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EDITORIAL.

PORT JERVIS TWIN DEVILS.

Rev. Daniel Halloran has been giving a series of Sunday lectures at the Opera House in Port Jervis, and in the one delivered last Sunday he characterized the Twin Devils which are most rampant in that town as gambling and licentiousness. Intemperance is usually considered as occupying a pretty "devilish" good position in the front rank of evil, but according to the speaker it is almost wholly eclipsed there by the others. If his arraignment is reasonably founded on facts it would seem that our neighbor is in need of a dose of the kind of reformation mentioned in Gen XIX-24. Our great regret in the valley would probably be that such visitation might render the waters of the Delaware unfit for bathing, and kill all the fish while destroying the evil complained of, nevertheless if such drastic measures are necessary we will try to bear with fortitude the inconveniences which will flow to us while the shower lasts.

MURDER IN THIS COUNTRY.

On a recent Sabbath the preachers of South Carolina directed their sermons against the crime of murder which has been for the past few years rapidly increasing in that State. One, the Rev. John Kershaw, of Charleston, gave some very startling statistics. He said since the termination of the war for the Union there had been tried in the courts of that State approximately 5,250 cases of homicide and 5,695 cases of assault with intent to kill, and probably 1,000 other cases of homicide including lynchings, justifiable and excusable killings thrown out by grand juries and district attorneys. He calculated on this basis that during the past thirty-two years there had been more men murdered in South Carolina than the State lost in battle during the four years war. This frightful showing is fully justified by the facts for this year the average homicides in that State will be about 18 to each 100,000 of population, and for the whole country the average will be less than twelve.

The remedy may be hard to find, but greater certainty of punishment, more speedy trials, and less chance of ultimate escape or pardon, and a higher education among the masses will do much to bring about a more desirable situation not only in that State but in the whole country.

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ing business man whose store is nearly opposite the Inn that it had become difficult to collect small bills of students because they gambled their money away at this place. If the above statement is true, it would seem superfluous to debate just what weight the delinquencies of the general assembly should have. Whether they are laws for the government of churches pastors and members or mere expressions of a consensus of opinions, is, from the moral effect of which the assembly has said or may say on the subject of the sale of intoxicating drinks, can any man professing sound morality say that it is proper for the President and professors of a college to which young men are sent for intellectual and moral training, to aid, abet and assist in establishing such a place by either an acquiescence or the overt act of signing a petition for it, even though such petition be also signed by an ex-president of the United States. To state the proposition not only refutes but wholly condemns it.

The New Year

A New Year knocking at the door—How strange it seems! The days fly fast, The future soon becomes the past, And quickly I shall reach the task, When days and years will all be o'er, When time for me shall be no more.

Ah, who can penetrate the veil Which hides the future from our view? Some knoweth if our days be few Or many. Ah, and if we knew, Before the knowledge hearts might quail And tremble and our courage fail.

What of the year to come? I pray For purity of heart and long For patience, faith and all the throng Of Christian virtues, to be strong Against temptation. "Lord, I say, Grant strength sufficient for my day."

"So weak I am unless to me Thine greatest strength, sure I shall stray Unless Thou leadest all the way. Abide with me this," I pray. "Lord, if Thou wilt, oh, give to me The power to win some soul to Thee!"
 —F. O. Hammond.

Let Us All Resolve.

First, to attain the grace of silence; second, to deem all fault finding that does no good a sin, and to resolve when we are happy ourselves not to poison the atmosphere for our neighbors by calling on them to remark every painful and disagreeable feature of their daily life; third, to practice the grace and virtue of praise.—Harriet B. Stowes.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 9. Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.
 Theme: — How to pray — Luke xi, 1-18. (A meeting of preparation for the week of prayer.)

The topical reference contains Luke's account of what is commonly called the Lord's Prayer. Matthew places the Lord's Prayer in the sermon on the mount, but there is no reason why it should not have been given twice. In the first instance, in that general address of Christ, and in the second at the request of a disciple, as Luke records in this passage.

Christ and prayer are here brought closely together, and we look at the topic in the light of Christ's relation to prayer.

1. Christ's habit of prayer. The incident of the lesson is brought about as result of Christ's habit of praying. He not only held constant communion with God, but often engaged in positive, outward prayers, and on this occasion, when He ceased praying, one of the disciples asked Him to teach them to pray as John taught his disciples. Christ was always faithful in prayer. In the great crises of His life He agonized in prayer to God. In the more quiet and less important moments of His life He found time for constant communion with God. If Christ needed to be faithful in prayer, how much more we need to be!

2. Christ's model of prayer. In answer to the question of the disciple Christ gave as a model and form of prayer the Lord's Prayer. It has since stood as the model of prayer and has been universally used as a form of prayer. While not given to the church for the purpose of constant repetition, there is no reason at all why it should not be used often as a form of prayer. One characteristic of this prayer is its filial spirit. Christ teaches us here to address God "Father" when we come to Him in prayer, and this should encourage us to come. Another characteristic of this prayer is that God comes first, the petitioner comes second. There are five petitions in Luke's account of the Lord's Prayer. Two of these five pertain to the cause of God, and they come first. Three refer to the wants of man: they come last. In prayer, as in everything else, we should place God first and self second. The interests of His kingdom, the advancement of His cause, should occupy the first place in our thoughts and heart's desire. Our personal needs should occupy a secondary place. Too often we reverse the order and look upon prayer simply as a petition to God for personal blessings.

3. Christ's encouragement to prayer. He encourages us here by the parable of the man who by his importunity obtains the loaves for his friends at midnight, and again by the declaration that if we ask we shall receive. Let us take Christ's encouragement and imitate His example in constancy and fidelity in prayer.

Bible readings.—Isa. iv, 1-6, Ps. vi, 9; x, 17, lxx, 1, 2, xxix, 1-9; Math. vi, 5-13; vii, 7-11; Luke xviii, 1-14, John xi, 41, 42; xiv, 12-15; Eph. vi, 18; Phil. iv, 6; Col. iv, 2; 1 Thess. v, 17; 1 Tim. iii, 1-8; Jas. v, 13-20.

Grew in Grace.

There is no surer test of health than that of growth. It is true in matters of spirit as well as in those of body. One in sound religious condition continually becomes stronger and more efficient. Things once difficult of mastery and perplexing become easy and simple of understanding. The term "grace" as used in the Bible has various meanings. One of the most prominent and important is the free love and favor of God. It is not only possible but important that every Christian should constantly grow more and more acceptable to God. Jesus as a child grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. So should every young convert become more and more acceptable to the Lord.

But grace also means graciousness. This is the disposition, the inward life of the heart, which one acquires by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is a gentleness of mind and temper and deed and sweet gentility of nature more refined and cultured than can be acquired in any other school than that of Christ.

This refinement of spirit reappears in the outward manner and sounds in the speech. This is not the outward polish of mere politeness. It is not a courtly veneer which covers so often an inner coarseness. It is genuine soul goodness, the root of all courtesy. The true need of the time is less attention to the outer form and more cultivation of the inner grace. The training of the dancing master and ballroom may give gracefulness to the movements, but nothing but the deep inspiration of learning of the soul's Master and practice of loving service for Him can give the grace of godlike nobility.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson For the Week Beginning Jan. 9. Comment by Rev. W. J. Yates, A. M.
 Topic, Occupation For the New Year.
 SCRIPTURE READING.—PROV. xi, 8; Dan. xii, 3.

Soul winning is the most important business of every Christian. Every follower of Jesus is a missionary. The command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is binding on every one who professes to serve God. The Master declared that "he that is not for Me, is against Me." Neutrality is impossible to any one. Decision for or against the claims and commands of God is inevitable. The command to repent and serve the Master comes to each and must be met by refusal of obedience or by compliance. Resistance is sin, acceptance is salvation.

The natural consequence of refusing to yield to God's call to serve is hardening of the soul in wrong courses, the strengthening of sinful habit, weakening the hold of the soul upon good and loss of its power to know and love and do the right. Every prompting to duty which is resisted cuts a strand in the cable of integrity which holds one to the anchorage of safety. No one can afford to trifle with conviction or turn a deaf ear to the voice of his inner sense of duty.

Work among men and with men we all must as long as we stay in this world. Competition is inevitable. Conflict is at times unavoidable, but wherever co-operation is possible success is best assured. To have every man's hand with us gives greater prospect of prosperity than to be single handed or in opposition to all others. But, essential as unity is in working with men it is more important that we work with God. No man or body of men is able to raise the material powers of the world. Much less can they control the spirit forces. The utmost we can do is to adjust ourselves and our implements to the forces of nature and work with them. Our ships sail securely and prosperously so long as we harmonize with laws of wind and wave. In the hurricane we learn how feeble we are and how utterly impossible it is for us to control the powers we have been using.

More disastrous is it for a soul to run counter to the forces of righteousness. The trade winds of earth are not more steady and reliable than the powers of truth and purity in spiritual affairs. He who sets his sails rightly shall be safely sped along his life courses toward the true harbor of life. The way of the transgressor is hard and must ever be disastrous so long as God remains good. "We are workers together with God." The power is all His own. We are to learn the laws of soul power and adjust our lives to them.

He that loving God strives to bring others also to love Him is wise. First our own souls should be in such intimate, tender companionship with the Father that we are kept in perfect peace. Then we should be so possessed with the spirit of His plans and desires for men that all forces of our nature bend themselves to the accomplishment of these ends. Then we shall win men to Him.

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