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The Rev. Dr. John Reid Answers the Somewhat Narrow Criticism That Christianity is Narrow in 1ts Spirit and Contracting in Its Effect.

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BROOKIN, N. Y. —Dr. John Reid, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, preached an eloquent sermon Sunday morning. His text was taken from Ephesians, y.1; "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." Dr. Reid said:

The Revised Version givess a better and stronger translation: "Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children." Imitators, as children. Being shildren of God, be ye imitators of God.

Tenth is practically always achievement, superstructure, the keystone, a last stroke. There are what the metaphysicians call "Immediate truth," that is, truth in connection with which our knowledge is intuitive, and where it comes in as the direct and undeniable testimony of the senses, but as a general thing, acquired truth is the result of work done, the issue of a battle which has been won. In other words, truth has to conquer before it can command. But in conflict or warfare of whatsever kind, disguise is ever a worse fee to meet than denial. And I suppose that what is frequently affirmed is probably true; namely, that the Christian religion has always suffered more from those who, sometimes intentionally and sometimes unintentionally, have perverted and misreprensented it, than it has ever suffered from those who have even formally opposed it.

There, for instance, is the somewhat trite criticism that Christianity as a scheme is narrow in its spirit and contracting in its effect; under it as a system men do not attain the highest possible development, and, therefore, they cannot display the fairest and finest fiber of human character; it developes the passive and uninfluential, more than the pussant and productive, elements of our nature; it keeps its hand on life's brake, to check and hold in, rather than

than the pussant and productive, elements of our nature; it keeps its hand on life's brake to check and hold in, rather than on life's throttle valve fo open and let go; it is in face a lion, but in heart a deer; the thou shalt nots outnumber the thou shalt nots outnumber the thou shalts; there is an unmistakable flavor of pusillanimity, of cowardiness, of spiritlessness, which nothing every wholly removes from many of its principles and professions; re-

ful and thoughtful. And certainly it is all forceful. It is the were true, it, might be even fatal.

Yet from the beginning to end this whole criticism that Christianity is narrow in its spirit and contracting in its effects moves on a misconception. Human life can never be bound by a lifeless process. It is of necessity linked to a living Person. And in Christianity, it is the Almighty God who is the standard. Men are everywhere exhorted and expected to ascertain His wil, to keep His word, to lay hold of His strength, to walk in His light, and so to adorn His doctrine in all things. It is the example of God that is published as the pattern. It is the purity of God that is put forth as the test. It is the will of God that is presented as the motive power. It is the glory of God that is pointed to as the end. It is the approbation of God that is urged as the inspiration and the sweet reward. Likeness to Godhood—that is Christianity's ideal of manhood; likeness; not simply a representation, but a reproduction; an image; a likeness which has its place, not in a oneness or community of life. In Him we live and move and have our being, said Paul, with all clearness and confidence. "For me to live is Christ," said the same great apostle to the Gentles. Literally, for to me, that is, in my case, in so far as I am personally concerned, life is Christ. In my view and understanding of the term, life is but another name for Christ. Whatever of life, or of time, or of talent, or of strength I have, it is all His, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." That man's great endeavor was, as near as possible, to reproduce in his life the life of his Master.

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"Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children." We have all known children who were so impressed with the characteristics of their fathers that we could never heat their form of expression or see their modes of action without thinking of those from whom their opinions and conduct had received direction and form. We say, chip's of the old block; the father lives again in the son. Just so the true life of the Christian is, potentially at least, simply a reproduction of the life of the Christ.

Imitators, as children of God." What-"Imitators, as children of God." Whatever the sentiments we may entertain regarding the claims of aristocracy or the
rights of democracy, we all make much of
ancestry. The son of a lord may become a
lord. The daughter of a queen is of the
blood royal. Everywhere men believe in
association. Family glory is a good introduction and a great help to any man who
can lawfully point to it as his. The validity of that introduction is never questioned, the integrity of that help is never
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becomes personally deficient or personally degenerate. For doubtless everywhere, when it comes to the purely practical side of things, "what is he?" is of far greater importance than "whence did he come?" A big fruit from a little true is worth more than a little fruit from a big tree, when it is truit that the market is demanding. And what this intensely practical age demands is not so much ancestral trees as palatable fruit.

I confess that sometimes I have found it hard to preserve the proprieties when I have heard people boasting of ancestry. I have sometimes wondered what the ancestors would say if they suddenly saw the progeny. Patennity is not always easily recognizable in posterity. Neither in things moral does past possession ever pay for present poverty. There must be some water in the channel to make a river out of it, and it is always the present water volume of the stream that determines the real water value of the river.

"Oh, East is East, and West is West, And never the twain shall meet. The farth and Sky stand presently at Godis great judgment seat; Burdere, nor Breed, nor Birth, When two strong men stand face to face, Though they come from the ends of the Earth."

These are strong lines of Kipling; brave words, wise and true. When it comes to the solemn strife and stress of life, "what" weighs more than "whence." Every man in his own saddle" and "every tub on its own bottom."

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Nevertheless, all people are disposed to recognize the possibility of high honor in honorable descent. But admit this to be true, and it carries its own serious claim along with it. It was the observation of one of the ancients that the burden of government is increased to princes by the virtues of their immediate predecessors. Commenting on the saying, Dr. Samuel Johnson, in one of his essays, remarked it as always dangerous to be placed in a state of unavoidable comparison with excellence, and that the danger is always greater when the excellence is consecrated by death. Privilege of ancestry means responsibility of heirship. Duly and morally considered,

ting the globe to be an abode. He let us make man in our image, after likeness. It is written. "So God I man in His own image; formed if the dust of the ground and ed into his nostrils the breath of an man became a living soul"—the piece of divine ingenuity and powhom there is no premonition what of any higher physical life. "Let have dominion over the fish of the dover the fowl of the air, and over the and over all the earth, and over creening thing that creeneth upon the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creening thing that creeneth upon the earth." Divinely authenticated on heart and on brain, a being of boundless assirations, separated in moral and spiritual nature, as by an impassable gulf, from all other animal orders, man is at the head—rational, responsible, immortal.

How often we speal that word "immortal!" Man does not die—
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"There is no death. What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburi's of the life, elvisian,
Whose portal we all death."
The good which a man does lives forever. And the good man lives in it. Augustine in his confessions, Calvin in his vindication. Watts and Wesley in the psalms and bymas and spiritual songs by which Christendom's praises are still attuned. Robert Raikes, the publisher, and Henry Dincan, the divine—the one still gathers the children and the other still guards the treasures of the noor. Throughout all Germany, affid their restless lives and the many temptations of their cater, hundreds, of young journeymen mechanics, who know not the name, said bless the hand of Clemens Perthes, the learned professor of Joontachecuse he had the foundations of tig howes which open to them their hospitach doors. Yonder to Western and the first man and the professor of Joontachecuse he had the foundations of tig howes which open to them their hospitach doors. Yonder at Weigner, and hard by the grawe, of Germany, and hard by the grawe of Germany, and hard by the grawe, of Germany, and hard by the grawe of Germany, and hard by the grawe, of Germany, and hard by the grawe, of Germany, and hard by the grawe, of Germany, and hard by the grawe of Germany, and hard by the grawe of Green indeed from theirs, but on whose tomb the enison runs: "Under this linden free, fixed from sin-chresch, leasure beautiful the cities this parceful three dill'gently pray for thire. And because the

dying race began.

Ever, ever, and for-ever was the leading light of man.

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How are we to explain this? What is the philosophy of such, nower over the ravages of time? My-dear friends, we ought to take some things out of the region of speculative or ecolesiastical doctrine, where they seem sometimes to have been consigned. We cannot contemplate importably simply as a doctrine of the Bible, or a teaching of the church. It is more. It is a vital power in the life. Given the Fatherhood of God and the immortality of man is the demonstration of human life.

Do you seek the strongest and clearest evidence of the existence of God? You take it with you wherever you go. You yourself are that evidence. "The argument from design?" You have it, in, your own body, the most wonderfully complete of all known organisms. "The argument from being?" In the consciousness of your own dependence, you have, a conviction not to be gainsaved of Him on whom you depend. Created as he is in God's image, man is an evituence of all God's creation. He is a duodecimo universe. The human soul is a mirror which reflects God. It is true the image is marred and obscured; there is but little of the intuitive knowing; the traces of the inherent right consenses are very feeble; the flow of the essential holiness is torpid and inext—the image is a broken one; the picture; is a moving picture; the lines in it are not straight, they are vibratory—but the likeness is there. To be a man is to have some perceptible trace in God.

My dear friends, however broken and marred the image may be in any, Christ is able to restore it in all. And that verily is the whole aim of Christianity; to bring us back to what God first intended us to be. Believers in Christ are in Him created anew unto good works and have renewed in themselves the whole man after the image of God in knowledge and right counsels and true holiness.

The Christian's Answer.

This is the reply we Christians make to those who say that religion is mythical and that it retreats into some secret place where no mere intellectuality can wholly follow it. It surely is mystical in these intended in the second of the soul, but does it not come forth again and move through the activities of human life, outs in the open world a chastewed, beautified and Christ-like spirit? This is our answer. Conscious of sin and imperfections, this is still our answer. God is our home. Slowly we yield our stubborn matures to His constant pressure. His presence is our best education. He is the great beautifier of human life. Differ as we may in our creeds and philosophies, this is the issue of religion, this is the product of fellowship with Him, our Father, our God, our eternal refuge and home.

Man Impressive Spectacle.

When you stop to consider what the church of God is, the spectacle of hundreds of thousands, even millions, of souls wending their way to the places of worship throughout the land becomes impressive. Why do they come? What is the permanent element in life that maintains this vast interest? Changes occur among nations, institutions rise and fall, traditions wax and wane, creeds are made and unmade, and yet men continue to worship.



The fact is brought out in recent compilations at Washington that West Virginia is the only State east of the Rocky Mountains that is short of its quota of women. For every 521 males there are 479 females. It is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the Mississippi where man still is the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is the only

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Among the loveliest evening gowns recently designed is a pompadour frock in the daintiest of silver-gray silk patterned with pink rosebuds. The skirt is bordered with a pinked out flounce, the gaugings above the heading being finished with two rows of narrow green ribbon velvet. The bodice comes to a fong point in front, and over this falls a jabot of fine lice, between turned back double revers faced with white silk, a miniature dismond butwhite silk, a miniature diamond but-ton accentuating each point.

Perfume Their Dags.

The office of the affectations among fashionable women nowadays is to have some distinctive note about their dress or coinfure or little accessories of wards robe even if it, be only some special sperfume which they endeavor to associate with their note paper, their visiting cards, or their carriages, as well as their, dress. One would fain think this is enough, but according to the latest advices, some women even perfume their pet dogs, and their aim is to discover some unique perfume and guard its name as a jealous secret.

We are so ready to light against love, asys a writer in the Philadelphia Dulletin, we doubt it and push it away from us, giving it only a half welcome when we find that it is useless to resist it. But when the ugly, little demon attention at the trusts himself, forward, we encourage him by the mere fact of our faith in him. Things should be exactly reversed. We should seek love and give him every encouragement to tarry. Do you think the multi-millionaire is to discover some unique perfume and guard its name as a jealous secret.

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The Smocked Frock.

Smocking is coming back into favor, and a material that smocks better than almost any other is pongee. A little gown for a girl of ten was of old tose pongee, with a plain, round skirt, smocked all around the waist. A low-necked waist had a circular vake of smocked all around the waist. A low-necked waist had a circular yoke of pongee, trimmed with French knots and Oriental embroidery. Below the yoke was a band of smocking which extended in a straight line across the sleeve. The sleeves were loose puffs to the elbow and were gathered into bands of embroidery. A soft sash of black louisine was wern.

black louisine was worn. A Touch of Gold.

A touch of gold is upon everything. The gold does not take violent forms, but is used delicately. It is not seen in wide strappings nor in broad bands, nor yet in heavy applications. On the other hand, it is used in very subtle ways. Threads of gold are run around. other hand, it is used in very subtle ways. Threads of gold are run around the square-cut bodices worn by high art young women; gold stitchings decorate the fronts of blouses; gold traceries adorn buttonholes as an outline, and half the buttons show touches of golff or are surrenunded by gold ornaments, such as gold flagree. In this way gold is introduced into the gowns of to-day in the same properties.

Belts and Bodices.

Belts and bodices of all corts and descriptions are worn with waists of dinner and balf gowns. Silk, satin and velvet on the bias are in favor, or ribbon, but the long sash ends have not meet with popular approval, and the bodice is fastened with buckles or fancy buttons. The different colored bodices considered so smart lair winbodiecs considered so smart hat win-ter will be fashionable as ever, and certainly tiley are a great addition to almost any gown, besides righting it possible to have a variety of different

possible to have a variety or discrete effects for the one gown.

These bodices are often claborate affairs of pleats which are really a part of the gown fisself. On one gown, for instance, the folds of the bodice are high at the back, carried up in a limit thempark Ragar. point.—Harper's Bazar.

Biements of Character.
Writing on character building in the October Delineator, Mrs. Theodore Welliney places above all others the following elements of character, "which go far toward enabling their possessor to achieve a lasting and legitimate success in life"—honesty, decision, punctuality and perseverance. Elsewhere she says: "The very foundation of character is sincerity—honesty and truthfulness are but other names for the same thing—and if parents continually set their children an example

The woman who has to be satisfied with one suit in a senson wisely choose a material and style which so harmonize and adapt themselves to her figure and complexion that the observer will note the general effect of harmony and be attracted by it rather than by one item of the whole. A woman is well dressed when she brings about such a result.

Maidens Should Go to West Virginia.

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commonwealth east of the Mississippi where man still is found, by right of numbers, in indisputed sway.

The average number to a family in West Virginia is 5.1.

Timely Gossip.

A woman can control a man's opinions by seeming to agree with them.

A girl's purse always has a healthy look until its contents are displayed.
While women have a lively imagination they try to keep the fact a secret.
The man who undertakes to instruct a woman in politics must be madly in

a woman in points must be mady in love with her.

A woman's voice does much toward making her popular with men.

Spinsters write the best love stories, probably because their ideas of the

probably because their ideas of the tender passion are imaginary.

Girls, don't speak of other girls as young persons because they are not in your set. Don't attract the notice of strangers by actions of the loud order.

We are so ready to fight against love, says a writer in the Philadelphia Bulletin, we doubt it and push it away from us, giving it only a half welcome when we find that' it is sucless to re-

A woman who is sarcastic wince when it comes back to her in kind.

For Old Folks.

If the young people of the family have never given an old people's party they don't know how much pleasure they have denied their elderly friends and themselves.

There comes a time when one's work seems done, the usefulness passed.

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Then it is that old people sit down with
more or less patience to wait. No young
person can appreciate what patience
this requires—this waiting for the sum-

this requires—this waiting for the summons to take the long, long journey.

What do these elderly friends of yours and mine find to think about? Time was when they were sought, their advice is not asked, their desires are not considered. Their tastes are old fashioned and not to be followed.

As they sit in this enforced idleness of age and think and rock, the contrast between these days and better, livelier. between these days and better, livelier, more fraitful days, can but strike sorrow to their hearts.

Do you young folks ever think what it means to be old, neglected, for-

Che can have half a dozin tiffeta gowis without cohlering monitony. Ergyra, helland and coarse brown canvas appear to be in particular favor. White linen crumples to easily that hany, women prefer the heavy cotton

fatrics.

If one Cossn't like buttons up the girdle, three pert little bows are highly

Monsters That Have Survived Most of Their Species.

Professor Charles L. Edwards, of Trinity College, told the Hartford Scientific Society recently a lot about the sea serpent and had shown on a screen pictures of the monsters calculated to

WHAT SEA SERPENTS ARE.

pictures of the monsters calculated t scare an innocent youngster out of a year's growth, says the Hartford Cour-ant. Unfortunately, none of the pic-tures was an actual photograph, but tures was an actual photograph, but the lecturer seemed to tend to the be-lief that there was something doing in the monster line, and the Rev. Jas. Goodwin, the President of the society, said at the close of the lecture that he for one believed more in the thing than he had before. As to how great that previous belief had been he did not

previous belief had been he did not say.

Professor Edwards, in the first part of his lecture, had thrown on the screen pictures of sea monsters as represented in years past. He explained in his talk that, while he spoke of "sea serpents," the so-called and oft-repeated sea serpent could not be a big snake, but some other kind of a monster (if it was anything). As back as far as Job mention is made of a great leviathan, and accounts of some great things are found in all early histories. One myth seems to have come from a one myth seems to have come from a sperm whale and another from a squid. Even the Indian's had a belief in a monster servent and thought one lived in the great lakes and broke up the ice in the winter when it became irritated.

tated.
Professor Edwards gave a long list of dates when the great sea serpent has been reported, and related some of the circumstances. They stretch from 1629 down into 1903. A bishop, Commodore Preble, crews of British warships, and many persons have made the reports. A noted appearance was at Gloucester and Nahant, Mass., in 1817, when hundreds of reputable cit-izens saw something and testified to it. It is estimated that from 600 to or to estimated that from our to 700 persons saw it, and people even drove along the beach ip crowds, keeping up with it as it swam off the shore. Professor Edwards said there was no doubt that something was seen

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It is always described as black or brownish, with eves in the upper part of the head, swimming at a speed of live or six knots, carrying its head out of water, generally with a mane, and proceeding with a humping motion proceeding with a humping motion like a caterpillar. A curious appearance was one reported in 1808-90 in a Swedish Lake, where, it was declared, a huge animal had been seen a number of times, and had been watched through glasses for long periods. Finally a newspaper sent an eminent naturalist to investigate, and he reported as his conclusions that several monsters from six to four feet long had certainly been seen in the lake.

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Artoressor Edwards said that probably in all the many cases reported something had been seen, for it is impossible to believe that all these people were liars. The universal declaration that the thing proceeded with an undulating motion does away with the theory of its being actually a big snake. He showed that the stories might grise from the appearance of a manatee, a big stingray, a gigautic squid (one was caught with arms and body 100 feet long), a basking shark whales, or sensol of porpoises. A few years ago what was called the Fiorida monster was found near St. Augustine, with arms nearly 100 feet long. The basking shark grows to firty feet long certainly. There is no known limit to the growth of fishes.

The christian's Answer.

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We have had the bicycle honeymoon and the motor honeymoon, the town hopeymoon and the country honey prettiest.

Frilling for collars and cuffs comes now by the yard.

For cost figures a high belt is becomed in the sporting honeymoon, but, says The Tatler, it was reserved for an Austrian moleman to revive the walking honeymoon. Prince Waldenburg and his bride, immediafely after their marked hanging in full folds all around.

Che can have half a dezn taffeta gowns without chileving monology. fit, or such of it as happens to be ab-solutely indispensable. But while they have all the enjoyments of va-grancy, they do not entirely turn their games, they co not enturely turn their backs upon civilization. An army of servants travels in advance to make things comfortable for the couple at the places where they nightly lodge.

Changes in the Churches

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Jale, in the International Quarterly, says that with every year it becomes more and more certain that by the year 2000 no nore certain that by the year 2000 ho ecclesiastical organization now existing in America will retain its present form. This statement was made as early as the year 1870 by the distinguished President of Brown University, Thiry years have more than justified a position which then seemed somewhat startling.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

RETIRED ON PENSIONS.

Three Men of Altoona Who Have Reached Age Limit—Fight With Burglars at Beaver Falls.

Patrolman William Kircher, of Beaver Falls, detected two men trying to force an entrance into a Seventh avenue clothing store through theorem door. When the would-be-thieves saw the officer they started to run. Kircher fired at them and they stopped and returned the fire with interest. No one was hit, and when other officers, attracted by the shooting, arrived on the scene the burglars escaped in the fog.

Five Italians boarded a car at Baggley Sunday evening. One of the men lowered a window. Conductor Anthony ordered him to close it. The man refused and Anthony shut it. While his back was turned, the Italian suddenly whipped out a stiletto, plunged it into the conductor's neck and drew it downward, making a wound more than a foot long along the spinal column. Two other Italians then attacked him. One stabbed him on the shoulder and the other thrust his knife into the conductor's abdomen, ripping it open and almost disemboweling him. William McGary of Baggley was the only other passenger and he sprang to Anthony's rescue and knocked two of the men down. The rioters threatened him with their knives and he was unable to prevent their escape. Anthony died on the way to the Greensburg Hospital.

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A Hallowe'en prank cost the life of Roy Saltsgiver, aged 20, and Charles Monilla, an Italian, is in the Greensburg jail charged with murder. Saltsgiver was one of several boys who in a spirit of fun took the delivery wagon of Antonia Primeron, an Italian grocer of Vandergrift Heights, intending to drag it to some out-of-the-way place. They were seen by young Monilla, who was employed by Primeron. Monilla tried to make the boys give up the wagon, but they are said to have taunted him. He followed the boys for several blocks and finally whipped out a revolver and shot into the crowd four times. One of the bullets struck Saltsgiver in the back of the head and he fell dead.

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Fire in Johnstown destroyed the three-story Cobaugh building and the residence of ex-Mayor L. D. Woodruff, causing a loss of \$44,500, partly covered by insurance. The losses are as follows: Crofford, Adams & Ripple, on building, \$20,000; Barthart & Co., plumbers, \$8,000; W. A. Adams grocer, \$5,000; L. D. Woodruff, \$6,000; tenants of second floor of building, \$2,500; five secret societies on third floor of Cobaugh building, paraphernalla, \$3,000. The fire is said to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in the plumbing shop.

Three employes of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona have been retified on pensions. Adam B. Hamilton, foreman of the tin shop, after 35 years service, reached the age limit. The employes of the shop presented him with a gold watch and a purse of gold. R. B. Bartley, for 45 years in service, most of the time in the boffer shop, received a gold-headed cane and gold watch and chain from his fellowemployes. Amos Beatty, who for 44 years worked in the paint shop, received a leather rocking chair from his associates.

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Roy James, 16, years old, accidentally killed himself with a shotgun at the home of Mrs. Blizabeth Woods, of Bakerstown. James and George Weakland went to the Woods home last night, to meet Charles Woods. While he finished his supper his boy friends sat down in the kitchen. A shotgun was sitting in a corner. James reached for the weapon, and drew it toward himself, muzzle first. There was a loud report and James fell to the floor, shot near the heart. He died in five minutes.

The First. Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Leechburg, dedicated their handsome new church. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. D. H. Geissinger, president of the Pittsburg Synod. Rev. William J. Miller, who was pastor of the old church for 11 years, delivered the evening sermon. The edifice was erected at a cost of \$30,000, of which \$25,000 has been paid. Rev. M. L. Swelzing is the present pastor.

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The Rev. C. H. Hess, a Dunkard preacher, dropped dead in the Dunkard preacher, dropped dead in the Dunkard church at Wrightsville while delivering the sermon at the funeral of Levi Strickier. The Rev. Hess had just made the remark, "I am ready to die" when he fell to the floor and died. He was 65 years old.

Harry Swoop, of Lewiston, special fish warden of that section, of the State, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement, because, it is alleged, he withheld fines which should have gone to the department of fisheries.

At Irwin all the mines have taken a spurt in production and shipping. The Westmoreland Coal Company last week raide a new record, having reached an output of 7,000 tons a day at its Shafton, Larimer and Export colleries.

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Nick Schotti, an Italian miner of
Welsten, was crushed to death by a
fall of rock."

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The Rainey coke works and coal mines at Mt. Braddock started Monday, giving employment to 1,200 men.

Miss Lizzie Taylor, 18 years old, committed suicide at her home near Meadville, Pa. Miss Taylor, while her parents were away from home, swal-lowed carbolic acid and died before a

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The First Baptist church, of Rochester, has extended a call to Rev. J. E. Darby, D. D.. of Waynesburg, Pa. Dr. Darby, formerly preached in Union City, Uniontown and Pittsburg. The Methodist Episcopal Church at Stoneboro was rededicated. Rev. William H. Crawford. President of Allegheny College, delivered the sermon.