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Correspondence.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATE.

BERLIN NOTES.

Prof Cooper's chainless rally which was June 4th, amounted to \$64. The pulpit of W. E. Hilton of Bethel M. E. Church was filled by Rev. W. H. Thomas of Salisbury Md. last Sunday.

Last week Rev. Deakins and family were called to Camden N. J. by the death of one of their relatives. Mrs. Mahala Showell has returned home from Philadelphia.

The public schools of this county closed last Thursday. Many of the teachers are glad to welcome the season of their vacation.

The children's day exercises of St. Pauls M. E. Church were very nicely carried out. Mr. Isaac Bridle died this week.

CAMBRIDGE.

Last Sunday was children's day at Waugh M. E. Church. The church was artistically decorated and was filled to its utmost. The vast number of bright eyed children was certainly a joyous sight to behold.

Presiding Elder Collett filled the pulpit at the Bethel Church last Sunday at 3 P. M. Children's Day service were held in the evening which were very nice.

Rev. Mrs. Laura Coupl preached at the Chapel at 10:30 and at the Baptist church at 7:30. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit was greatly felt at both services.

Mrs. Henrietta Jackson and Mrs. Fannie Sterling paid us a flying but pleasant visit. Mrs. Lizzie Cooper was in town last week.

At 10:30 A. M. Sunday Rev. A. L. Martin will preach at the Chapel. At 3 P. M. he will preach at Arey's Md.

Rev. Wm. Wilson called by some of the black Sam Jones will preach at Waugh Chapel at 7:30 and conduct the Song service thereafter. He is an excellent singer.

EASTON.

Mr. John B. Gould, wife and daughter who have been visiting Mr. Gould's sick mother have returned.

Last Sunday was a great day at Asbury M. E. Church. It was children's day and the Superintendent Mr. W. J. Raisin deserves special credit for the handsome manner in which the school acquitted itself.

Mr. Coursey Gibbs who died last Monday leaves a wife and seven children. The children are all grown and married.

Mrs. Sarah Rich and her daughter Mrs. Rosie Gross of Baltimore after spending two weeks with Mrs. Martha Webb have returned to Baltimore.

Special Religious Notices.

Trinity Baptist Church, 20th and Charles Street, Rev. G. R. Waller, pastor.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Sharon Baptist Church, Carey and Prestman streets, Rev. W. M. Alexander, pastor.—Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 and 3:30 p. m.

Bethel Church, Saratoga near Gay Rev. J. Hurst, Pastor, preaching 11 a. m. 7:30 p. m. Preaching; Sunday School at 3 p. m.; Y. P. C. E., 6:30 p. m.

Trinity A. M. E. Church, Linden Ave. and Biddle Street, Rev. J. W. Beckett, Pastor; the order of services will be: 11 a. m.; 2:30 p. m. Sunday school; 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society; 7:30 p. m.

Asbury M. E. Church—11 a. m. preaching by the pastor; 8 p. m., the pastor; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Epworth League, Thursday 8 p. m. Rev. A. Young, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church, Montgomery St., Rev. J. W. Norris, pastor. Preaching 11 a. m.; 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Madison Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Reuben H. Armstrong, Pastor, services will be at 11 a. m., and 4 p. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. and Y. P. S. C. E., at 5 p. m.

Grace Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. F. Engleison, Pastor.—Preaching 11 a. m. Children's Service, 10 a. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Preaching 8 p. m.

CUBA AND THE BLACK BRAVES

Dr. Walker of Augusta, Ga., Lectures Eloquently.

Central Baptist Church on Monday evening was largely attended by representative citizens who were out to hear Dr. C. T. Walker of Augusta, on the subject "Cuba and Negro Soldiers."

Dr. Walker, after giving the typography of the Island, and a bit of history connected with the regiment, the 9th. Immunes dwelt minutely, logically and eloquently on the relations existing between white and black Cubans, and the threatened troubles which will come from the American civilization.

He said "Nearly one-half of Cuba's population are black. All are Cubans. There has not been, nor will be any caste, prejudice and color trouble unless Americans carry them there. They have begun the work already. In this respect Cuba has made a great mistake in changing masters."

"The war has benefitted the Cubans, if in no other way than by opening the door for Protestantism. Cuba has been priest-ridden, and the Cubans necessarily ignorant and treacherous. What Cuba needs are Christian schools. The people must be raised from the mire by the power by the Christ of God."

Speaking of the emigration of the American Negro to Cuba, he said "do not think that we ought emigrate anywhere en masse. It is a habit with our people of thinking that the moment a man leaves his native heath to labor in other fields, he must necessarily die. I believe we ought emigrate like the white man—where we please and when we please."

"The Negro soldier deserves a place in history. From time immemorial prejudice has denied him credit for his valor. No spot on the globe is more sacred to the Negro than San Juan Hill. I have stood under the shadows of Washington's monument; I have gazed with admiration upon Bunker Hill; I have looked over the field of Waterloo; I have stood by the tomb of Napoleon, the most colossal figure in history; I have looked upon the mountain in Cairo Egypt, where Napoleon said to his warriors 'thirty centuries look down upon you; I have walked over the battle fields of Rome, the seven-hilled eternal city; but never have I been lost in greater awe and moved with greater admiration than when on San Juan Hill. It was there that the Negro soldiers proved that they could withstand shot and shell. It was a Negro who devised the scheme of cutting the barbed wire, breaking up the hill, running up and lying down, shouting, going through the high grass, and yelling alternately, capturing the Block House, saving the Rough Riders, and making it possible for Roosevelt to become Governor of New York."

Dr. Walker was lustily cheered at every sentence. After the lecture he exhibited several articles—Mauser Rifle, Carbine, Machee, Section of Palm tree, Coffee and Chocolate, etc. The choir was at its best.—Afro-American Citizen. Charleston S. C.

MANILA

"One of the Last Places on Earth."

In a letter to his friend W. E. H. Chase, dated at Nagasaki, Japan, May 2, Mr. Alpha J. Young who is traveling as steward of the Transport Sherida which left Brooklyn some months ago, has the following to say of the conditions in the Philippines: "I have been to all the leading places in this portion of the world and nothing could induce me to live here. As to Manila, it's one of the last places on earth. There is no encouragement here, or any inducement to a man of color. I would not advise any of our colored men to go to Manila, or any of the Philippines. In regard to the war, the natives are holding their own and the American soldiers cannot put down the uprising, and the prospects are that it will be many years before they will be able to do so. There are many officers and privates killed in this war that the American press never gets hold of and the public does not know. The Filipinos are good fighters and do not fear death. The Americans do not try to cultivate the friendship of these people and they are not in love with the Americans. The natives speak both Spanish and their own language." Mr. Young has had extensive experience in traveling, having gone all over the United States, Central and South America and the West Indies.—N. Y. Age.

Local Items

Doings of Special Interest to Our Many Baltimore City Readers.

Mrs. Susie Johnson wife of Rev. Geo. D. Johnson of West Virginia and daughter of Mr. Charles H. Giles, of this city, is spending sometime with her parents.

Mrs. H. J. Davis, of Washington, and Mrs. Sarah Crawford of Vineland, N. J., were in the city this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison D. Trusty, of 1425 McElJerry street.

The address on next Sunday afternoon at the "One Hour Service" 6 p. m. at St. James church, Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., rector, will be on "Marriage."

Mrs. Cyrus Jones of East Baltimore is quite sick at the home of her mother at Rossville, Baltimore county.

Messrs. J. W. Young and John J. Childs of East Baltimore, spent sometime recently in Europe. They visited Liverpool, London and Paris, having a delightful time.

Mr. George P. T. Jones, of 1927 N. Calhoun street, has been confined to his home suffering with malaria.

The Maryland State Colored Teachers' Association was incorporated last Tuesday for educational purposes, etc., by Messrs. Joseph H. Lockerman, George B. Murphy Heber E. Wharton, Harry T. Pratt, John H. Camper, Howard E. Young and William H. McAbee, all of Baltimore city.

Gospel service at the colored Y. M. C. A. Sunday from 5 to 6 P. M. Mr. J. H. Creighton assistant secretary of the Central Association will speak to the men. All are invited to a cool room and a good service.

Mr. J. E. Moorland, assistant secretary of the International Committee is expected in the city Sunday, June 25th.

The sacred concert at Trinity Baptist Church on last Sunday evening was a grand success in every way. In spite of the gloomy aspect of the weather the church was filled and each number well rendered in the usual excellent fashion of those who took part. The ensemble numbers renditions of the choir were also well rendered and Trinity Baptist Choir bids fair to be an ornament to North Baltimore and to eventually compare with the best of the more experienced choirs of Baltimore. The offering was good and the audience was well pleased.

The African Methodist Episcopal preacher's meeting was slimly attended on last Monday owing to the absence from the city of quite a number of the clergy who were at Wilberforce Ohio attending the annual commencement.

Round Bay the delightful summer resort on the Annapolis Short-Line road is assuming again its wonted popularity. Rev. S. R. Hughes the special agent, is rapidly filling up dates for various organizations, churches, Sunday Schools etc. which will give their annual outing at that place.

Mrs. Williams the much esteemed mother of Mr. Alexander Williams the barber, died rather suddenly on Tuesday of last week from the excessive heat. The funeral took place from the house on St. Paul St. on last Thursday, the Rev. John Hurst of Bethel church and the Rev. Geo. F. Bragg Jr. of St. James officiating.

Mrs. Laura Carmack of 431 Aisquith St. who has been sick for several weeks is gradually improving.

Mr. Heber Outerbridge of Jefferson St. who has been quite sick is greatly improved.

Charlie Jackson and Callie Tibbs were successful in capturing the prizes at the recent Children's entertainment at St. James church.

Rev. E. L. Henderson of Annapolis passed through the city en route for Philadelphia on Saturday.

VALUE OF RACE JOURNALS.

The Bravest of the Brave are Negro Newspaper Men.

The value of race journals is the measure of personal needs—i. e., with some people. I have heard such papers derided as valueless in the light of the abundant news in our great dailies. What a somewhat these carping critics and chronic faultfinders turn, when publicity, support, explanation or indorsement is needed for some scheme where self is concerned. Negro papers amount to zero until some male relation finds that a political job is only to be had through that kind of certificate. They are of no account until we want to make the public understand how ugly rumors have no foundation in fact; they are unnecessary except when we want to make our school directors understand the potent forces at our backs; they are beneath consideration until the time to blazon forth some church rally; they serve no purpose except to draw a demarcating line, until our project for adding to the coffers of some charitable concern in which we are interested needs its influence. These and scores of objections are set forth until the time comes to use their columns to further the various schemes that attach to themselves. Then it is that merit and everything else is accorded. There are so many hypercritical readers—mostly at somebody's else expense—who gauge their own race journals by the standard of some richly capitalized plant. I have watched closely these chronic objectors, and have noted a sly craving for the very papers they claim to be worthless or unnecessary. The value of the hundreds of Negro papers is best tested by the interest they cause on the part of newspapers generally. In the large centres the tendency of white papers is to gather news concerning the blacks. In this they are dependent on the Negro papers, whose facilities are such as to make them better able to reach that sort of news. The Germans, Italians, Frenchmen and Jews all have their own mouthpieces, and what holds true with them is equally so in a denominational way. Despite the fact of the few in every community, who berate race publications, the masses think otherwise, as the general prosperity attests. Any fair-minded and keen observer will grant a gradual improvement. Outside of the considerations noted, our own papers afford an outlet for a great deal of dormant talent to say nothing of the living vouchsafed to compositors, reporters, clerks, pressmen, carriers, and the like. There are no stumbling-blocks, however, of sufficient strength to impede the further progress of Negro papers.—"Pencil Pusher," in the Philadelphia Tribune.

ITEMS OF INTERESTS.

Mr. Walter E. Billows has been appointed clerk to the assistant District Attorney, of Pittsburg, Pa at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

Miss May Harriet Black enjoys the distinction of being the first Afro-American to receive a diploma from the Duluth Minn. high school.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF SAMARIA.

A Pleasant and Profitable Annual Session Held in This City Last Week.

R. W. G. Council of the I. O. O. G. S. and D. of S. met in its annual session in this city last week with about 48 delegates present. The reports showed the Order had increased both financially and numerically since the last session.

R. W. N. G. Chief, Rev. G. O. Vaughan, of Russellville, Ky., was present on an official and fraternal visit in the interest of the contemplated union of the two Grand Bodies at Pittsburg, Pa., in September. The session was very harmonious and interesting and closed with installation of the following officers for the ensuing year.

- R. W. P. G. C., Alex. Hemaley
- Asst. " Mary M. Pratt
- " Chas W Simms
- " A. C. Charl't Luicks
- " D. G. C., H. Beverly
- " D. A. C., Kate E. Chester
- " V. C., John H. Bailey
- Asst. C., Sarah A. Harris
- " G. Sec'y., Jacob A. Seaton,
- " G. Treas., Hester Smith.
- " C. Prelate, Delaware James
- " G. O., Mary J. Hazelton
- " G. M., Pinkney Belt,
- " G. Con. Nannie Hazelton
- " Asst. Con., Maria J. Harris
- " G. I. S., John Jackson
- " C. O. S., Daniel Wilson,
- " G. Supt. of I., Reb'ah James
- " H. S. to G. C., E. Augustus
- " L. H. S. to G. C., Sara J. Murry
- " B. H. S. to V. C., Martha Bowen
- " L. H. S. to V. C., Ida Wilson.

After which a collation was given at Mrs. M. M. Pratt's in honor of the R. W. M. G. Chief, Rev. C. C. Vaughn. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Chester, Mrs. Sarah E. Harris, Mr. Alexander Hemaley, Mrs. Rosa Bowen, Mrs. Harriet

Cora Coleman, Mrs. C. S. Snyder, and Messrs. Daniel Wilson, Jacob A. Seaton, Chas. W. Simms.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. L. H. Smith who has been at Johns Hopkins Hospital for some time undergoing an operation has returned to her home much improved in health.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss S. Jeanette Hilliard of this city to Mr. Green of Perryville Md. It will take place at Waters Church at high noon on the 20th. of this month.

The marriage of the Rev. Mr. Bennett an Episcopal Clergyman of Charleston S. C. to Miss Bidger of Annapolis will take place in St. Anna's Church Annapolis on next Wednesday.

Mr. James Height of 404 Courtland St., who was overcome by the heat last week, died at his late home on last Tuesday. His funeral took place from St. James church, N. High st. on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., officiating.

Miss Gertrude White of Linden Avenue, accompanied by Mrs. Florence Washington and Mr. Matthews left on June 7th for Newport, where they will spend the summer.

The Northwestern Literary last Sunday afternoon and issued a most excellent program. Beatrice Gray and company dined a duet and Mr. H. B. Sylvester Bice was "Some to be Thankful For." The ers were Revs. A. E. Minn, B. Jones, J. Carr, and W. Jackson, Washington, D. C. Rollins, J. A. Figg, Downtin, G. M. B. Monroe.

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**Beauty Is Blood Deep.**  
 A blood means a clean skin. No  
 by without it. Cascarets Candy Cathar-  
 lean your blood and keep it clean, by  
 up the lazy liver and driving all im-  
 from the body. Begin to-day to  
 pimples, blotches, blackheads, and  
 that sticky bilious complexion by taking  
 Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All drug  
 satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

**Your Dealer For Allen's Foot-Ease,**  
 under to shake into your shoes; cures  
 hot, swollen, blisters, swollen  
 feet, corns, bunions, itching, sweat-  
 ing, growing nails. Allen's Foot-Ease  
 new or tight shoes easy. At all drug-  
 and shoe stores, 25 cts. Sample mailed  
 Adm. Allen B. Olmsted, Lakewood, N. Y.

**George W. Chittenden,** who has just  
 Janesville, Wis., at the age of 78, was  
 the best practicing physician in Wisconsin

**Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.**  
 quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag-  
 nificent, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No To-  
 bacco. It does her more good  
 anything we ever tried. Yours, etc. Mrs. H.  
 Frauburg, S. C. At drug stores 50c. box,  
 prepaid by J. T. Snodgrass, Savannah, Ga.

**His Little Daughter.**  
 troubled with a painful skin eruption,  
 after all other remedies failed, the father  
 "Send me four more boxes of Tetterine  
 for my little daughter. It does her more good  
 anything we ever tried. Yours, etc. Mrs. H.  
 Frauburg, S. C. At drug stores 50c. box,  
 prepaid by J. T. Snodgrass, Savannah, Ga.

**General Wesley Merritt** brought back with  
 from the Pacific a large parrot which  
 been the property of a Spanish sailor.

**To Cure Constipation Forever.**  
 Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c.  
 C. C. full to cure, druggists refund money.

**Friends of Dr. Asa Gray** are collecting  
 to enlarge the endowment of the Gray  
 Artium, of Harvard University.

**Parker, Fredonia, N. Y.,** says: "Shall  
 all on you for the \$100 reward for I be-  
 Hill's Catarrh Cure will cure any case of  
 catarrh. Was very bad." Write him for par-  
 ticulars. Sold by druggists, 50c.

**President Eliot** hadley Yale athletes  
 probably find a good friend, for he has al-  
 been devoted to snail sports.

**Could not get along without Pile's Cure**  
 consumption. Always cures. Mrs. E. C.  
 Cron, Needham, Mass., October 22, 1894.

**And Du Maurier,** who is now playing  
 "Musketeers" in London, is the son of  
 the George Du Maurier.

**ate Your Bowels With Cascarets.**  
 by Cathartic, cure constipation forever.  
 If C. C. full, druggists refund money.

**When Crane** has bought a country house  
 in England.

**Winslow's Sore Throat Syrup** for children  
 cures croup, whooping cough, and all  
 throat ailments. Cures whooping cough, 25c a bottle.

**ward Kipling** is said to be patrolling  
 his bureau.

**No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.**  
 cured tobacco habit, cure, makes weak  
 lungs blood pure. 50c. At all druggists.

**the snuffmaker,** has the largest in-  
 any manufacturer in Europe and is  
 daily enlarging his works.

**Oil Dispositions**  
 "Early Show."  
 Oil in the blood comes out in  
 of scrofula, pimples, etc., in  
 and young people. Taken in  
 can be eradicated by using Hood's  
 Sarsaparilla. America's Greatest Medi-  
 cinal Preparation and enriches the blood.

**RACE GLEANINGS.**

**Why the Negro is Called "Coon."**  
 Many years ago, when superstition  
 held greater sway than it does now and  
 the influence of the occult and weird  
 were most potent, a cunning Negro  
 slave had acquired the reputation of  
 possessing a familiar spirit and of be-  
 ing able to perform many uncanny  
 mysticisms. His fellow slaves held him  
 in great awe, and even his master  
 grew to a belief in his powers. This  
 finally led to a wager, in which the  
 greater part of the master's fortune  
 was staked on the Negro's divining  
 ability. A barrel was placed on the  
 lawn and a live coon placed under the  
 barrel. Then the Negro soothsayer  
 was sent for and told to inform the  
 crowd what was under the barrel. He  
 tried in various ways to escape the ex-  
 posure, but without success. Realiz-  
 ing that he was cornered, he leaned on  
 the barrel dejectedly and remarked:  
 "Well, you've got this old coon at last,"  
 whereupon a great shout applauded  
 what was considered Sambo's remark-  
 able astuteness and his reputation was  
 forever firmly established.

**An Idea.**  
 When an idea gets hold of a man the  
 world is almost sure to hear from that  
 man. The great idea of Negro eman-  
 cipation got hold of Lincoln, notwith-  
 standing the fact that there are some  
 fool Negroes who attempt to rob him  
 of the credit for Negro emancipation.

**Pull Together, Brethren.**  
 Above all things the Negroes of this  
 country ought to ground their differ-  
 ences, selfish motives and unite in  
 sentiment, action, and deeds in all  
 matters which concern the welfare of  
 the race.

The well-doing of the Negro race  
 will depend upon industry and frug-  
 ality as it does with other people. If  
 we are shiftless, idle and prodigal we  
 cannot hope to make very rapid head-  
 way in the world. It sometimes hap-  
 pens that an individual succeeds in  
 life because of his remarkable talent.  
 He may have great odds against him,  
 but he pulls through with the right  
 side up anyway. This is the exception.  
 The ordinary man must steadily ap-  
 ply himself to business—must work  
 faithfully and take care of what he  
 earns. This is the only way to come  
 to the front. It is a waste of time to  
 sit down and talk of what you can do.  
 Do it.

If there is any business that should  
 be conducted upon a high order, it is  
 the barber shop. A barber shop should  
 always be inviting in appearance,  
 cleanly kept and above all other places  
 of business a good rule of decorum  
 maintained. The proprietors of Negro  
 barber shops, as a rule, allow every-  
 one and anybody to hang around their  
 places and in many of them loafers  
 and working men, when they are  
 idling, play at games of chance right  
 in the shop. No wonder the proprie-  
 tors of Negro barber shops never  
 amount to anything much, nor scarce-  
 ly own more than the clothing upon  
 their backs. Of course there are some  
 prominent and popular exceptions.

An exchange informs us that, "the  
 colored people in the south have nothing  
 to fear from the better element of  
 white citizens. But the devilish ele-  
 ment!" There are so devilish many of  
 that devilish element that we supposed  
 they were all devilish. - Recorder In-  
 dianapolis.

Elijah B. Tunnell, a colored seaman  
 on board the Wislow, was killed at  
 the same time that Ensign Bagley fell  
 in the naval engagement off the coast  
 of Cardenas, Cuba.

Going to glory is all right enough  
 and is by far the most commendable  
 ambition one can have. But how to  
 remain here on this mundane sphere  
 is a mighty hard problem with a con-  
 siderable portion of our people just  
 now in this country.

If the Negro is not to be allowed to do  
 with his education what the whites men  
 does with his, what is the use of edu-  
 cating him? Speak one at a time.  
 When you do speak be honest.—The  
 Appeal, Atlanta, Ga.

This fool way of our people buying  
 \$300 pianos and living in a rented  
 house, buying five sets of furniture,  
 giving his big banquets and dodging  
 the grocer on Saturday, will ever make  
 a race of paupers and slaves.

J. W. Bush, a prominent Negro, was  
 elected mayor of Mason, Tenn. He  
 was elected over a white candidate, and  
 is the first one of his race to fill such a  
 position in that State.

Germany is sparring with the Repub-  
 lic of Liberia over an alleged insult  
 offered a German subject by some citi-  
 zen of the Lippituan African nation.  
 Damages to the amount of ten thou-  
 sand dollars have been demanded by  
 Germany, with the threat, that if it is  
 not at once forthcoming, a German  
 man-of-war will blockade Liberian  
 ports.—Ex.

The Negro recruits can serve with  
 dignity under white officers, and pre-  
 serve their manhood. To them it is a  
 step forward. It is different with the  
 Gilmers, they were organized and had  
 their own officers. And were not al-  
 lowed to select them as others com-  
 panies were. They would have been less  
 than men to have acted otherwise.

**Financial Status of Our Race.**  
 The financial status of our race, when  
 known, will enthuse and stimulate the  
 people to aim higher. We owned in  
 1890 13,690,152 farms and homes in  
 the United States; in the North At-  
 lantic States, 1,204 and 234,747 homes  
 free from debt. Wealth is power.  
 Homes and money are what we greatly  
 need, for poverty is one of the breed-  
 ers of crime and bad citizenship;  
 wealth is a barrier against a life of  
 wretchedness and plunder.

**TRICKS FATE PLAYS.**

**THEY START AS CLOWNS AND BECOME STATESMEN.**

**Some Queer Boyhood Ambitions of Men**  
 Who Are Now Famous the World  
 Over—Stanley Started Out as a Mis-  
 sionary.

It is the exception rather than the  
 rule when youthful aspirations and  
 ambitions are realized in after life.  
 The boy who would be a clergyman  
 often turns out to be a prizefighter,  
 and a youngster whose consuming desire  
 it to be a circus clown is just as apt  
 to turn up in the councils of state as  
 anywhere else. There are countless  
 thousands who make up their minds  
 in boyhood to be great generals or  
 professors, or lawyers, or doctors, or  
 scientists or explorers or sea captains,  
 and who grow up only into great bores  
 or great scamps or just plain nobodies,  
 who never could amount to anything.  
 Accident, rather than inclination, often  
 shows the boy his right place and  
 forces him into it. Application, intel-  
 ligence and fair dealing do the rest.  
 The editor of a London magazine has  
 been trying to find out the proportion  
 of original ambitions to the number  
 of changed ambitions among the suc-  
 cessful men of England. From the an-  
 swers to his query so far the propor-  
 tion appears to be as one to eight.  
 Among those well known in America  
 who were approached on the subject  
 are Henry M. Stanley and James A.  
 Bailey, the circus man. Mr. Stanley's  
 early ambition was to be a missionary.  
 He turned out an explorer of the Dark  
 Continent. Mr. Bailey is one of the  
 few men who became what he promised  
 himself he would be—the proprietor of  
 a big circus. From a subordinate posi-  
 tion with the advance management of  
 a show he worked up to his present po-  
 sition. Phil May, the celebrated caric-  
 aturist, remembers that his earliest  
 ambition was to be a circus clown. La-  
 ter that gave way to a desire to play  
 Hamlet. Fate settled the choice of a  
 profession for him, and he has every  
 reason to be satisfied with the result.  
 Grant Allen's one ambition was to be  
 a great poet. Says he: "My first liter-  
 ary attempts were in verse, and to this  
 day only the accident that I can't make  
 other people think as well of my  
 rhymes as I think of them myself has  
 prevented me from printing reams of  
 them." George R. Sims, the playwright,  
 as a boy wanted to be a circus rider.  
 He used to lie awake nights thinking  
 what a bit he'd make in pink fishings.  
 There may be a little of Sim Tappertit  
 in him yet, as he coyly admits that he  
 would still like to be a circus rider bet-  
 ter than anything else. Charles Wynd-  
 ham writes from the Criterion theater  
 to say that as a boy his ambition was  
 to be a clergyman, and Conan Doyle  
 hadn't thought of medicine or Sher-  
 lock Holmes when he decided to be a  
 civil engineer. He was told that he  
 might become an engineer, but doubt  
 was expressed as to his ability to be  
 civil. Sir Henry Irving wrote the edi-  
 tor this note: "I have no clear recol-  
 lection of having ever desired to be  
 anything except an actor—a clear case  
 of monomania in the earliest con-  
 sciousness." The answer of Lord  
 Brampton (formerly Mr. Justice Haw-  
 kins) to the request to know what it  
 was his earliest ambition to be was:  
 "What I am." George Grossmith, the  
 "society clown," started out with an  
 impossible ideal. He wanted to be a  
 prince of Wales. Then he wanted to  
 be a tight-rope walker. A fall or two  
 convinced him of his mistake, and then  
 he thought he was destined for a prize-  
 fighter. A severe training cured him  
 of this notion, and then he began to  
 sing songs to his own accompaniment  
 in default of something better, and  
 made the hit of his life. Sir John Lub-  
 bock set out to be a naturalist, and  
 became a banker, and John M. Le Sage,  
 who wanted to wield the sword, became  
 hitched to the pen, and is now editor  
 of the London Daily Telegraph. Ar-  
 thur Wing Pinero wanted to be con-  
 ductor of a London omnibus, but fate  
 forced him to write plays for a living  
 instead. And so on through the list,  
 which is summarized as follows:

H. M. Stanley..... Missionary  
 George R. Sims..... Circus rider  
 Lord Roberts..... Soldier  
 Sir Henry Irving..... Actor  
 Charles Wyndham..... Clergyman  
 Conan Doyle..... Civil engineer  
 Grant Allen..... Poet  
 Lord Brampton..... Judge  
 George Grossmith..... A Prince of Wales  
 Alma Tadem..... Painter  
 Sir John Lubbock..... Naturalist  
 John M. Le Sage..... Cavalry officer  
 Phil May..... Circus Clown  
 A. W. Pinero..... Omnibus conductor  
 Sir T. Lipton..... Ship captain  
 John T. Hussard..... Poet  
 W. S. Gilbert..... Horse artilleryman  
 S. R. Crockett..... Engine driver  
 George Alexander..... Actor  
 George Manville Fenn..... Soldier  
 Wilson Barrett..... Actor  
 Sir Arthur Arnold..... An M. P.  
 J. A. Bailey..... Showman  
 Sir Equire Bancroft..... Actor

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 over his ears, this string is passed  
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 other hand over the cord produces  
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 distant and prolonged rumbling are  
 effects that may readily be given.

No man ever traveled over the  
 globe.

**OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES.**

Teacher—"When little George Wash-  
 ington told the truth about cutting  
 down the cherry tree his father for-  
 gave him. Now, Johnny, what lesson  
 does this teach us?"  
 Johnny—"That we can often avoid  
 trouble by burying the hatchet."

"Willie," said a mother to her 4-  
 year-old hopeful, "you must not in-  
 terrupt me when I am talking to the  
 ladies. Wait until we get through,  
 then you can talk." "But, mamma,"  
 replied the little fellow, "by the time  
 you get through I'll forget all my  
 talk."

Hostess (to 5-year-old guest)—"Does  
 your father say grace before dinner,  
 Margie?"  
 Margie—"I don't know. What's  
 grace?"  
 Hostess—"Why, saying grace is re-  
 turning thanks for what we have to  
 eat."  
 Margie—"My pa doesn't have to. He  
 always pays cash for everything we  
 get."

Solomon's wisdom is proverbial, but  
 he probably never attempted to answer  
 childish inquiries.  
 "Tommy," said a mother to her  
 naughty son, "you must be a better  
 boy or you will never go to heaven."  
 "And suppose I am real good and  
 go there," said Tommy, "will I have  
 to keep right on being good after I  
 get there?"

A 5-year-old kindergarten pupil was  
 told to write an essay on the cow, and  
 after a long and earnest struggle the  
 following was handed in for criticism:  
 "The cow is a female ox and her  
 children are called calves. The cow  
 has four legs, one on each corner. She  
 also has a tail. If her tail was a leg  
 she would then have five legs. The  
 cow also has two horns, but because  
 why I don't know."

Consumption kills 100,000 people  
 every year in the United States alone,  
 states the New York World. It has  
 five or six times as many victims  
 every year as yellow fever, cholera or  
 any other epidemic malady ever had  
 in any year. Of the 70,000,000 people  
 now living in this country, 10,000,000,  
 or one in every seven, are at the  
 present death-rate doomed to die of  
 this deadliest of all scourges. Never-  
 theless, the disease is absolutely pre-  
 ventable. Its continued prevalence is  
 due to inexcusable neglect alone. No-  
 body need ever have it if the public  
 would do its duty in works of preven-  
 tion. The agencies and methods of  
 the infection are perfectly well  
 known. It is the function, therefore,  
 of the doctors to induce the health  
 authorities everywhere, and the peo-  
 ple as well, to stamp the disease out  
 of existence by the taking of entirely  
 obvious precautions.

Speculation is rife in England just  
 now as to why British enterprise and  
 industry are being outdone by rivals;  
 why American ironmasters are tak-  
 ing British orders for the Soudan, for  
 Australia and for China; why Ameri-  
 can machinery and tools are invading  
 British workshops.

The key to the mystery is to be found  
 in that inscrutable British conserva-  
 tion which thinks it better to stand  
 still than to accept anything that hap-  
 pens to be new.

**Does Your Head Ache?**  
 Are your nerves weak? Pain  
 in your back? Lack energy?  
 Appetite poor? Digestion  
 bad? Boils or pimples?  
 These are sure signs of  
 poisoning.  
 From what poisons?  
 From poisons that are al-  
 ways found in constipated  
 bowels.  
 If the contents of the  
 bowels are not removed from  
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A man of the north side saw a mas-  
 culine member of the human race tum-  
 ble down on the sidewalk the other  
 evening, hopelessly intoxicated. Dis-  
 tinguished at the sight, he was about to  
 pass on unheeding of his neighbor's  
 misfortune when the story of the good  
 Samaritan flashed across his mind and  
 he resolved for once to be charitably  
 helpful. He accented the fallen one  
 and assisted him to his unsteady feet,  
 and after much persistent interview-  
 ing succeeded in ascertaining the num-  
 ber of his home. Thither he piloted  
 his swaying companion, and was re-  
 warded on the doorstep by a volley of  
 thanks and a most impudent invita-  
 tion to enter and take a drink. "No,"  
 responded the modern Samaritan em-  
 phatically, "I won't go in and take a  
 drink, and you'd better follow my ex-  
 ample and get to bed as quickly as  
 you can." "All right, guess I will,"  
 muttered the tipsy host, drowsily. "But  
 tell me your name, anyway. I want  
 to know the name of the man who  
 brought me to my door." As his elo-  
 quence and voice were waxing in  
 strength the Samaritan thought in  
 wisdom to comply in some way with  
 his associate's desires, and at the same  
 time had no intention to reveal his  
 own identity. "Paul is my name," he  
 answered at last in compromise, turn-  
 ing to go down the steps. "Come here,  
 Paul," eagerly called the other man at  
 once. "Come back and answer the  
 question I've had it in my mind to  
 ask you for years. Paul," he contin-  
 ued impressively, "did you ever get an  
 answer to your letters to the Ephes-  
 ians?"

It appears that the recent duel in  
 Paris, France, which resulted in the  
 serious wounding of one of the con-  
 testants, was provoked by a dispute  
 as to whether "Hamlet" was a lean  
 and hungry dreamer or a prodigious-  
 ly fat one. Inasmuch as the question  
 was not settled, there may be some  
 more blood-letting among the conten-  
 tious critics. Shakespeare ought to  
 have illustrated his plays with char-  
 acter portraits.

The Spanish War is becoming nu-  
 cent history. The Northville (Kan.)  
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Subject: Choice of Beliefs—Evangelicalism—All Evangelical Churches Are Good and Are Seeking the Same Prizable End.

Washington, D. C.—In this sermon Dr. Talmage discusses a topic which will interest thousands of people everywhere. The text is Genesis xii. 10. "And there was no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen. Is not the whole land before thee?"

Udell says: "Abram and Lot, both pious, both millionaires, and with such large flocks of bleating sheep and lowing cattle that their herdmen got into a fight, perhaps about the best pasture or about the best water privilege or because the cow of one got hooked by the horns of the other. Not their poverty of opportunity, but their wealth, was the cause of controversy between the two men."

"You may have the rocks and the fine prospect; I will take the valley of the Jordan, with all its luxuriance of corn fields and the river to water the flocks and the genial climate and the wealth innumerable." So the controversy was forever settled and great-souled Abram started out on the suggestion of the text: "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen. Is not the whole land before thee?"

Well, in this the last decade of the nineteenth century and in this beautiful land, which was called America, after Amerigo Vesputius, but should have been called Columbia, after its discoverer, Columbus, we have a wealth of religious privileges and opportunity that is positively bewildering. Churches of all sorts of creeds and of all kinds of denominations are everywhere, and such a profusion that there ought to be no difficulty in making a selection. No fight about vestments, or between liturgical or non-liturgical adherents, or as to baptismal modes, or a handful of water as compared with a riverful. If Abram prefers to dwell on the heights, where he can get only a sprinkling from the clouds, let him consent that Lot be all the Jordan in which to immerse himself. "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen. Is not the whole land before thee?"

Especially is it unfortunate when families allow angry discussion at the breakfast or dining or tea table as to which is the best church, or the best denomination, or one at one end of the table saying he could never endure the rigid doctrines of Presbyterianism, one at the other end responding that she never could stand the forms of Episcopacy, and one at one side of the table saying: he did not understand how anybody could bear the noise in the Methodist church, and another declaring all the Bible bits are just a bunch of old-fashioned superstitions, and another declaring that the middle of every discussion on such subjects there is a kindling of indignation, and when one old father Abram comes and put his foot on the ground before the explosion takes place and says: "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen. Is not the whole land before thee?"

I undertake a subject never undertaken by any other pulpit, for it is an exceedingly delicate one, and if not rightly handled might give serious offense, but I approach it without the slightest trepidation, for I am sure I have the divine direction in the matters I propose to present. It is a tremendous question, and never, Christmas, often asked with tears and sobs and heart breaks and involving the peace of families, the eternal happiness of many souls, and the church attendance should the wife go with the husband or the husband go with the wife?

pany him somewhere else, change your church relations. Take your hymnbook home with you to-day. Say good-by to your friends in the neighboring pews, and go with him to any one of the hundred churches fill his soul is saved and he joins you in the march to heaven. More important than that, it is that your heavenly Father commands the angel of mercy, concerning your husband at his conversion, as in the parable of old, "Put a ring on his hand."

No letter of more importance ever came to the great city of Corinth, situated on what was called the "Bridge of the Sea," and gliding with sculpture and gauded with a style of brass the significance of which the following ages have not been able to successfully imitate and overshadowed by the Acro-Corinthus, a fortress of rock 200 feet high. I say no letter ever came to that great city of more importance than that letter in which Paul puts the two startling questions: "What knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" The dearest sacrifice on the part of the one is cheap if it rescues the other. Better go to the smallest, weakest, most insignificant church on earth and be copartner in eternal bliss than pass your earthly membership in most gorgeously attractive church while your companion stays outside of heaven.

Second remark: If both of the married couples be Christians, but one is so naturally constructed that it is impossible to enjoy the services of a particular denomination, and the other is not so strict or punctilious, let the one less particular go with the other who is very particular. As for myself, I feel as much at home in one denomination of evangelical Christians as another, and I think I must have been born very near the line. I like the solemn roll of the Episcopal liturgy, and I like the spontaneity of the Methodists and I like the importance given to the ordinance of baptism by the Baptists and I like the freedom of the Congregationalists and I like the government and the sublime doctrine of the Presbyterians and I like many of the other just as much as any I have mentioned and I could happily live and preach and die and be buried from any of them. But others are born with a liking so stout, so unbending, so inexorable for some denomination that it is a positive necessity they have the advantage of that one. What they were intended to be in ecclesiasticalism is a playing a Westminster Catechism or the Thirty-nine Articles. The whole current of their temperament and thought and character runs into one set of religious tenets as naturally as the James River into the Chesapeake. It would be a torture to such persons to be anywhere outside of that one church.

Now, let the wife or husband who is not so constructed sacrifice the milder preference for the one more inflexible and rigorous. Let the grapevine follow the ruggedness and sinuosity of the oak or hickory. Abram, the richer in flocks of Christian grace, should say to Lot, who is built on a smaller scale: "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen. Is not the whole land before thee?" As you can be edified and happy anywhere, go with your companion to the church to which he or she must go or be miserable. Remark the third: If both the married couple are very strong in their sectarianism, let them attend the different churches professed. It is not necessary that you attend the same church. Religion is between your conscience and your God. Like Abram and Lot, agree to differ. When on Sabbath morning you come out of your home together and one goes one way and the other the other, heartily wish each other a good sermon and a time of profitable devotion, and when you meet again at the noonday repeat let it be evident, each to each, and to your children, and to the hired help, that you have both been on the Mount of Transfiguration, although you went up by different paths, and that you have both been fed by the bread of life, though kneaded by different hands in different trays and baked in different ovens. "But now about the children?" I am often asked by scores of parents. Let them also make their own choice. They will grow up with reverence for both the denominations represented by father and mother if you by holy lives, commend those denominations. If the father lives the better life, they will have the more favorable opinion of his denomination. If the mother lives the better life, they will have the more favorable opinion of her denomination. And some day both the parents will, for at least one service, go to the same church. The neighbors will say: "I wonder what is going on to-day, for I saw our neighbor and his wife, who always go to different churches, going arm in arm to the same sanctuary."

Well, I will tell you what has brought them together, arm in arm, to the same altar. Something very important has happened. Their son is to-day uniting with the church. He is standing in the aisle, taking the vows of a Christian. He had been somewhat wayward, and gave father and mother a good deal of anxiety, but their prayers have been answered in his conversion, and as he stands in the aisle and the minister of religion says, "Do you consecrate yourself to the God who made and redeemed you and do you promise to serve Him all your days?" and with many voice he answers, "I do," there is an April shower in the pew where father and mother sit and a rainbow of joy which arches both their souls, that makes all differences of creed infelicitous. And the daughter who had been very worldly and gay and thoughtless, puts her life on the altar of consecration, and as the sunlight of that Sabbath streams through the church window and falls upon her brow and cheek, she looks like their other daughter, whose face was illumined with the brightness of another world on the day when the Lord took her into His heavenly keeping years ago.

I should not wonder, if, after all, these parents pass the evening of their life in the same church, all differences of church preference overcome by the joy of being in the house of God where their children were prepared for usefulness and heaven. But I can give you a recipe for ridding your children. Angerly contend in the household that your church is right and the church of your companion is wrong. Bring anger and contention to emphasize your opinions, and your children will make up their minds that religion is a sham, and they will have none of it. In the hottest storm of domestic controversy the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley will not grow. Fight about apostolic succession, fight about election and free agency, fight about baptism, fight about the bishopric, fight about gowns and surplices, and the religious prospects of your children will be left dead on the field. You will be as unfortunate as Charles, Duke of Burgundy, who to battle lost a diamond and the value of a kingdom, for in your fight you will lose the jewel of salvation for your entire household. This is nothing against the advocacy of your own religious theories. Use all forcible argument, bring all telling illustration, array all demonstrative facts, but let there be no acerbity, no stinging, no mean insinuation, no superciliousness, as though all others were wrong and you infallibly right.

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California Timber. The writer, on first visiting lumber yards in northern Europe, could not get rid of the impression that the round timber was all culis or waste. A raft load of logs in the Gotha river in Sweden was thought to consist of telegraph poles. It happened to be a collection of small timber even for there, and a visit to the Pacific coast of North America, soon after, still further emphasized the enormous difference in the timber resources of the two countries. Soon after arriving in San Francisco there was encountered in the street a squared beam of more than 100 feet in length, being hauled to a factory in course of erection. Following this beam to its destination—a woolen factory then being built—it was a matter of astonishment to find all the longitudinal beams or "stringers" of the same length. This astonishment was increased when the contractor said: "We never bother about dimensions, and just order what we want." A section eight feet in diameter, cut from a redwood tree, completed a new impression of American forest timber.

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