractors, by whom the two men were employed was broken into and everything belonging to Klensing, including his clothing, was taken. It is believed that the fugitive had been hiding in the river hills and decided to secure his effects before leaving the country.

and equipments.

ing the country. The Postoffice Department has de-cided that when there are two places in a state the names of which sound alike, but which are spelled differently. the older town has a prior right to re-thin its name. "Citizens of Elwood City, in Lawrence county, have been asking a change in the name of the postoffice at Elwood, in Schuylkill county. Repre-sentative Acheson, of Pennaylvania, who referred the problem to the Postoffice Department, and Fourth Assistant Post-master General Bristow, decided that instanuch as Elwood, is much the older office, the citizens of that town have a prior right to retain the marts. prior right to retain the na

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