seted Pittsburg City Attorney Says he Not Familiar With Book-Keeping.

per City Attorney of Pittsburg Wm. C. and, who is now serving a term in the en Penitentiary, filed an answer to the inst him and his bondsmen to rehe half million dollars it is alleged he eried. He makes a general and specific jot all the charges of embezziement or propriation of city funds. He says he prepriation of city funds. He says he not 'amfliar with book keeping and emit the same system and clerks as he when he became City Attorney. He examined the books of accounts, and a supposed they had been honestly account to the contraction of the contraction of the same supposed they had been honestly account the contraction of the c

Adulterated Whiskey Seized. al levenue Officer Kool, of Philadel

and Deputy Collector W. C. Guffey, of arrached five barrels of whiskey at entral hotel at Salisbury. It had been by L. Strouss & Co., Philadelphia.

mystery surrounding the burglary of mystery surrounding the burgiary of liabiliners & Ohio railroad shops at lingion two weeks ago was cleared up, this of Police Orr made information at lay Erown, charging him with burg-Brown is in the Allegheny county souse, having been sent up from Pittslest week as a suspicious character. At he was endeavoring to sell a large sel carpenter tools, but could not give selectry explanation of where he obof Brown's arrest, and on investigating more & Ohlo shops here. The robbery a molesale affair, hundreds of pounds tecls being carried off.

k Will Thompson was making pit in the ridge near "Big cave" near durg he averted a serious battle with mount. Thompson had just cut down the top of which was hollow, and in the animal evidently made its home. on as the tree fell the catamount made usen, who, by a well directed effort mal with a stone, breaking one of mittless. Fearing a lively conflict with at cf so dangerous a nature he ran Armed men are looking for the enta-

worden at Salisburg was burglariz-The safe was blown open with dynamite so in money, 20,000 2 cent and 10,000 1 mps taken. The burgiars gained ensince through a rear door. The explosion red about 2:30 in the morning, as a which hung directly over the safe stopthat hour. The explosion was of force as to blow the door of the safe scross the room. Two suspicious per-seen about the town are supposed to cuity parties.

Smith & Bro., extensive tobacco ladelphia, made an assignment, their micros. It being alleged, amounting to g \$10,600. The principal creditors are sational Bank of Chester county and the hester Building and Loan Association. im is an old one, employing a large brof eigarmakers in Coatesville and aces, and their trade extended over section of this State.

rest fre is raging on the western bills way. It originated from a spark occumetive. Over ten acres of desweedland are now burning and the increasing. The flames are withfeet of the nearest house and if the ages serious losses will follow. A aler of oil wells are on the western of the burning hill, but successful backill probably save them.

is for building the chapel for the State col at Slippery Rock were open-The contract was awarded to Jackson & m, of Pittsburg, for \$25.875. The buildto be of stone. Work is to commence and to be completed by September I. tract for the gas was let to Gillespie son for \$1,800. This is for fuel and for the three buildings, including the

erick S. Duncan, of New York, re-let the Evans Mining Company, Meadow, soid at public auction the stvandassets of the company. The tract contains about three hundred on which there is located a breaker, bete. A. S. Vanwickle, of Hazleton, purchaser. The price paid is said to en \$25,000. Coxe Brothers & Co. bid

Merriam colliery, operated by the delphia and Reading Coal and Iron may, suspended all work at Ashland a indefinite period. The mules now ned in the mines will be hoisted to the te and distributed among the other ries. Four hundred men and boys will sown life by the suspension of this

Bryon Hauffman, of Reading, collector e real estate department of the Phila-la and Scading Railway, has accepted sition of solicitor in the passenger de-ent under General Passenger Agent Mr. Kauffman will assume his ne early in April and will shortly locate

nfant sen of J. J. Donnelly, of Conlie was run over by a wagon heavily with stone and instantly killed. The while stoke and instantly killed. The me was playing on the street, and as isses were walking and the street was i clear of people the driver is blamed gligence. The coroner will investigate. Mercer county Republican convention ed the candidacy of J. S. Bencom, of oreland county, for State Treasurer. nittee of three were appointed to con-h a committee from the other counties ng the Twenty-fith district to devise way to nominate a congressman.

ard Todd, a farmer of Rostraver townrestmoreland county, was drugged by en near Bellevernon and robbed of gold watch and other trinkets. The ere afrangers, but were seen with him the afternoon. He was found some for lying unconscious in the road.

fires are destroying much young a the mountains west of Williams-ween Jersey Shore and Lock Haven s are in the woods fighting the flames ent their property from being destroy-the vicinity of Antes Fort the fire is dangerously near farm buildings.

lotel Cambridge, of Chester, which ild about eleven years ago, and cost ild about eleven years ago, and cost ilos,000 has been sold to a syndicate uting \$1,000,000 of capital, who will be totel on May 1 and remodel the g, to be used as lawyers' offices and a g and trust company.

orest fire which has been burning on too mountain, near Stroudsburg, has oken out on the Blue Ridge moun-Considerable standing timber has al-een destroyed. The weather is dry, te has been a heavy wind.

Boyle, an 8-year-old girl of Irwin, ally burned while pouring oil on a ally burned while po hake it burn brighter.

damage suit of Ambrose E. R. Moose Belle Moose against Schuylkill counin Pottsville,

is in Pottsville. The case was one in the family of William Moose, who was at by failing off an insecure bridge in diet was for \$100.

Hamilton, a prominent farmer and army man, was struck and instantly ya Pennsylvania freight train near . Mr. Hamilton was deaf and did the warning whistle. He was 74 d. His five children reside at Scottestmoreland county.

moreland county.

Mrs. Sarah Dunn, of Milbank, the conducts a boarding house, was so badly burned that she died. She was working at the cooking stove when her clothes caught fra. Before assistance came to her the clothes were burned from her, and her flesh in part was almost baked.

Fire is raging on the South Mountain near Waynesboro. The peak known as Burnes' Knob is one vast flame. Many acres of timber land have been devastated and there is no check to the fire. The valley is filled with smoke from the burning trees and leaves. ce and leaves.

Philip Duse, aged 43 years, a minor of Irwin, was struck and instantly killed by a trein near his home.

John Conso, a miner of Herminie, is in jail at Greensburg, charged with altering his day voucher from \$5 to \$8.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

Abstract of the Important Measures in Both Houses.

March 30.—When proceedings were begun on the tariff bill in the house to-day Mr. Dockery, (Dem., Mc.) asked unanimous con-sent that the free list might be considered in order that he might offer his amendment putting those articles on the free list controlled

ting those articles on the free list controlled by trusts in the United States, but Mr. Payne (Rep., N. Y.) objected.

The committee on ways and means took command of the situation again, and pre-sented a number of amendments agreed upon at their meeting last night, mostly intended to perfect their phraseology and to correct slight omissions and errors. Among them were these: Making covered safety tuse dutiable at 45 per cent ad valorem; arranging the duty on crude tartar or wine less to be half a cent a pound on the article testing less half a cent a pound on the article testing less than 50 per cent of bitrate of potash and one cent a pound on the article testing above

March 31. - No objection was made at the opening of the house this morning to the immediate further consideration of the tariff bill, and Mr. Sherman (Rep., N. Y.) called the committee of the whole to order. On motion of Mr. Daizell, (Rep., Pa.) the para-graph imposing a specific duty on phenace-tin, anti-pyrine and anti-toxine was struck

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor (Rep., O.) the duty on currants was increased from 15 to 2 cents a pound Mr. Grosvenor, after a sec-tion or two of the bill had been read by the cierk, offered the new section authorized by the committee on ways and means, making the duties in the bill applicable to all imports

after April 1. When the vote was taken in the house, in committee of the whole, voted 150 to 120 to adopt the new section proposed by the com-mittee on ways and means, making the duties of the bill take effect on importations order-

April 1.—The Senate to-day in executive session concluded its consideration of all amendments to the arbitration treaty. The voting on additional amendments began at 4 o clock after three hours of general debate and in the hour and a half which followed about a dozen propositions were passed upon. Two only were adopted, except some making verbal changes. Of those adopted making verbal changes. Of those adopted one, offered by Senator Bacon, exempts the claims against Southern states from the operations of the treaty, and the other, introduced by Senator Morgan, eliminates ar-ticle 8 of the treaty.

The Cuban question was revived in the

Senate to-day after a long period of com-parative calm. Four distinct Cuban resolutions were brought forward in rapid succes-

April 2 — The Republican members of the Senate committee on finance are continuing their work day and night on the tariff bill with the intention of reporting it at the earliest possible day. They are not yet pre-pared to give any of the results of their in-vestigations, and say, when approached apon the subject, that they have not as yet ached any conclusions upon any schedules of the bill.

April 3 - The House adopted the Serate

April 3—The House adopted the Senate resolution to emply a vessel of the navy and charter another steamship to carry food to the starving people of India. Mr. Zenor, Democrat, Indiana, introduced a biil to amend the civil service act by providing that examinations shall be practical and relate only to subjects which the applicants will be called on to deal with. It also permits preference to be given to members of any political party within the discretion of the appointing officers. Mr. Corliss, Republican, Michigan, offered a joint resolution to revoke all the orders extending the application of the civil service laws made the application of the civil service laws made by President Cleveland during the last ad-

ministration. April 5. The senate was in session about forty-live minutes this afternoon and it went through business at a lightning gait. In exactly twenty minutes the statesmen of the upper branch passed sixteen bills on second reading and twenty-five more on first read-

ing.

This was the last night for putting in bills in the house without securing unanimous consent. As a result 63 legislative propositions were dumped in.

# PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

March 3L - A bill was introduced in the March 31.—A bill was introduced in the house by Mr. McWhinney, of Allegheny, making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$5,000 or by one year's imprisonment, to organize monopolies in articles of general

Bills were also introduced designating the Priday following the nearest to the middle of May, or the Friday falling nearest the middle of September, as "bird day" in the public

Other bills repealing the act of March 27, 1866, which prohibits the sale of liquor in Westmoreland, Biair and Indiana counties, so for as it relates to Westmoreland county requiring county officers to ascertain and record the names, residences and addresses of all makers and holders of mortgages, judgments and other liens or assignments of the same, were introduced by Mr. Ham-mond, of Westmoreland.

April 5 .- The Senate by unanimous vote adopted a resolution reciting the reports that Gen. Ruiz Rivera, the Cuban commander, is about to be tried by drumbend court martial and shot, and expressing the judgment of the Senate that if these reports are true, the President of the United States should protest to the Spanish government against such a violation of the rules of civil ized warfare.

# BARTOLOME MASSO.

New President of the Cuban Republic an American Citizen.

Bartolome Masso, who is now president of the so-called Cuban republic, having succeeded Cisneros, deceased, is one of three brothers, he being the eldest. They are negroes. A Southerner would call them mulattoes, and a Cuban would say they are Cubans, simply because they happened to be born on the island. Their birthplace is in the province of Santa Clara, and the Presiden's age is near the 40 year mark. His father was a half Spaniard and his mother a Kongo negress. Both the old man and the three sons participated in the revolution that ended in 1874. They were conspicuous in the campaigns of the eastern part of Cuba, each having command of a regiment of guerrillas. When peace was restored they took the oath of allegiance to the Spanish crown, and in doing so escaped puntshment.

Subsequently they joined Garcia, the bandit, in his "road" movement, and were somewhere in biding in the Santiago de Cuba Mountains when the present revolution broke out. ceeded Cisneros, deceased, is one of three

broke out.

Went Out Like a Lion.

aterville Presbyterian congregation anded a call to Rev. G. J. Timblin, a snow, prevailed in Mebraska, Wyoming and Colorado.

# THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSOR

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR APRIL 11.

Lesson Text: "Conversion of Cornelius," Acts x., 30-44-Golden Text: Acts x., 43-Commentary.

30. Peter and six men from Joppa (chapter xi., 12) have arrived at the house of Corne-lius, the Roman centurion in Casarea. Cor-nelius was a just and God fearing man, much neius was a just and God fearing man, much given to prayer and good deeds and beloved by all the Jews of the city (verses 1, 2, 22), yet not a saved man (chapter xi., 14). But God saw his earnest desire, and in the way here re-orded brought Simon Peter to him as He had before brought Philip to the ennich. Correlius, with his kinsmen and friends, welcomed Simon Peter and the ennuch. Cornelius, with his kinsmen and friends, welcomed Simon Peter and the brethren, and Peter, having explained why be, a Jew, had come to uncircumcised gentiles, esks for what intent they had sent

for him, and Cornelius here begins his story 31. "A man in bright clothing" is his description of the angel who came to see him. The appearance of the angel at the supulcher was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow (Math. xxviii., 3). Some day, we too, shall shine as the sun (Math. xiii., 43). The angel's message was, "Thy prayer is heard and thine aims are had in remembrance in the sight of God." 32. Heaven is interested in Simon Peter

also and knows just where to flud him and now to make him willing to take this journey and do this work. Consider the "all things working together" in this record—the bungry man, the delayed dinner, the trance, the vision, the visitors, and everything just at the right time. Be not afraid to believe that heaven is interested in you, and have faith in God

faith in God.

33. Immediately the centurion sent to Joppa. Peter did well to come, and now they are ready to hear the message from the God of heaven. They were assembled before God to hear the message from God through Peter. They wanted none of Peter's thought's ar wisdom or eloquence, but only what God had commanded him to speak. The Lord Jesus Himself only spoke what the Father commanded Him (John xii., 49), and every messenger of the Lord may take all possible comfort from Ex. Iv., 12; Jer. i., 6-9, etc.

34. "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons," Thus Peter began his message. God took great pains to teach him essage. God fook great pants to teach that is (verses 11-16), and he never forzed it, at long afterward referred to it in I Pet. i. See also Pant's reference to the same in om. ii, 11. If necessary, God will give a sion or send an angel to instruct us, but blessed are the simple and teachable who, like Mary, sit at Jesus' feet and hear His word (Luke x, 39).

35. "But in every nation he that fearoth

Bim and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." This does not conflict with chapter iv. 12, and the great truth that there is none other Saviour besides Jesus Christ, but wherever any one, Jew or gentile, caraestly seeks after God. He will regard them and so reveal Himself to them that they may e saved. To conclude from this verse we do the best we know how we are would be a perversion of Scripture, for the deeds of the law (and the law is holy no flesh can be justified (Rom. iii, 20-21).

36, "Preaching peace by Jesus Christ." Made nigh by the blood of Christ, for He is our peace, having made peace through the blood of Hiscross. The work of righteous-ness shall be peace, and the effect of rightcousness, quietness and assurance forever Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 6, 13, 14; Col. 4, 20, 18a, xxxii, 17; Rom. v, 1). That which every soul needs is peace, peace with God, and it cannot be

is peace, peace with God, and it cannot be found apart from Jesus Christ.

37. "That word, I say, ye know which was published throughout all Judes." They had heard of Jesus, they knew something of the way, but they needed clearer light. They evidently knew something of the deeds of the law, of prayer, of almsgiving, of the one living and true God and the righteousness which He required, but they knew not the way to get it. They were ignorant of God-

way to get it. They were ignorant of Gods-righteousness (Rom. x, 3).

38. Jesus of Nazareth was righteous and did righteousness. He was God manifest in the flesh and set forth before men perfectly the righteousness which God required of man. He never pleased Himself nor lived anto Himself, but, being filled with the o Himself; but, being filled with the rit, went about showing men by word Spirit. and deed the love and goodness of God. He revealed God to mea: He gierified

39. Peter was with Him during all Ris public life and saw His acts and heard His words and as an eyewitness could testify that He was what He professed to be, the Son of God, the Messiah or Israel, the Saviour of sinners. He saw H m cleanse the leper, heal the sick, raise the dead and send the penitent sinner away with the as-surance of all sins forgiven. He also saw Himerneified on Catvary.

40. "Him God raised up the third lay and showed Him openly." All Scripture con-cerning His life and death and resurrection had been fulfilled, and that to the very letter, and, as He in His lifetime had repeatedly foretold. He rose from the dead on the third day, taking out of the tomb the very same body that was put in the tomb. having the unmistakable evidences of the nails through His hands and feet and the

spear thrust into His side.

41. "Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God." Unbelievers have not seen Jesus since He was crucifled, but as many as 500 of the disciples saw Him at once after His resurrection (I Cor. xv., 6), and He appeared not less than ten different times, and He actually ate with them, as

Peter says (Luke xxiv., 41).
42. "It is He which was ordained of God 42. "It is He which was ordained of God to be the judge of quick and dend." He will judge His redeemed at His own judgment seat (Rom. xiv., 10; Il Cor. v., 10). He and His redeemed will judge the nations when He shall come in glory, bringing His saints with Him (Math. xxv., 31, 32; I Cor. vi., 2; Col. Hi., 4), and then at the end of the thousand years, at the great white throne, He will indee the propodly who took to next. will judge the ungodly who took no part in

the first resurrection.

43. "To Him give all the prophets witness that through His name whoever telleveth in Him shall receive remission of sins." See Isa. 1., 18; xiiii., 25; xiv., 22; Jer. iii., 14; xxxi., 34; Mie. vii., 19; Ps. xxxii., 1, 2; ciii., 12, as some of the places where the prophets testify that through Him is the forgiveness of sins as a free gift without any works or

merit on our part.

44. "While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." And thus on uncircumcised gentiles God wrought as He had done at Pente-cost on circumcised Jews, and they were there and then baptized (verses 45, 48.)—

# TRAINLOAD OF BROOMCORN.

Largest Single Shipment Ever Made is the World.

A trainload of broomcorn arrived in Kan sas City, Mo., recently, bound for Onondaga, N. Y., where it will be made into whish brooms. The train was made up of twenty handsomely decorated cars, and is said to be the largest single shipment of broomcorn ever made from any point in the world. The corn was grown near Sterling, Kan., and is part of a crop of 1600 tons, which was raised within twenty miles of that city.

# Confesses to Arson.

Hugh Miller confessed in Brooklyn to having set many fires. He is a pyromaniae as a result, he says, of eigarette-smoking, and kindled the fires for amusement. In them ten lives were lost.

# SELECT RELIGIOUS READING

When stern occasion calls for war,

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And the trumpets shrill and peal,
Forges and armories ring all day
With the flerce clash of steel.
The blades are heated in the flame,
And cooled in ky flood,
And beaten hard, and beaten well,
To make them firm and pliable,
Their edge and temper good:
Then tough and sharp with discipline,
They win the fight for fighting men. When God's occasions call for men.

His chosen souls he takes. In life's hot fire he tempers them, With tears he cools and slakes With many a heavy, grievous stroke He beats them to an edge,

And tests and tries again, again,
Till the hard will is fused, and pain
Becomes high privilege:
Then strong, and quickened through and
tirrough.
They ready are his work to do. Like an on-rushing, furious host

The tide of need and sin. Unless the bindes shall tempered be, They have no chance to win ; iod trusts to no untested sword When he goes forth to war; Only the souls that, beaten long On pain's great anvil; have grown strong His chosen weapons are. Ah souls, on pain's great anvil laid, Remember this, nor be afraid

### SORROW HAS ITS BRIGHT SIDE.

It is difficult sometimes to see the bright side of sorrow, sickness and death. And ye there is distinctly a bright side. No sor-row comes to us without a reason. We never know our friends until sorrow or fil-ness come to us. We never know what loving kindness and thoughtfulness mean, until we stand in need of them, and our hearts seem to beat against the walls of a We learn somethin cold, merciless world. from every grief and from each pain which comes to us. That is why sorrow and trials are given us; not to give pain, but to develop us, to better equip us for something unknown which in the future, and which we could meet nor understand unless we had gone through certain experiences. We are far too apt to regard actual blessings as calamities, to look upon the dark side of things. Some sorrow comes to us and we rebel. It never occurs to us that, perhaps, we need the experience which sorrow alone can give. Hiness comes and we fret. Bu we cannot always be well. Aliments ar very often given to us to make our apprecia

very often given to us to make our apprecia-tion of good health the keener. . . God has an aim; a direct purpose, in every-ving He does. His blessings come In different forms. Nor are those rms always such as we would like to choose. Lessons can be more effectively raught in hunmerable cases through sorrow than through pleasure. We should never know what a pure, beautiful color white is if we did not have black to bring out the contrast. We want only pleasure in our lives. When sorrow comes we rebel and refuse to recognize it for what it s often is a blessing in disguise. We canno always have it June. There must be March Yet March has its spring violets.—Edward W. Bok, in Ladies' Home Journal.

### THE PROOF OF CHRIST'S BIRTH.

Jesus did not create goodness her fall form had been already carved in white marble by austere hands; His office was to pince a soul within the ribs of death till the cold stone changed into a living body. Before Jesus, goodness was sterile; since Jesus, goodness has blossomed; He fertilized it with His spirit. It was a theory, it became a force. He took the corn, which had been long stored in the granaries of philosophy, and sowed it in the soft spearth; He minted the gold and made it rent coin. Christianity is in religion what steam is in mechanics—the power which drives. Jesus wrote nothing, He said little, but He did what He said and made others do as He commanded. His religion began at once to exist: from the beginning it was a iffe. It is the distinction of Christianity that it goes. This is why some of us, in spite of every intellectual difficulty, must believe Jesus to be the Son of God—He has done what no other ever did and what only God could do. He is God because He discharges a "God-function" hey John Water charges a "God-function," Rev. son, in "The Mind of the Master."

# HELP FOR OUR DURDESS.

What an immense lot of over loaded peo-ple there are in this world! We can see it in their careworn faces: and each one thicks his burden is the heaviest. There is a cer-tain kind of care that is wise; a man who has no forethought for the future is a sluggard or a fool. The apostic had no refer-ence to a wise thoughtfulness for the fu-ture when he said, "fast all your care upon Him, for He eareth for you." That much-perverted verse is accurately trans-lated in the revised version, "casting all your anxiety on Him because He careth for you. Now just what our almighty and all-loving Father offers is—to help us carry our loads He who watched over the infant deliverer of Israel in his gradie of rushes, who sent His ravens to feed Eijah by the brookside, who protected Daniel in the den, and kept Paul calm and cheerful in the harricane, is the very One who says to us—Roll your anxleties over on Me, for I have you on My heart! -Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

# THE OUTET LENTEN SEASON.

For a few weeks let those obtrusive worldlinesses which block the doors of our heart' stand back, and let the way be clear that he who longs to enter in and help us may come and meet no obstacle. This is our Lenten task. "If any man will hear my voice and open unto me I will come in and sup with him," says Jesus. To still the tunnit and clatter a little, so that we may hear his voice and to open the door by prayer that is the privilege and duty of these coming weeks. May God be with us during this Lent! May we be with God! May there be much of the fasting which our Father loves, much penit-ace for sin and much opening of long-shut doors to Christ! Phillips Brooks.

# WATER THE SETTER BEMEDY.

Dr. James R. Nichols says: "Rum or alcohol as an embrocation was formerly re-garded as of the highest efficiency; but it is now known that hot or cold water is a much now known that hot or cold water is a much better application for inflamed surfaces. The external use of alcohol upon the human body under any conditions of disease is practically useless. It may serve to cool inflamed parts by rapid evaporation, but warm water meets the same end, and more effectively. Alcohol in the form of gin, brandy, whisky or wince may be banished from families as a domestic remedy without risk to the welfare domestic remedy without risk to the welfare of a single member, of any age, sex or con-

### PANILIABITY NOT CONTEMPT. "I know that thou art a man of God,"

said the widow of Elijah. We tak of the man of letters, the man of honor, the man of mark, but how infinitely better to be known as a man of God—one of God's men a man after God's own heart! And how splendid the tribute when we are so ad dressed by those with whom we have been wont to live! That "familiarty breeds contempt" is one of the world's common places but when a man is filled with the Holy Ghos the more he is known the more clearly he is proved to be a man of God.—F. B. Meyer.

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### POPULAR SCIENCE.

The horse when browsing is guided entirely by the nostrils in the choice of proper food, and blind horses are never known to make mistakes in their diet.

Moths may be kept from furs and woolens, United States entomologist L. O. Howard concludes, by cold storage during the summer at forty degrees.

Insects are for their size the strongest members of the animal creation. Many beetles can lift a weight equal to more than 500 times the weight of their own bodies.

Professor Richarz and Dr. Krigar Menzel, of Berlin, announce, as the result of investigations extending over twelve years, that "the density of the earth is such that the whole globe weighs 54,661 trillion tons."

A number of people in New York have formed a club called the Mycological Club, which, as its name indi-cates, will have for its objects the "classification and identification of the larger fungi of the United States; the study of edible mushrooms and toadstools and also the poisonous varieties, and to arouse a wider interest in economic foods."

It has recently been discovered that iodine exists in combination in the human body. It occurs in the thyroid gland, and may be concerned as the essential chemical substance in the internal secretion of that gland. The proof of the occurrence of iodine in the living structure of animals is of great scientific interest and importance, says Knowledge, and is the most remarkable discovery made by chemi-

cal physiology for some time. There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during their stay in this world. Among fish it is now positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all. Also that there are several others of the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes during a month. There are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber, and from three to five species of serpents which the naturalists have never yet been able to catch napping.

The bat flight is somewhat fluttering, and they are exceedingly hard to shoot, owing to their extraordinary rapidity. The bat wing is formed on a principle different from any other wing. The flying-fox bat has its third | finger particularly elongated, and the membrane of the wing is stretched down to the side of the body. The principal motion in flight is the downward sweep produced by the construction of the breast muscles; and in birds the breastbone has a vertical keel, so as to afford point or surface for attachment, which, in the chicken, is called the breast. In the bats we find the keel and the collar bone.

# The White Pebble Pit.

It has frequently happened that miners have discovered curious traces of former workings, hundreds of years ago, and tools have been found which belonged to the ancient miners, and many other relies.

gaged in the Spanish silver mine known as the White Pebble Pit. While digging their subterranean passages they suddenly found a sori apartments, in which were a quantity of mining tools, left there from a very remote period, but still in such good preservation that there were hatchets, and sieves for sifting the ore, a smelting furnace and two anvils, which proved the earliest miners had great experience in their operations.

In one of the caverns there was a round building, with niches, in which were three statues, one sitting down, and half the size of life; the other two were in a standing position, and about three feet in height. This in the law of the part of the pa building is supposed to have been the temple of the god who was believed, in pagan times, to preside over mines. Several objects of art, and some remarkable instruments, were also found, which have led scientific persons to think that the workings might have been made by the Phoenicians, the people who, as is well known, were, in the time of Solomon, famous for their manufacturing and commer-

cial genius. In 1854 a discovery was made by some miners excavating on the other side of the mountain on which the White Pebble Pit is situated; this was a fine figure of the heathen god Hercules, which was found in an old work-

In digging for copper on the shores of Lake Superior, in this country, the miners have made many similar discoveries, showing that the mines were worked ages ago. - Detroit Free Press.

# Oueer Slabs of Rock.

A surprising find has been made in Elysian Park, Les Angeles, Cal., and one which is likely to prove of great importance to scientists, when a probable relic of a prehistoric age was unearthed. While excavating in a hillside the laborers dug out several large flat slabs of rock. Little attention was paid to them at first, but one of the men had occasion to stoop for a tool and his attention was attracted by several unusual lines and marks in the rocks. A closer inspection showed many impressions on the slabs, and the indeptations took the form of fishes, lizards and reptiles, some of them recognizable and others mysterious and unknown.

Two of the slabs were taken to the office of the Park Superintendent. One of the specimens has the skeleton of a fish marked on its surface very plainly. Speculation is rife as to the age and probable origin of these productions. Some of the local scientists have been greatly interested in the find, and propose to obtain permission from the Park Commissioners to make a search of Elysian Park.

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# CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIGS.

TOPIC FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 11.

"The Brotherhood of Man." 1 John in. 1-24. A Missionary Topic.

Apr. 5. Christ's brothers. Matt. xit. 46-79. Apr. 6. Weak brothers. 1 Cor. viii, 1-13. Apr. 7. Poor brothers. Lev. xxv. 35-43. Apr. 8. Helpful brothers, 2 Sam. x, 6-12, Apr. 9. All are brothers, Acts xvii, 22-31, Apr. 10. Brothers united, Ps. exxxii, 1-3,

Schierenn Vensus, -Gal, lif. 18; I John v. 1; ii. 10; iv. 11; iv. 20, 21; Deut, xv. 7, 8; Rom, xii, 9, 10; Jus. ii 15, 16.

LESSON THOUGHTS. If we are to know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the returen, how then does our own Christianity stand the test? Are we trying to conquer all feelings of jealousy, and hatred, being kindly affectioned one to another, in love; in honor preferring one another? It is a searching test, but "he that loveth not his

brother, abideth in death. It is not very hard to love our brethren "in word" and "in tongue," but to love without dissimulation, in deed and in truth, more than in more outward show, or in pleasant and polite manners assumed for the occasion—this is the brotherly love which Christ exercized and would have us

### SELECTIONS.

As the spokes of a carriage wheel approach their center, they approach each other; so also when men are brought to Jesus Christ, the centre of life and hope, they are drawn toward each other in brotherly relationship, and stand side by side journeying to their

heavenly home.

In the heart of Africa, among the great lakes, I have come across black men and women who remembered the only white man they ever saw before-David Livingstown; and as you cross his footsteps in that dark continent, men's faces light up as they speak of the kind Doctor who passed there years ago. They could not understand him; but they felt the love that beat in heari. They

knew him as a brother.

Once or twice in a decade some heart is as finely touched by the spirit of love as Father Damien, facing the certainty from a long, slow putrefaction, that a congregation of lepers might enjoy the consolation of faith. But the ordinary test of charity is much more commonplace. It is helpful compassion to a brother who is known to be