ALMAGE'S SERMON.

NED BY THE SCARLET CORD.

lesson Taught By the House on the Wall at Jericho.

est: "And the young men that were sent in, and brought out Rahab, and (alter, and her mother, and her breth-est all that she had."-Joshua vi., 23. and all that she had."-Joshua vi., 23, a enthusisastic welcome was given to Taimage in the Brooklyn Academy of the when he preached his first sermon is return from the Holy Land. Every was occupied, and all standing room, the space on the stage behind the even was filled. The two opening hymns "Biest Be the Tie That Hinds" and al Ahead." Before he began preach-Dr. Taimage told his people as glad to reach home, and speaking of durch which was burned he expressed his a pleasure that the new walls were al-grising. The subject of the sermon was a Bouse on the Wall." The preacher

en only a few weeks ago, I visited to I said: Can it be possible that this lated place is Jericho that Mark ay gave as a wedding present to Cleoy gave as a welding present to Cleo-Where are the groves of palm Where are Herod's palaces that once "Where is the great theatre from of which Salome told the people red was dead? Where is the tree on the limb of which sat when Jesus passed this place? the wreck of the walls that fell at of the rans' horns? But the fact se have disappeared did not hinder eing in imagination the smash of on the fated day, save one house

That scene conturies ago comes as though it were yesterday. very sick and sad house in the bo. What is the matter? Is it No. Worse than that. Is jt Worse than that. Is it Worse than that, Is it death that. A daughter has for By what infernal plot she to leave I know not; but they or her return. Sometimes they very much like hers, and they say "She comes!" but only to ain into disappointment. That when in this drama of the Bible, on the wall of the city is that

That is her home now. Two spies from the invading army to look gh Jericho and see how best it Yonder is the lost child, in on the wall of the city. for that was the name of the

dirst. Rahab secretes the two spies heir pursuers off the track; but le she says to them: "I will make you. I will save your life if my life, and the life of my mother and my brothers and ith you. on the victorious army comes Oh, she had not forgotten you see. The wanderer never

r have the men untied the scarlet ave the men untied the scarlet ir bodies than they look up and fou had better get all your is house—your father, your trothers and your sisters: you t them in this house. And, a have them here, take this h you have put around our e it across the window; and ictorious army comes up, and rict thread in the window, they house and all who it be so?" cried the this Shall e, ave," said Rahab, from the win-all be so." That is the second s Bible drama. There is a knock of the old man. He looks up, and me in," and lo!, there is Rahab, but she has no time to talk in excitement around her, and eam. 'Get ready quickly, and o my house. The army is com-trumpet! Make haste! Fly! them. trumpet! That is the third scene in this

The hosts of Israel are all around about sta of Israel are all around about el city of Jericho. Crash! goes the tropolis, heaps on heaps. The air ag with the dust, and horrible with ms of a dying city. All the houses a. All the people dead. Ah, no, no, g of the wall—the only piece of the standing—there is a house which we

There is a family there that ared. Who are they? Let us go Italiab, her father, her mother, her her sisters, all safe, and the only standing in all the city. What all Can you tell me why? O, it was time in the window. That is the one in this Bible drama. there are foes coming upon us, ily and more tremendous, to overimmortal interests. They will down and crush us out forever, be some skilful mode of rescue list place, carrying out the idea of we must stretch this scarlet cord window of our rescue. There time when a man is surrounded time when a man is surrounded, that in the front door of his soul? It irratenings of the future. What is the back door of his soul? It is the he past. He cannot get out of either s. If he attempts it he will What shall he do? Escape WAYS. window of God's mercy. That has been pouring in for many a day, witing merey. God's pardoning "s all computing mercy, God's ercy, get into sin, young man. It to get out of it. y to get out of it. A young man marble counter of a hotel. He brandy smash—called so, 1 supit smashes the man that takes no intoxication in it. As the eives it he does not seem to excited. It does not give any glossi-the eye. He walks home in beautiet, and all his 1 octs at. That drink is not going am, but it is the first step on a Vears have passed on, and 1 see man after he has gone the whole pation. It is midnight, and he -perhaps the very one where he rst drink. A delirium is upon see from the bed and comes to and it is easily lifted; so it. Then he pushes back and puts his foot on the sill. Then he gives one spring, watchman finds his disfigured body, waited a little-if he had come waited scarlet ladder that Jesus holds wall for him, and for you, and for no, he made one jump, and was acid. further: We must take this red cord Orthor: We must take this red cord east and stretch it across the window households. When the Israelitish came up against Jericho they said: is that in the window?' Some one "That is a scarlet line." "Oh." said us else, "that must be the house that i be sparsed. Don't touch it." That is thick sourced by the source of the the sourced by the source and house source and house source of the s Was thick enough, and long enough, and picnons enough, to save Rahab, her er, her mother, her brothers and sisters—the entire family. Have our wholds as good protection? Have your frembeen consecrated to Christ? Have been washed in the blood of the atome-been washed in the blood of the atome-In what room do you have family In what room do you have family "s? Show me where it is you are ac-med to kneel. The sky is black with ming deluge. Is your family inside or le of the ark? It is a sad thing for a lo reject Christ; but to lie down in the of sin, across the path to heaven, so his family come up and thin your his family come up and trip over that is terrfic. It is a sad for a mother to reject Christ; to gather her family around her, the take them by the hand and lead a out into paths of worldliness, away 6 God and Heaven. Alas! alas! you to your children, oh, father, oh, mother, w than food, more than clothing, a than shelter—you owe them the exam-of a prayerful consecrated, pronounced, and out Christian life. You cannot of to keep it away from them. d to keep it away from them.

Now, as I stand here, you do not see any hands outstretched toward me, and yet there are hands on my brow and hands on both my shoulders. They are hands of parental bene-diction. It is quite a good many years ago now since we folded those hands as they began the last sleep on the banks of the Raritan in the village cemetery; but those hands are stretched out toward me to-day, and they are just as warm and they are just as gentle as when I sat on her knes at five years of age. And I shall never shake off those hands. I do not want to. They have helped me so much a thousand limes already, and I are ha

age And I shall never shake off those hands. I do not want to. They have helped me so much a thousand times already, and I do not expect to have a trouble or a trial between this and my grave where those hands will not help me. It was not a very splen-did home, as the world calls it; but we had a family Bible there, well worn by tender perusal; and there was a family altar there, where we knelt morning and night; and there was a holy Sabbath there; and stretched in a straight line or hung in loops or festoons, there was a scarlet line in the window. Oh, the tender, proc-tous, blessed memory of a Christian home: Is that the impression you are making upon your children? When yon are dead—and it will not be long before you are when you are dead, will your child say: "If there ever was a good Christian father, mine was one. If there ever was a good Christian mother, mine was one?" Still further, we want this scarlet line of the text drawn across the window of our prospects. To-day, my friends, we sit in the window of earthy prospects, and we look off toward the hills of heaven and the landscape of eternal beauty. God has opened the win-dow for us, and we look out. We now only

of eternal beauty. God has opened the win-dow for us, and we look out. We now only get a dim outline of the inhabitants. We now only here and there catch a note of the ex-

quisite harmony. But blessed be God for this scarlet line in the window. That tells me that the blood of Christ bought that bone for my soul, and I shall go there when my work is done. And as I put my hand on that scarlet line, every-bles in the former buildeters.

as I put my hand on that scarlet line, every-thing in the future brightens. If from this window of earthly prospects we can almost see our loved ones who went away, then from their towers of light, I think they can fully see us. And so I wave them the glory, and I wave them the joy, and I say "Have you got through with all your troubles?" and their voices answer: "God hath wiped away all tears from our eyes." I say: "Is it as grand up there as you thought it would be?" and the voices an-swer: "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it ontered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared man, the things which God hath prepared for those that love Him." I say: "Do you have any more struggle for bread?" and they answer: "We hunger no more, we thirst no more." And I say: "Have you been out to the cemetery of the golden city" and they answer: "There is no death here." And I look out through the heavens, and I say: "Where do you get your light from nights, and what do you get your light from nights, and what do you get your light here, and we have no need of candle or of star." And I say: "What book do you sing out of" and they answer: "The Hallelujah Choras." And I say: "In the splendor and magnificence of the city, don't you ever get lost?" and they answer: "The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne leadeth us to living fountains of man, the things which God hath prepared answer: "The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne leadeth us to living fountains of

water." O how near they seem. Their wings-do you not feel them? Their harps-do you not hear them? And all that through the win-dow of our earthly prospects, across which stretcheth the scarlet line. Be that my choice color forever. Is it too glaring for you! Do you like the blue because it reminds you of the sky, or the green because it makes you think of the foliage, or the black because it has in it the shadow of the night? I take the scarlet because it shall make me think of the price that was paid for my soul. O the blood the blood is the blood of the Lamb of blood! the blood i the blood of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. I see where you are. You are at the crossroads. The next step decides everything. Pause before you take it; but do not pause too long. I hear the blast of the trumpet that wakes the dead. Look out! Look out! For in that day, and in our closing moment on earth, better than any other defence or barricade, however high or broad or stupendous, will be the little, thin, scarlet thread in the win-dow dow.

TEMPERANCE.

WHAT DOES IT COST. How many of God's gifts and mercies Are changed from blessings into curses! We make of all the food that grows grain with which He crowned the field, The vineyards and the orchards yield If used for food to hearts make glad, Instead of drink to drive men mad. Then could the hungry all be fed And not a soul need want for brend, Oh! did you ever pause to think How much this nation pays for drink, In money, lands, in fruits and grains, In lives and souls, in hearts and brains, And no return for all this cost But crime and grief? Its worse than lost, -Edward Carswell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 16.

"The Ministry of John." Luke 8: 7-22-Goldan Text, Matt. 3: 2-Er-

planatory Notes.

7. "Then mid He to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of Him." He had not come forth from the wilderness of His own accord, He did not run without being sent, for the word of God came unto Him in the wilderness (verse 3) and He came forth at His command. We should always be sure that God is calling, and not enter upon any, work simply because we think it right to do to the before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice (John x. 4). "O generation of vipers! (R. V., ye off-spring of vipers who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Matt. iii. 7, says that he addressed these words to the many pharisees and Sadducess who came to his baptism. They were the religious people of the day, fully described by Jesus in His eight words in Matt. xxiii., and by the Spirit in Acts xxiii., 5. The religion of the former was all outward, to be seen by men, while their (Matt xxiii, 23); the latter denied the resurrection and that there were angels or spirit, Jesus called them by the same name as John, and to di them that they were while religions to the spirit. Jesus called them by the same name as John and told them that they were children of the devil, the father of lies (John viii., 44).

8. "Bring forth, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance." They trusted in the fact that they were descendants of Abraham, and therefore the promises to him were sure to them; they did not see that in order to be true children of Abraham they must believe as he believed and live as he lived. They were like those in our day who think that, be-cause they have been baptized in infancy and in due time confirmed, therefore they are Christians and sure of heaven, no matter how they live.

9. "Every tree, therefore, which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." Jesus used the very same words in His sermon on the mount (Matt. vii., 19), and taught the same truth in His parable of the barren fig tree (Luke xii, 6-0). In the creation the word to every living creature was: "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. i., 22, 28). To the disciples Jesus said: "Herein is My Father glorifled, that ye bear much fruit"

My Father glorified, that ye bear much truit" (John xv., S). 10, 11. "The people (B. V., the multitudes) asked him, saying: "What shall we do, then?" Having heard His words to the religious lead-ers, the common people ask what message He has for them. They made no boast of their goodness, did not display their religion, per-haps felt that they had none to speak of; they were the working people, and it required all their efforts to earn enough and keep body and soul together; but they had heard the cry to repent, for the kingdom was at hand; they had come to be baptized, and now how can they show their sincerity" The answer is, By doing good with just what they have. 12, 13. "Then came also publicans to be

12, 13. "Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto Him, Master, what shall we do?" These were the tax collectors, whose temptation, and perhaps custom, was to collect more than the regular tax, so that their own pockets might be well lined. They were apt to be thieves and covetous (I Cor, vi., 10), and for them John has by the Spirit just the right word. Rich Zaecheus, chief Yi., 10, and 10r them solution has by despirition of the right word. Rich Zaecheus, chief among the publicans, seems to acknowledge that he had made a good deal of money in this way, but when Jesus came to his house and heart he brought forth fruits meet for repentance by restoring fourfold to every one whom he had wronged" (Luke xix., 8).
14. "And the soldiers likewise demanded of Him, saying: And what shall we do?" His answer to them is nearly in the words of Micah vi., 8: "Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God," and reminds us of Paul's words to Timothy: "Godliness with contentment is great gain; * * * having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (I Tim. vi., 6, 8). So they all got it just as they needed, and we can fancy the looks of each party as they swallowed their own medicine and then watched the others taking theirs.
15. "All men mused in their heartsof John."

"All men mused in their hearts of John, 15. whether he were the Christ or not." Not since the days of Malachi had preaching like this been heard. Those who had read the prophets might truly say, He talks like Elijah

and Micah. 16. "One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose." He clearly gives them to under-stand that he is not the Christ. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The water baptism was a symbol of the inward renewal, and a token of subjection to the One unto whom they were baptized, the King of the coming king-dom, then at hand, but He Himself would give them the power to serve Him and pu-rify them from all their dross; and this Mal-achi had foretold as well as the other proph-ets (Mal. iii, 1-3; Ezek, xxxi., 27-259. mightier than I comets (Mal. iii., 1-3; Ezek, xxxvi., 27-29 ets (Mal. un., 1-3; Ezek, XXXVI., 27-20). 17. "Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and will gather His wheat into His garner; but the chaff He will burn with fire unquenchable." Had Israel received John as the herald of Christ, and received Christ as their Messiah, the kingdom then at hand would have come to the daughter of Zion, and all this been ac-complished; but in Matt. xili., 30, 39-43, Jesus declares that this harvest will not be now till the end of this age; and the reason is found in Matt. xii., 14, where it is said that the Pharisees had determined to kill Him. In Luke xix., 11-19, He most plainly teaches that the kingdom shall not come till He re-

RELIGIOUS READING.

IN THE CROM OF CHENST I GLORY. "In the Cross of Christ I glory." Sweetly sung with lipping tongue, Caught his lips the sacred story Loved ones o'er his cradle sung: Caught his ear the tuneful measure, Ere his heart saw in the rhyme Mortals' hope of heaven's treasure, "Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time."

"In the Cross of Christ I glory," Sang his youth's maturer years, Sang as blithely, promissory, As the lark when Summing nears; "When the word of life of ertake mess, Rose as bubbles children toss, "Never shall the Cross forsake me." Ah, would he forsake the Cross?

"In the Cross of Christ I glory." Proudly sang his manhood's prime, Tho' his soul swept transitory As the whispering wings of time; "When the sun of bliss is beaming." Ah, so blindingly it shone, "From the Cross t. e radiance streaming." Lighted up his lips alone.

"In the Cross of Christ I glory," Sang a trusting child again. Bowed the head with sorrows hoary, Now as humble, meek as then.

Now as humble, meek as then, "Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure," And a I these his soul had tried; Hearts and lips poured forth the measure, "By the Cross are sanctified."

"In the Cross of Christ I glory," Tolled the bells in measures slor "In the Cross of Christ I glory," Sang the singers sweet and low;

"Tow ring of end of the glory "Tow ring of er the wrecks of time," Over there is heard the story, "Gathered 'round its head sublime."

TRUE ROSPITALITY.

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TRUE ROSPITALITY. "T pray you, O excellent wife, cumber not thyself and me, to get a curiously rich din-ner for this man or woman who has alighted at our gates, nor bed chamber made ready at too great cost; these things, if they are curious in them, they can get for a few shil-lings at any village; but rather let the stranger see, if he will, in your looks, ac-cents, and behavior, your heart and earnest-ness, your thought and will, which be can-not buy at any price, in any city, and which he may well travel twenty miles, and dine sparingly and sleep hardly, to behold. Let not the emphasis of hospitality lie in bed and board; but let truth and love, and your, and courtey thow in all thy deeds."

REATTINGS TO STREET, WITCH

EFACTIVIL ILLISTENTION. There is one unique curiosity at the stillage of Etretat. At low tide you may seesores of women bearing large sacks of clothes from the town to the edge of the sea. There they dig pools among the small and rounded pebbles, and wash until the tide returns. "In salt water" you ask with wonder. No, in water as fresh as our New England rills. Water flowing from the steep lime hills under a deep mass of pebbly shore. The wavelets sometimes dash the salt foam over the brims of these temporary fountains, but the pure stream. temporary fountains, but the pure stream soon drives it back, and the fresh, spark-ling, fluid crystal flows on. Thus, thought I, as I looked on those pools, does the love of Christ in the heart, --the we'l of water of Christin the heart, --the we'l of whier springs up within us, drive back the wave of worldly evil that often for a time dashes over into the fountain. It tastes but a mo-ment of the world's great flood, but is whole-some and sweet anon, ---Sailor's Magarine.

TO BE SAVED FIRST IN CASE OF FIRE.

Such was the inscription on a strong, Such was the inscription on a strong, well-built cabinet, which stood near the main entrance-hall to a nobleman's man-sion. After his death the chest was opened, and found to contain all the toys, clothing, etc. of an only child, who had long been dead. Sych was the father's love, that he had preserved and cherished every memento of the departed one as the chever of his of the departed one, as the choicest of his freasures. If, then, these perishable relics were so

dear to him, how sacred to us, who are par-ents, ought the living originals to be! We should inscribe on them a choicer motto than to be "raved first in case of fire." "Saved first for time and eternity." Saved than to before wealth, honor or ease: saved from the thousand vicious influences which surround Satan; saved from the false sentiment, the skepticism, the infidelity of the age saved from the fawning sycophancy which is paid to birth and weath, at the expense of true worth; saved from the moral cowardic which is too often manifested in high places filled by men who dare not advocate a just and righteous cause, unless it is popular. Our sons and daughters must be saved from all these things; and many others, if we would have them become blessings to the world.-- Mother's Assistant.

PENNSYLVANIA.

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A carefully wrapped up babe was found in a basket by Washington policemen Thursday night.

Leman Wallace, aged 30, died of pneumonia at Taylorstown. He was first attacked with the grip.

Henry W. Bane, aged 80, one of the oldest residents of Washington county, died at Washington Thursday.

Citizens of Williamsport are vigorously protesting against excessive insurance rates, and a number of people have pledged themselves to throw up their policies unless the rates are decreased.

The Kelly & Jones Iron Works, at Greens burg, were discovered to be on fire Thursday night, for the third time within the past 10 days. After hard work the fire was extinguished. A detective will try to ferret out the incendiary.

Bishop O'Hara has installed Father Symensky, a Polish priest from Buffalo, as pastor of the Polish Catholic Church, at Plymouth, near Wilkesbarre. It is thought that this will end the long-standing trouble in that parish, as the Poles have all along demanded the appointment of a priest of their own nationality.

Jacob Downing, aged fifteen years, who had been employed as a pumper on an oil well on the Hutchison farm in Parker township, Butler county, was scalded to death by the blowing off of a flue in the boiler, near which he was sleeping. He attempted to crawl out of the boiler house, but was too weak to do so. He was found before life was estinct.

It is estimated that it will require the labor of 2,000 men 54 years to extract all the coal from the territory between Reynoldsville and Sykesville, which is now being opened. up by Bell, Lewis & Yates. The coal is of superior quality, the vein ranging in thickness from five to ten feet. It will be drawn out by electric cables, and the mines brilliantly illuminated by electric lights.

The Somerset County National Bank has commenced business with a capital stock of something over \$50, 00. The following officers have been chosen: President, Captain C. J. Harrison; Vice President, Win. B. Frease; Cashier, Milton J. Pitts; Directors-Hon. W. H. Kountz, Harrison Snyder, Jerome Stufft, John H. Snyder, Jonas M. Cook, Josiah Specht, John Stufft, Hon. Noah S. Miller, Joseph B. Davis, Wm. Endsby, Hon. Samuel Snyder.

A tract of land near Claysville, consisting of 200 acres has been leased with an option on the balance, comprising something over 8 0 acres, by T. F. Irwin. The operations are to be commenced within 40 days from February 10.

Albert Andrews was sentenced at Bellfonte to be hanged for the murder of Clara Price, at Karlhouse, no November 27 last. Andrews evinced no emotion, and when asked if he had anything to say was silent. David W. Morgan has been appointed

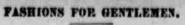
postmaster at Franklin.

Captain Thomas M. Fee, of Connellsville, has been appointed crier of Fayette county court.

John Hodgson's 4-months' old baby fell out of bed into a pail of water, at Erie and was drowned.

Chain's flouring mill at Layton's station, was destroyed by fire, involving a loss of nhout \$3000.

Elder David White, who died at his home in Oak Forest, Greene county, had preached the Gospel regularly for sixty years, and had preached several times within the past year. He was burn in Greene county, and was a



me Suggestions for Heavy Swells.



a color permanantly seen in mixed suitings and spring overcontings. The designers of fine cloth fabof rics seem to have made a concorted move to give these rich and subdued colorings an opportunity to over-

existed against them. In diagonals and in wide wale goods

for spring topcoats the dark-green shad-ings are quietly effective to a quite iriesistible degree. The double-breasted long sack reefing

jacket, made to fit loosely, is the bright particular hit of this season in the clothing business. Well-made trousers are seen at the r

best under the present accepted vogue as to measurements. The tendency toward the absurd balloon revival has been happily checked. The correct trousers are now cut reasonably snug about the hips with a straight fall and a slight sharp taper toward a point at the bottom. Aside from the crush hat, the tall silk

stovepipe is the only appropriate head-gear to be worn with e ening dress, Swelldom will welcome the opera hat back again when the proper time arrives, for the silk hat is, upon occasions, very much in the way and decidedly inconvenient to manage. Some of the ultra swells will wear

white waistcoats when the thermometer is down ne r freezing point. The mo-terial is washable, but infinitely warmer than the summer textures. The figured waistcoat is the one sop

cast by the relentless fashion-molders this season to the small army of men with ready money to spend in costume, and possessing a well-defined penchant for the natty and picturesque in dress. In the variety of style and heauty of another the state of the state of

workmanship the American manufac-turers of canes and umbrellas long since distanced European competitors. articles come forth in wondrous multi-plicity of design at this period of the year, and for serviceability those of the best quality may be warranted to stand all of the tests in contest with the best example on which duty was ever paid. As if to deprecate and discountenance

the westing of the high hat with the sack dress gcoat, some of the leading swells have taken to wearing brown and light-colored Derbys with the garment. This attitude makes the association of the high hat and swallowtail even more distinctively correct, and furthermord acts as a foil to any suggestion of encroachment upon the realm of the skirt coat of full evening dress.

A Gun Forty Feet Long.

The Spanish Government, determined to emancipate the country from its dependence upon foreign nations for its munitions of war, has of late years displayed great enterprise in the establishment of works for the building of war ships and caonon.



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MEMBERSHIP OF THE W. C. T. U.

The annual report of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union for 1889, just published, shows a total member-ship for 1889 of 142,348, a gain of 3821 over the total paid membership of 1888. This does not include members who, from any reason, have failed to pay their dues or time, nor the large number of unreported inions, honorary members and Loval Temperance Legions which, together with the 142,348 paid members, make the total membership and support of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at least 200,000 and doubtless nearer 250,000.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

One man in six in the British Navy is a total abstainer

The largest saloon in Dubuque, Iowa, has been closed, and also the principal brewery, In Wichita, Kamsas, it cost a saloon-keeper \$600 in one week for the glorious privilege of selling intoxicating drinks.

General Von Moltke says that "beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France."

A woman in East London, who has been committed over 230 times for drunketmess, has just died in a police cell. Who is re sponsible for this?

Our Consul-General at Berlin reports to the Secretary of State that certain brewers of Germany "are exporting to the United States weiss beer adulterated with salicylic

The Nashville Issue claims that the me that Tennessee pays annually to the whisky shops (\$15,000,000) would meet all the regular expenses of the State for ten years. Nash-ville saloon receipts alone would carry on the Government.

Gus Kidder, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been fined \$1000 for violating the prohibitory law. W. H. Colby, a prominent business man, was also fined \$1000 for allowing liquor to be sold in a building owned by him, after an injunation was granted.

The Washington Star says: "After a painful illness and in the prime of life ex-Senator Riddleberger died at his Virginia home. The story of his career, with its neglected oppor-tunities, is a practical temperance lecture. He was his own worst enemy."

The political strength of the 8000 liquor dealers in New York city is estimated by one of their own leaders to be not less than 40,000 of their own leaders to be no votes: "In almost votes. The same authority says: "In almost every county of the State there is now a liquor dealers' association, and we are all pledged to vote together."

The Chicago Temperance Educational Sc-ciety has figured out that the average yearly ciety has figured out that the average yearly consumption of malt liquors in the United States for each inhabitant was, for the year 1840, 1.36 gallons; for 1850, 1.58 gallons; for 1860, 3.29 gallons; for 1850, 6.61 gallons; for 1880, 9.51 gallons; for 1885, 11.51 gallons; for 1888, 12.48 gallons.

that the kingdom shall not come till He re-turns from the far country. 18. "And many other things in His exhor-tation preached He unto the people," or, as in the Revised Version, "With many other ex-hortations therefore preached He good tid-ings unto the people." That the kingdom was at hand, and that all their sins might be forgiven, and they enter into it, was sure-ly good tidings, and would have proved so to the nation had they been meek enough to rethe nation had they been meek chough to re-ceive the tidings and Him who brought them. 19, 20. "But Herod the tetrarch, * * added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison." Had John not reproved

Herod he might have escaped the prison, Had he not taken such a decided stand against evil, and so fearlessly rebuked it even in high places, he would have made it easier for himself. But John was set for the maintenance of righteousness and the overthrow of iniquity, and was willing for his Master's sake to walk in the footsteps of the prophets (II Chron. xvi., 10 xvii., 20). 21. "Jesus also being baptized, and praying the Heaven was opened." We step back now

the Heaven was opened." We step back now in the record to the greatest event in all John's baptizing. According to Matthew and Mark, it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galiles to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him. John at first refused. to be haptized of him. John at first refused, feeling unworthy to baptize such an one, but Jesus persuaded and John consented; then, as Jesus came up out of the water the heavens were opened. Luke is the only one who re-cords His praying at this time, and this is one of seven different occasions on which He is spoken of as praying. 22. "And the Holy Chost descended in a bodily share blue a down mon Him." In a

bodily shape like a dove upon Him." He is the true ark in whom alone the Spirit find a perfect resting place, reminding us of Noah's dove returning to the ark, while the raven. unclean bird, could find a resting place on any dead carcass. He is the only refuge from coming judgment.

from coming judgment. "And a voice came from heaven, which said: Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased." At the transfiguration the same voice said the same words. If we are well pleased with Jesus, then God will be well pleased with us for His sake.—Lesson Helper. Helper.

ADVICES from California brought the news that in the Sierras the snow was seventeen feet deep on the level, and in many places it had drifted to a depth of thirty feet. At points along the railroads the telegraph poles were entirely out of sight. EVIL SPRAKING.

Is it a part, I wonder, of the fruit of that forbidden tree which brought death into the world, and all our wee," that so many of us are too ready to say of others the things which are unkind, to attribute the wrong motive to our fellor, beings, to judge un-fairly? Is it not, in truth, one of its worst effects, since no one can think of Eden, peace, and beauty in a world where it is possible for one person to speak with anything but gentleness and sincerity of a neighbor. "Charity thinketh no evil." says the best of books, linking the sweet declaration in a

books, linking the sweet declaration in a golden chain, on which the several descrip-tions of charity, or love, are strung like gems which glitter and flash at every turn. "A lie that is half a truth, is ever the worst of lies," is the conclusion of a poet who sees deeply into the heart of things. Do we remember this when we permit in ourselves the license to speak doubtingly of some friend whose good fame should be a sacred trust; when we listen to the innuendo, or fail to resent the slur cast upon the character of the absent; when we have the other indentity character of the absent; when we happen to know something con-cerning an acquistance, which our inner consciousness tells us would better our inner consciousness tells us would better be left to silence and whisperel in a confi-dential corner, thence presently to be bruited on the house-tops' Should there not be cultivated in every child a delicate sense of honor, which should act as a guard on the door of the lips, Larring the way for censorious, evil or untrue speech? "By censorious, evil, or untrue speech thy words shalt thou he justified. "By

thy words-condenned." Would not society be better, our home life happier, our friendships stronger, our own souls nobler, if we were, God helping us, determined hereafter to speak in kind us, determined hereautr to speak in kind-ness only of the absect, and therefore, the defenceless? And, in cases where such speech is unfortunately impossible, is it not a Christian duty to bear in mind that silence is golden?

ALCOHOL AND THE IMAGINATION.

The Quarterly Journal of Inchristy re-marks: "The man who, while poisoned by alcohol, commits crime, should be the sub-ject of scientific inquiry." That may be, but we should also suggest that he be kept away from alcohol, or that alcohol be kept away from him. from him.

The same periodical, referring to the action of alcohol, affirms that: "It is one of the cu rious errors that alcohol stimulates the imagination, and gives a clearer, more practi-cal insight into the relation of events of life The whirl of thought, roused up by the in-creased circulation of the blood in the brain, is not imagination; it is not a superior in-sight or conception of the relation of events, but is a rapid production of previous but is a rapid production of previou thoughts, soon merging into confusion. The inobriate never creates any new ideas or new views; all his fancies are tumultuous, blurred, and barren. The apparent bril-liancy is only the flash of mania, quickly foi-lowed by dementia." Great indeed is the al-coholic delusion - Temperance Advocate.

contemporary of Alexan ler Carapball, whose doctrine he adhered to. With the exception of the brief illness which closed his life he had never been sick three weeks all tald.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

THE edged-tool manufacturers have formed A SEVERE edit against the practice of duel-

ng has been issued in Japan THE total revenue of France for 1889 was \$614,200,000, and the total expenditures \$621,400,000

PROLONGED droughts and frequent fires. uade Cuba's sugar crop a very small DIN HARSON

A TUNNEL will be constructed under the 'hicago River forty feet below the surfa-d the water.

THE Supreme Court has affirmed the constitutionality of the onth proposed, to be re-quired of Morman voters in Idaho.

A CENSUS of the Americans residing in Berlin shows the number to be now 4000, Five years ago there were only 2000.

A BILL was introduced in the Canadian 'arbament to abolish Franch as the official anguage in the northwest territories,

The national flower campaign is finally ever, and of all the votes sent in seventy ercent, were in favor of the golden rod.

ing sarly this year, there already being a large number of New Yorkers who have sailed.

Cons has been adjudged a fuel by a Wienita Kani Justice, in a case of attachment for debt, and it was then declared exempt

The new passport regulations that recently came into force in Russia oblige travelers to arry their photographs annexed to their

Five warships for the Turkish Navy have been launched as Constantinople. One of times was a covette, three were gunhoats, and ne was a torpedo boat.

Tue Italian East African Company will rganize extensive factories and whatever dablishments may be necessary to work great plantations in Africa.

GOVERNOR LOWRY, of Measissippi, in his recent message forcibly recommends the Legislature to take steps to put an end to the carrying of concealed weapons.

The exhibit of American Indian corn, that was to have been given at the Paris Ex-position, will take place at the Edinburgh Exhibition, which opens in May next.

THE Bulgarian Government, displeased at Servia for declining to conclude a treaty of commerce, has decided to fortify the Bul garian frontier along the valley of the Thavek and is to commence works immediately a Widdin and Coula.

The committee of the African Anti-Slavery Conference of Brussels, to which the subject was referred, has agreed upon the establish ment of measures of surveillance over the carayan routes in order to prevent the overland transport of slaves.

FRANCE produces annually 20,000,000 tons of coal; Germany, 70,000,000, and England, 165,000,000. The annual consumption of France amounts to 1569 pounds for every in-habitant; in Germany, 3000 pounds; in Hel-gium, 4200 pounds; and in Eagland, 7400

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At Trubia the Government has erected an immense concern for the production of heavy guns, and is now about to put in Siemens furnaces for the casting of high grade steel for new ordnance.

Among the guns lately turned out at Trubia are four which form part of the armament of the new Spanish cruiser Pelayo, Of these two are 49 ton 12 inch guns and two are 11 inch guns. One of the 49 ton guns, shown in our engraving, was lately proved. The projectile used was of steel, weight 960 pounds, fired with a charge of 440 pounds prismatic powder, which gave an initial velocity of 2000 feet per second and a pressure near 20,000 pounds per square inche

The guns are built on the Hontoria system. The penetrating power at short range is 32 inches of wrought iron. Length of gun about 40 feet .- Scientifie American.

The Pup, the "Plug" and the Pet.



The Baby-O'I'd like to know what's in that hat



The Puppy (a moment later)-"'S-so would 1?" Judge.

Dolley-I've named this pair Castor and Pollux. Grimstry-Those are bad names for horses. 'Why?' 'Because a Castor is apt to be shied.'

Ice manufacturing companies are beginning to spring up all over Pennsylvania.