Lesson Text: "David's Kindness," Il Samuel ix., 1-13-Golden Text: Rom. xii, 10-.Commentary.

"That I may show him kin iness for nathan's sake." David is at rest in his agiom, reigning over all larged and executignent and justice unto all his people im. vii., 1; viii., 15). Read in Jer. xxiii., if a king who, on David's throne, shall and prosper and execute judgment and in the earth—Jehovah-tsidkenu. parties in the sattle-decovariance of David had sworn to Jonathan that he would show the kindness of the Lord to his house forever (I Sam. xx., 14-17), and he would now keep his word. What a wonderful word is this, "the kindness of God" (see also verse It is the same word oft times translated or y, and also "loving kindness," as in xvii., 6; xxv., 6; lxiii., 3, etc. The honor eing a channel through which the loving dness of God may be shown to others is a to every believer. See II Cor. vi., 6;

ill., 12.

2. "Jonathan bath yet a son which is me on his feet." When the news came of a father's death he was a little boy five are old. His nurse took him up to flee the him, and in her haste she let him fall, us causing him to be crippled for life [II on. iv., 4]. This story of the king's kind-sato Mephibosheth for Jonathan's sake is suggestive all through of the love of to sinners. The man was lame through and of his own, and he was lame on both could not walk at all. All are sinners agh Adam, and such sinners that in our there dwelleth no good thing (Rom. v., vi., 18). If his name signifies, as some shame proceeding from the mouth. very suggestive of Rom. ii., 13; Math.

Y. 18.

4 "He is in the house of Machir, the son of Amontel in Lo-debar." The name of this place may signify "no pasture" and makes as think of the prodigal son, who, when he had wasted all his living, would fain have eaten the awines' food (Luke xv., 16). Every sinner who stays away from God and seeks to bless himself in this world of no food for the same what like Menhilposheth is out is somewhat like Mephibosheth in

"King David sent and fetched him." 5. "King David sent and fetched him."
He did not send him word to come and see
him because he had good news for him, but
he took means to bring him right into his
presence. Our David, blessed Lord Jesus,
does not tell us to make ourselves fit to come
to Him, but knowing our incurable lameness
He comes right to us with His love and grace, and we helpiess creatures have only to seive Him and all His love (John L, 12). to re-

6. "He fell on his face and did reverence, and David said, Mephibosheth, and he an-swered, Behold thy servant." A sinner on his face before God is a hopeful sight, as nviction of sin is an essential to converon, and nothing works conviction like the ving kindness of God. See Luke v., 9: Isa. ...5. Job xiii., 5, 6; Acts ix., 5, 6. David of Job xlii., 5, 6; Acts ix., 5, 6. David ng him by name makes us think of John

is, "Jesus saith unto her, Mary."
"Fear not, for I will surely show thee
ness for Jonathan thy father's sake." se the comfort, the restoration and the sture provision contained in the words of verse. The perfect love of God casts all fear and enables us to sing Isa. xii.. We have restored in the grace of God in rist more than we lost in Adam, and He to spared not His own Son, but delivered n up for us all, will with Him also freely

m up for us an, with with Him also freely ce us all things. 8 "What is thy servant that thou ouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am?" we see and believe the love of God to us As we see and believe the love of God to us we become increasingly filled with a sense blear own unworthines. Referensing timate of self is good growth in grace when Paul saw himself to be the least of the aposites, then less than the least of all saints, then chief of sinners. As Christ increases

it pertained to Paul and to all his house. was all of grace for all had been forfeited.

with the sinner we lost all in A tam's sin, ut God commendeth. His love toward us in hat while we were yet sinners Christ died He loved us even when we were ead in sins (Rom. v., 8; Eph. ii., 4,5). All hat we receive in Christ is God's free gift to s in grace (Rom. vi., 23; Mi., 24; I John v.,

"Mephibosheth, thy master's son, all eat bread always at my table." He y restored without being made a member the king's family, but see the "exceeding at riches of his grace" in taking him to a be justified or accounted as if we had ever sinned is greater, but to be made a hild of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ s greater still (I John II., 12; Rom. III., 24; L. I. Acts xIII., 38,30; Rom. viII., 16; I John

"According to all that my lord the hath commanded His servant, so shall by servant do." These were the words of hat Ziba who afterward slandered his masand sought to turn away the heart of avid from him (II Sam. xvi., 3: xix., 27). I we are children of God, we must expect to slandered by some one, and if the anderers are those of our own household just not think it strange, but rather acpt it as fellowship with Christ and count

12 "All that dwelt in the house of Ziba ere servants unto Mephibosheth." Every the child of God by faith in Christ Jesus as all things working together for his good from, vill., 28), so that all things may truly said to serve him. As in Ezek, i., 19-21, a wheels and the living creatures move tothe weeks and the hying creatures into to be sther controlled by the same spirit, so all be events in life are controlled by the Spirit I God for the highest good of every believed. All the love and power of God combine make all things work for God's glory and

ar good. 13. "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, r he did eat continually at the king's ta-e and was lame on both his feet." Here is beautiful picture of that which every hristian may be and do. Jerusalem signi-se "city of peace," in which every believer ay dwell. The king stable is the word of at which we may constantly dine, ng all the tempting delicacies of the s tables, with their light reading, so , or even the more learned works which not according to Scripture, while, as to to own that it is still within us, though hay be persistently reckoned dead. Christ are is our peace, our life, our joy.—Lesson

GENERAL SCOTT ON INTEMPERANCE.

neral Scott was in command at flock after various injunctions in his order as sobriety and cleanliness, he added this tous paragraph, which was recently sted in the Magazine of American His-

In addition to the foregoing, the senior present recommends the use of underclothing and woolen stockings; he Commanding General, who has seen of disease, knows that it is intemperwhich, in the present state of the sphere, generates and spreads the mity, and that, when once spread, good

mperate men are likely to take infe He therefore peremptorily commands every soldier or ranger who shall be ad drunk or sensibly intoxicated after publication of this order be compelled, on as his strength will permit, to dig a s at a suitable burying place, large gh for his own reception, as such grave of full soon to be wanted for the drunken himself. self or some drunken companion. order is given as well to serve for the shment of drunkenness as to spare good temperate men the labor of digging tes for their worthless companions."

SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

LOYALTY THE TEST OF LIBERTY.

With the growing disposition in the church to break away from old fixed codes of be-lief and conduct, and to regulate personal thought and practical ethics entirely by the dictates of the individual conscience, the question has inevitably risen in carnest and devout minds: "What is now the test of Christian fidelity? Are we not all adrift, so far as a definite standard of religious belief and conduct is concerned? Who shall determine whether this man belongs in the charse or out of it? church or out of it? Yes, am I a Christian or not?" To all such troubled questionings there seems to be but one adequate and convincing reply. Since authority is no longer the tribunal to tionings which the belief and conduct of each and every Christian may be referred, we must observe the life of the individual itself, and udge belief and conduct according to their effects upon Christian character. Loyalty to Christ is the crucial thing. If the newly-found liberty of the believer of today shall seem to impair in any degree his fidelity to his Master, that has the new dispensation so far as this believer is concerned, been proven inferior to the old. If there is less earnestness, less moral stamina, less unselfishness and devetedness in any Christian life, because of the greater freedom of thought and action which has recently come into the church, then it were well if we could return to the old breeds and moral statutes at once. But if, on the other hand, the liberty of today does stand the test of loyalty; if Christians in general are just as pure, and carnest, and self-sacrific-ing, and devoted as they over were—nay, are more Christike in these respects than formerly—then, we say, all this so-called "new departure" in religion, this broaden-ing of horizon and loosening of "new departure" it religion, this broadening of horizon and loosening of
restraints, is a step, and a grand
step, forward toward the millennium.
How, then, does modernized religious liberty, in the church steelf, seem to stand the
test of loyalty to Christ? Is the church
doing less for the Master than she used to
do? Look at the grand expansion of missions, of charities, of organizations for benewviewe and for Christian culture, which nevoiesce and for Christian culture, which has gone band in hand with the great liberalizing movement in the modern church, Look at the magnificent, the astounding accession of enthusiastic young people to the working force of the church. Look at the practical devotement of time, talent, energy,

resource, to work among the poor and uneducated. Look at the present es-prit de corps of the whole religious repub-lle. Look at the new, Christlike love and fellowship springing up between the de-nominations, which are all, as we now see, children of one mother, whose only affront to each other is that they have, one by one, gone out from the paternal roof and raised and sheltered a family of their own. Truly, there is no more reason for seets quarreling than for married brothers and sisters; and

than for married brothers and sisters; and the more Christike Christianity of today is beginning to see it. So as the testimony of a general outlook goes, there is yet no falling-off in loyalty to Christ because of the liberty which has come into the church as the result of aggressive modern thought. But just as soon as devotion to Christ is seen to be falling off in the least degree among Christians, it will be time to question the healthfulness of the religious atmosphere—to ask, "Is not too much liberty weakening to ask, "Is not too much liberty weakening the moral flore and leading to indiffer-ence?" Loyalty the test of liberty—that is the principle which we must apply. True to Christ, true to oneself, and true to

say; "how olementary! how extremely or-dinary. Why, I learned all that years ago by my mother's knee; I have got quite be-yond all that." Ah! but have you? Like

the Pharisee, you may not be an extortioner, unjust, an adulterer, but have you, even in

man's judgment, kept, in all their divine breadth, the law of kindness, the law of purity, the law of honesty, the law of truth,

the law of contentment? Have you loved God wit; all the heart? Have you loved

your neighbor as yourself/--Cannon Farrar, We cannot all find the same things in nature. She is all things to all men. She

is like the manna that came down from heaven. "He made manna to descend for

heaven. "He made manna to descend for them, in which were all manner of tastes; and every Israelite found it what his painte was chiefly pleased with. If he de-sired fat in it, he had it. In it the young men tasted bread; the old men, honey; and the children, oii." But all found it in sub-stance and strength. So with nature. In her are all manner of tastes,"—science, art, poetry, utility, and good in all. The betanist has one pleasure in her, the ornithologist

has one pleasure in her, the ornithologist another, the explorer another; what all may have are the refreshment and exhibitation

which come from a loving and intelligent scrutiny of her manifold works, -John Bur-

SHOW US THE PATHER,

Philip was right: "Show us the Father and it sufficients." Our soul thirsteth for the living God. That is the deepest long-ing of the human heart. No man knoweth

the Son but the Father, and no man know-

eth the Father but the Son and he to whom-soever the Son will reveal Him. That is

our prime duty toward Christ, then, not to

sit down and try to compute Him, but to use Him as a celestial field glass; to scour

the heavens with Him; to pull the Father

astronomer drags down the constellations by means of his telescope. And then, when you have used Christ as a means of secur-ing glimpses into the being and Spirit of

God, there is no need of worry as to the shape your opinion of Christ will take. That

knowledge of the Pather, the harder it will be for you not to associate Him in some in-explicable way with the Father. Once and once only, for a short five minutes, I looked

into the heavens one winter night through a college telescope. The heav-ens were wonderful, and when I was through, I almost wanted to worship the telescope that could come so close to the great stars, and that could so easily bring

into my eye the unspeakable message from their distant glory. Let not your heart be troubled. Do not puzzle over Him. Your best knowledge of Christ and truest estimate

of Him will come, not by looking at Him, but by looking through Him, just as I

telescope, not by the dim candie suspended in the observatory, but by the light that was

shed through it from the stars.—Hev. C. H. Parkhurst, D. D. (New York.)

The liquor selling establishments of the land are killing men for gain, as certainly and steadily as if they were absolute retnit-ers of the plague, or of pestilential disease,

They know that they are killing men. Every glance at the resul's of their traffic demon-

strates, terribly, the destruction they are making of their neighbors. For what is mur-der? According to Blackstone, eminent au-

thority, it is "the sacrifice of human life from mere sordid love of gain, supreme selfish-

hess, recklessness, or any wicked state of the heart." Think you, does not the drunk-ard maker's occupation come within the compass of the definition? Let the graves of the victims and the sad faces of living sur-vivors answer.—National Temperance Advo-cate.

but by looking through Him, just as learned to understand and reverence th

is secondary matter, and will take care itself, and will probably take care of its well. The more deeply He lets you into

and the Father's throne near to us as th

roughs.

the church.

A row of J. A. Wood's tenement hou Believernon was burned to the ground. John Seplar was badiy burned. While lighting the fire Sheplar stood the off-can on the stove. The explosion which followed made five families homeless. The loss will reach LOVE OUT OF A PUBE PEAUL. \$2,000. In Jesus Christ the end of the command-Secretary Lamont, has, upon the recom ment is love out of a pure heart, and a good ment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned. Nothing can exceed the absolute plainness, the reincrease simplicity, factors to be multiply as the child, a waylaring man, a foo! All orstand it. "If ye love Mr. He says what? go into the desert? shut yourself up in a monastery? spend your days in the vain repetition of formal prayers? No! but —"If you love Me, keep My commaniments." "How commonplace" you will say: "how elementary how extremely or-

for the Penn station schools

mendation of Congressman Hicks, appointed William C. Minnich of Bedford as a cadet to the West Point Military Academy, with John C. Brettseevittoona as alternate. A lot of tramps who were congregated near houses owned by McCoy and Taylor, at

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

DEN OF COUNTERFEITERS.

Hopwood Boys Unearth a Complete Outfit

for Making Money.

A counterfeiter's outfit was found in an

abandoned coal mine at Hopwood, Fayette

discovery, and the citizens of that little place went to the mine and made a thorough

search. They found nearly a complete set of machinery, including a furnace or forge, fan, bull wheel and other accompaniments, together with printed directions for making

paper money, entitled "The Magic Money Maker."

There was also a paper sack containing several pounds of small shot and copper and brass chips. It is a mystery as to who put this machinery there, as no counterfeiters have been known to exist here for several

years past.

years past.

Col. H. C. Demming, an experienced entomologist, has discovered a preparation which
kills the army worm in 10 seconds. It is
extraposed of two ounces of the metal cadmum disolved in one pound of nitrie acid,
which has previously been dinted in five
quarts of water; then add five quarts of
water and mix thoroughly. Use ordinary
sprinkler or automizer. This preparation
should be made in a stoneware yessel, but

when ready for use can be put in other re-

of damage to the farmers about West Newton Haif of the wheat harvest yet remains in shock in the fields, and the rains preventing its being hauled in and rendering it unit for use. The outs crop will have to be harvest-

ed by hand, the rains having beaten it down.
The corn floids are washed bare of soil, leav-

ing the roots exposed. Years of time and much labor will be required to restore these fields,

Four prisoners escaped from the county jail at Beaver, Thursday night. They climbed to the top of the cells, dug holes through the brick wall, and got into the corridor, where they sawed off bars and got outside by means of a rope made of blankets and a ladder. Their names are David Evans, charged with breaking a window at Aliquity.

ladder. Their names are David Evans, charged with breaking a window at Aliquip-pa; C. C. Curtis, Bob Riley and C. John-

Clem West, a negro-employed in the Bos-

ton from works at McKeesport, received a letter from Montreal. Canada, stating that his uncle, J. B. Cleavant, had died there, naming him as his heir. The estate which West will come into is valued at over \$85,000

John Cradie, a miner, was killed in some unknown manner in the Hill Farm mines at Dunbar. His body was found on the slope

by Mine Inspector Conner, who was at the time making his regular inspection tour. Cradle's body was cold when found and it is not known how long he had been dead.

The following teachers have been selected

for the Penn station scheoos: Principal, J. B. Small; intermediate, Miss Lory Glass primary, Miss Celia Murphy. Miss Glass was formerly a teacher in the Jeannette schools, but was elected over thirty-one other appli-

Principal, J

left last week to assume possession

Rain has done thousands of dollars worth

sprinkler or automizer. This should be made in a stoneware

Tunnelton, near Cresson started a fire which spead to several dwellings owned by the firm and which are totally destroyed. Harry Redmond, the colored had who shot

Frank Brown, a white man, at Rochester, last Monday night, has given himself up. He was released on \$500 bail. He claims the shooting was accidental. Squire McMasters, who was arrested

Greensburg, on a masty charge preferred by Thomas J. Stasey, swore out a warrant for for Stacey for sending threatening letter through the mail. The Citizens' Permanent Reflef committee

of Philadelphia, decided to appropriate \$2,308 to the Pittston mine sufferers, and to send #200 to Ambler for the cyclone sufferers. Mrs. William Walter, of Coal Center, died

from the effects of poison taken with suicidal intent. She also poisoned her three child-ren, but their lives were saved. Samuel Sarver, of Monongahela, imprison-

ed at Washington for assault, was released by the judge because he had not had a jury trial, as he was entitled to. The barn of Mr. Buell, two miles from

Ligonier, was burned, with its contents Loss \$3,000; insured for \$1,000. A Lebanon concern has received an order build 500 gondola cars for the Philadel

phia & Reading ratiroad. The man killed at West Newton, Wednes-day night was identified as Andrew Coosier,

a miner from Industry. Sheldon Hickok, a tramp, fell off a Pitts burg & Western freight train at Eliwood City and was killed.

Levi Zahniser, a coal miner working near New Castle had his foot amputated by an The pumping station at the Jeannette gas

works was destroyed by fire. Bushels of berries remain unsold in the

Williamstown market,

POOR CONDITION OF FRUIT. Reports to the Agricultural Department Are Not Flattering.

A generally poor condition of fruit through out the country is announced in the report of the Agricultural Department just published. Apples declined in condition from 71 to 64.6 during June. Prospects for ex-cellent crops still continue in New England. New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Iowa. Conditions are also very fair in No-braska and several of the mountain States. In other parts of the country the condition of the crop is far below the average, being

lowest in the Atlantic coast States.

In the Ohio valley and certain of the Western States not yet referred to the figures are somewhat higher, but nowhere above 67, which is the percentage returned for Illinois

and Missouri. and Missouri.

The peach crop promises to be of medium proportions. Good crops are expected in Delaware. Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas. The crop has suffered considerably in California. In New Jersey the fruit is falling badly. The Connecticut and New York orchards promise very little fruit, and in Pennsylvania the condition is no better than in contiguous New Jersey.

than in contiguous New Jersey.

In the European countries throughout last month the conditions were highly favorable

Two Young Women Drowned. Lea Horner and Bessie Kane, two well known and respected young people of Burlington, N. J., were drowned on the Delaware River. They went rowing and in mid-stream they struck the steamboat Florence. Their boat was demolished and

Mad Dogs Don't Froth at the Mouth, John P. Haines, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, insists that dogs which froth at the mouth should not be shot as mad.

SALOON ADVECTIREMENT.

I will sell you, kind neighbors, if you will but eail.

A drink that will poison and ruin you all: The goods I shall deal in will take away life. Deprive some of reason; fill the country with stells.

The loud wail of thousands my business atcounty, by some boys. The boys made the

tends.
I will see that the youths in ignorance are

Of natural affection the parent to rob.
I'll inspire insurrection and stirup the mob.
I will uproot religion, the soul I'll destroy.
For none of my votaries shall heaven enjoy.
Though spirits are priceless I'll send them to

And if I keep trading no one should com-

were locked up for many days without access to solld food, were sustained because, forto solld food, were sustained because, fortunately, near to them and within their reach
was a little stream which supplied them with
water. And, in the absurd feats of men inving without food, we find they all take water;
when cometimes, for even forty days, they
survive, many call this starvation, but it is
really not so. The water acts as food—not,
after all, a surprising fact when we consider
that the human body, including even the
leeth and the skeleton, is made up pretty
nearly of sixty-five parts per cent, of water
alone. The greatest fact, however, derived
from natural history is the magnificent one
that all animals except man, and all plants,
demand as a drink nothing but water. Life,
strength, activity, intelligence, are sustained strength, activity, intelligence, are sustained on this fluid alone. Nay, if we take man, we discover that it is not all men, women and children who use this thing alcohol. Millions and millions never touch it, and yet, modern experience shows us, they live just as well, just as industriously, just as netively as do they who indulge in alcohol. Most convincing is it, too, that men who take alcohol take it with water. Brandy contains half water, and it has to be diluted with more before it can be tolerated; our beerand ales contain over ninety per cent, of water, our wines over eighty, so that even the alcoholic populations are largely water-drinking communities. The only drink, in a natural sense, is water, without which we could not five, but which many poison with this foreign substance, giving no credit to the water that is their mainstay and detuded in supposing that it is the alcohol, or spirit, they have put into the water that renders the vital service,—Sir B. W. Richardson

produced a more lovable, witty, brilliant humorist, having been soduced and brought to the verge of an untimely grave by strong drink, raised this note of warning

"The waters have gene over me, yet out of their depths, could I be heard. I would ery aloud to those who have set foot in the perisous flood. Could the youth to whom the first flavor of sin is delicious look into my degradation and see what a fearful thing it is to feel one's self going over a poscipies, yet with open eyes and passive will to look calmly on his own destruction, yet feat it all smanating from himself; could be but book into my ove, feverish with last night's drinking, and feverish looking forward to night's repetition of that folig feel all godliness depart out of him, ye: wot forget the time when it was otherwise; sould he but feel this body of death, out of which i ery hourly for deliverance, yet with feetier and feebler outery; it were enough to make him dash the sparkling cup to earth in all the mantling pride of its temptation.

The Religious Telescope, after quoting this in an address to youth, says:
"Why did not Mr. Lamb quit and reform? Because he could not. Ere howas aware he had bound himself with the steel wires of habit and sold himself a slave to an all-consuming, flery appetite for strong drink. He did not quit and reform, for the very reason that you will not quit and reform ten years hence if you form the habit of drinking and arouse the flery appetite by tampering with

'And, young men and boys, why not heed the administion of the inspired Word? You do not want to be ruined by strong drink. You do not wish to become that most loathome of all things, a drunkard. But to avoid

NEITHER EXCUSE NOR PALLIATION

The sentimentalists are wont to plend for mercy for the man who roles, shoots, cuts or murders while arunk. There is wholesome tonic in the decision of Justice Morris, of the Court of Appeals, at Washington, D. C. "We hold emphatically as the law of the District of Columbia that voluntary intoxi-It is always at least a vice. And it would be subversive of all law and all morals if the commission of one vice or crime could be permitted to operate as an excuse or tion for another crime."-Watchman.

It is proposed, by an Austrian measure, to treat all persons addicted to the drinking to treat as persons of disease, instead of as wit-habit as victims of disease, instead of as wit-ful criminals. Every person convicted of drunkenness will, therefore, instead of being sentenced to prison as a common criminal, be confined in some asylum, much as the insane now are in the United States. Here he will remain for a term of months or years, as may be deemed necessary to complete his cure. He will be under the charge of cometent men and subject to sufficiently rigid rules to retain him in custody and prevent als escape; and he will only be released upon examination of a medical board, which shall pronounce him cured of the alcoholic habit.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES. Bridget starts her fire with coal oil. The

There is no sin that a man inflamed with drink may not commit. The sparkle in the wine is made by one of

the devil's sharpest teeth. If you would teach children to hate drink. give them the first lesson before they leave

Rather than sign the license of a liquor-dealer, Dr. J. W. Watts, Mayor of Lafavette,

Wis., has resigned. According to Temperance Cause, ninety per cent. of the criminal cases in our courts is due directly or indirectly to the drink

Holland proposes introducing into its sch sols a line of instruction intended to for-tify the minds of the pupils against the evils of drink.

A new method of treating habitual drunk-ards is to be tried at Bellevue Hospital, New York. It is claimed that the new remedy will cure a chronic drunk in three days.

The Catholic Telegraph remarks that if the capital invested in the destructive liquor traffic were put into some useful business, the same wages could be paid, fewer drunk-ards, criminals, paupers, and insane would be made, and the State could afford to get less taxes and still be benefited in many

LIVE TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

with strile;

Make widows and orphans, of lathers make fiends:

kept; Their morals corrupt, nor shall I forget

Compel them forever in terment to dwell. Should any one ask me my reason to give, My answer is, Money, and money I'll have, By trading in spirits I can it obtain,

plain; egislators sustain me, my business support, And then I have license directly from Court, Judges assure me my business is just. Though it ruins my neighbor and grinds him

NATURAL DRINK

The Welsh miners who, some years ago

A WARNING TO TOUTH.

Charles Lamb, than whom England never

this terrible fate you must turn your face like a flint against the saloon and the wine-cup. It is the only safe way. We speak from experience, and we know what we say."

cation is neither an excuse nor a palliation for crime. Voluntary intoxication is itself a crime, at least in morals if not always in law.

PROPOSED AUSTRIAN MEASURE.

A prominent Detroit firm having a

ead from ear to ear over top of head I inches, from ear to ear under my bin 91/2 inches; from forehead to back are 7 inches. I want a black bonnet with streamers and rozetts of red or callow satting ribbon an would like a anch of pink Rozes or a blue ploom behind, with a black jett buckel. If arinshels is still all the go I want a banch of grapes of a bird's tale somewhares. I do not dezire anything too fapsy, but if you think a reath of pansles would look good you may put one on. I have some good pink ribbon here at home so you need not put on

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SCANDINAVIANS AS CITIZENS.

Readily Adapt Themselves to Conditions in Which They Are Placed.

The great adaptability of the Scandinavlans to the circumstances and customs of their adopted country is acknowledged on all sides. Whet ver and wherever they have transplanted themselves, whether in England in the ninth century, in Normandy in the tenth, in Sielly in the eleventh, or in America in the nineteenth, the same process of transformation has taken place. No other people in all its history has such a record. In the United States they have eagerly learned English, and have quickly done so because of its similarity to their own language in structure and vocabulary. Of course men who have come lither as adults always prefer the old speech, and in some districts in the country and in Scandinavian quarters of the cities it will be heard almost exclusively, because of the large numbers of the foreign born. But the second generation quite invariably choose English, and many of them have forgotten the language of their fathers. At a town convention which I attended in 1894 in Illinois in a large Swedish community, the proceedings went on smoothly in English for some time, until an elderly Swede became somewhat puzzled and asked the chairman, a young Swede, to explain the matter in Swedish. From that point all motions were given in Swedish. Remarks were addressed to the chair in both lan-

In maters of religion Scandinavians ya thyon a popular faculty in conforming to the bad American custom of multiplying denominations. In the home countries, though there is now practically complete toleration, the existence of a state church and an Episcopal organization have maintained a good degree of uniformity. Neither of these restraining influences has ever operated in this country. been no bishops to check the tendency of diversity. Liberty to adopt any creed and to change church relations at will is freely used. The zeal of the Norwegian in controversy has found even a better field in the church than in politics. Before 1800, when three divisions united, there were five bodies of Norwegian Lutherans, while the Danes were comfortable with two, and the Swedes larged behind with only one. What the Swedes lack in Lutheranism they make up in "dissenting sects," though none of them have been

converted in this country. The statistics of intemperance and llegitimacy, which are sometimes so alarming in parts of the Scandinavian countries, do not appear to find a parallel among Scandinavians in America. But all such statistics are unsatisfactory, and frequently untrustworthy. Generalization is, therefore, unsafe, There are drunkenness and illegitimacy among them here, but I have not observed that it is more difficult to mainain order and decency in a city like Minneapolls with its Norweglans and swedes than in St. Paul with its Irish and Germans. Of the pauper and crimhad classes the Scandinavians have a smaller proportion than any other alien dement except the British, while of the usane, judging from Minnesota, they em to have a larger percentage than e Germans or British. Unfortunatein ordinary statistics of this nature as second generation is usually pur lown as native born with no hint as to parentage beyond some peculiarity of

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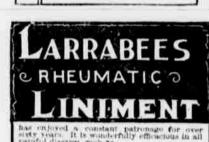
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Charles Frederick Robinson Hay ward, a Denver editor, wrote learnedly of the drama and could keenly analyze every phase of the actor's art. But his shortest criticism will probably outlive any other written by him. It was as follows: "George C. Miln, the preacher-actor, played 'Handet' at the Academy of Music last night. He played it till twelve o'clock." The only other critism that seems to class with this emanated from Lendville, where a performance of "Richard III." by a barn-storming troupe was chronicled under the glaring head-line of "Many, Lives Lost."

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