

The Plow And Hammer

Devoted to Primitive Christianity; the Union of Christians; the Education of the common people; the best interests of the home and our country.

SCRIPTURAL MOTTOES: "Break up Your Fallov Ground"—Jer. 4:3; Hosea, 10:12;
"Is not My Word like a Hammer that Breaketh the Rock in Pieces."—Jer. 23:29."

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WAR MAY BE AN AWFUL THING.

Those who Thirst for Blood May Have More than They Sought For.

Read the Following dispatches:

NEAR UNIVERSAL WAR.

European Diplomat Says Interference with Present Conflict Will Cause It.

Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—The following statements were made this afternoon by the charge d'affairs of a European legation:

"It may be safe to predict that we are near a universal war, unless diplomacy prevents it. You see, Europe has been looking for it for a long while, and every power has been preparing to meet it. Russia is always ready, and we may say the same thing of England. The latter would have provoked war over the Turkish troubles had she won the United States for an ally. Now, in my opinion, as an individual, the time for this war is very near, and it may come sooner than you think.

"It will come by an attempt to stop the American-Spanish war, as soon as the latter's great fleet meets the American squadrons. England, of course, will not join with the other

FEARS WAR WITH FRANCE.

Pessimistic Utterances of Lord Salisbury at a Private Dinner.

Special Cablegram to the Globe-Democrat.

LONDON, May 13.—Lord Salisbury attended a private dinner of the bankers' association Wednesday night, and made a speech that has profoundly impressed the 300 leading bankers of the kingdom. The Prime Minister spoke more freely than if reporters had been present. His allusions to the events of the past few months were taken to indicate that there were the most serious causes for anxiety and watchfulness on the part of the Ministers, and that these were not principally matters which have been publicly discussed. In substance the future, as indicated by Salisbury was pessimistic, emphasizing the necessity for responsible persons in the country looking the facts in the face and being thoroughly prepared to discharge the serious duties which the course of events might impose on them.

Lord Salisbury's references were to

GRANT'S VICTORY OVER DRINK.

He Heeded the Warning Gen. Rawlins Wrote Him Before Vicksburg.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,—To most persons, in the fight of Gen. Grant's magnificent achievement during the war of the rebellion, the story that at times his efficiency was impaired by the too free indulgence in the use of stimulents, will recall no more serious remembrance than President Lincoln's retort, when some such report was brought to his ears, that he wish he could find what brand of whisky Grant used so he might supply his other Generals with the same sort of inspiration.

But the paper read before the John H. Rawlins Post, G. A. R., here last week by Judge J. M. Shaw on "The Life of Gen. Rawlins," shows that the man who stood nearest Gen. Grant during the war entertained grave apprehensions from his chief's weakness in this respect, and did not hesitate to protest against it. Faithful are the wounds of a friend. Judge Shaw in his paper paid this handsome compliment to both Gen. Grant and his mentor:

"It is undoubtedly true that at one time, and at a very critical period, there was a lurking demon of temptation and awakened appetite haunting the great man which came very near getting him into its toils. The temptation, the combined struggle of the two friends against it, the final

of your honor early last March that you would drink no more during the war, and kept that pledge during your recent campaign, you would not this day have stood first in the world's history as a successful military leader.

"Your only salvation depends upon your strict adherence to that pledge. You can not succeed in any other way. As I have before stated, I may be wrong in my suspicions, but if one sees that which leads him to suppose a sentinel is falling asleep at his post, it is his duty to arouse him, and if one sees that which leads him to fear the General commanding a great army is being reduced to that step, which he knows will bring disgrace upon that General and defeat to his command, if he fails to sound the proper note of warning, the wives and children of those brave men whose lives he permits to remain thus in peril will accuse him, while he lives, and stands swift witnesses of wrath against him in the day when all shall be tried.

"If my suspicions are unfounded, let my friendship for you and my zeal for my country be my excuse for this letter; and, if they are already founded, and you determine not to heed the admonition and prayers of this hasty note by immediately ceasing to touch a single drop of any kind of liquor, no matter by whom asked, or under what circumstances, let my immediate relief from duty in this department be the result. I am,

preparing to meet it. Russia is always ready, and we may say the same thing of England. The latter would have provoked war over the Turkish troubles had she won the United States for an ally. Now, in my opinion, as an individual, the time for this war is very near, and it may come sooner than you think.

"It will come by an attempt to stop the American-Spanish war, as soon as the latter's great fleet meets the American squadrons. England, of course, will not join with the other powers in their attempt further than, I may say, the expression of her sympathy, which will amount to nothing. England wants this opportunity to be on the side of the United States, so that when disputes shall arise she will be engaged in a war for which she has been preparing for a long while.

"The war will surely come, because the United States will not give up fighting Spain until the resolutions of Congress are carried through. The powers don't intend to allow the war now on to continue, and, even if the United States should consent to declare a truce, there will be a disagreement about the terms for peace.

"You may rely upon what I say, that universal war will come in this way. Austria, France and Italy will, for a while, remain on the fence, until England openly sides with the United States, in which instance Russia will join Austria and Germany the United States.

"You can rest assured that these plans are now under consideration by the Cabinets, and that the United States administration know it as well as England does; and that is one of the reasons the Lafayette was set free, and why you will hear nothing about the French official holding dispatches at St. Pierre, Martinique, intended for the government here, while the Spanish ships were coaling there."

The offerings for Foreign Missions for the first eighteen days of May amount to \$3,620.18, or a gain of \$1,097.21 over the corresponding time last year.

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Lord Salisbury's references were it is believed, prompted by the condition of the negotiations with France, which are critical and threatening. This view is shared by Sir Charles Dilke, who fears that the Anglo-French conference will break down through failure to agree, but he does not regard war as a necessary outcome.

A Great Day at Alma, June the 16th 1898.

We are arranging to have a great day at Alma, Thursday, June 16th, 1898. The O. W. Stewart Dollar Social idea is to be pushed from now till then for all there is in it. And on that day we aim to have some distinguished gentleman to deliver an address to the thousands of people whom we hope will be here then. And on that day we shall announce what the Dollar Social plan has done. We want to get blanks to thousands of brethren and sisters and friends and have them send in the amount they will give between now and then. Remember that you will not be hindered from giving more than one dollar. We hope that some will give up to the thousands. A piece of land would be a neat gift. We shall begin to publish names and amounts next issue. Look out. Don't wait for blanks. Come on, send in your names and the amount you will give between now and June 16, and we will register all down, or send in the money right away. We will never need money worse than now. Send in bank draft, express or P. O. order. Don't send money or personal checks, payable to W. H. Boles, box 11, Alma, Marion Co., Ills.

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This statement Judge Shaw substantiated by reading a copy of a letter addressed by Gen. Rawlins to Gen. Grant on this subject, as follows:

"BEFORE VICKSBURG, MISS., June 6, 1863, 1 o'clock a. m. — DEAR GENERAL:

The great solicitude I feel for the safety of this army leads me to mention what I had hoped never again to do, the subject of your drinking. This may surprise you, for I may be, and I trust I am doing you an injustice by unfounded suspicions, but if an error it better be on the side of this country's safety than in fear of offending a friend.

"I have heard that Dr. —, at Gen. Sherman's a few days ago, induced you, notwithstanding your pledge to me, to take a glass of wine, and today, when I found a box of wine in front of your tent and proposed to move it which I did, I was told that you had forbidden its being taken away, for you intended to keep it until you entered Vicksburg, that you might have it for your friends; and to-night, when you should, because of the condition of your health, if nothing else, have been in bed, I find you where the wine bottles have just been emptied, in company with those who drink and urge you to do likewise, and the lack of your usual promptness and decision and clearness in expressing yourself in writing conduces to confirm my suspicions.

"You have full control over your appetite, and can let drinking alone. Had you not pledged me the sincerity

"If my suspicions are unfounded, let my friendship for you and my zeal for my country be my excuse for this letter; and if they are unfounded, and you determine not to heed the admonition and prayers of this hasty note by immediately ceasing to touch a single drop of any kind of liquor, no matter by whom asked, or under what circumstances, let my immediate relief from duty in this department be the result. I am, General, your friend,

"JOHN A. RAWLINS."

Upon this letter, in the handwriting of Rawlins, was the following indorsement:

"This is an exact copy of a letter given to the person to whom it is addressed, at its date, about four miles from our headquarters in the rear of Vicksburg. Its admonition were heeded, and all went well."

Why People Go To Church.

Some go to Church, just for walk,
Some to stare, to laugh and talk,
Some go there to meet a friend;
Some their idle time to spend.
Some for general observation;
Some for private speculation,
Some to seek or find a lover;
Some a courtship to discover.
Some go there to use their eyes
And newest fashions criticize.
Some to show their own smart dress;
Some their neighbors' to assess,
Some to scan a robe or bonnet;
Some to price the trimming on it.
Some to learn the latest news,
That friends at home they may
amuse.
Some to gossip, false and true,
Safe hid within the sheltering pew.
Some go there to please the Squire;
Some his daughters to admire.
Some the parson go to fawn;
Some to lounge and some to yawn.
Some to claim the parish doles;
Some for bread and some for coals.
Some because it's thought genteel;
Some to vaunt their pious zeal.
Some to show how sweet they sing;
Some how loud their voices ring.
Some the preacher go to hear,
His style and voice to praise or jeer.
Some forgiveness to implore,
Some their sins to varnish o'er.
Some to sit and doze and nod,
But few to kneel and worship God.
Selected.

The Plow and Hammer.

Our Bible Department for next Fall.

We rejoice to announce to the brotherhood of Southern Illinois that we have secured the distinguished Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky for our Bible department. Dr. Munnell is author of the famous book, "The Care of the Churches." His classical education was received under Alexander Campbell in Bethany, Va. He is one of the ripest scholars. Young men and women who wish to study for the ministry will find no better Bible instructions than can be obtained in Alma next year. We shall have more to say next issue on this subject. Dr. Munnell will speak for us both on June 16 and Sunday, June 19.

Among Laborers in Field And Shop.

D. Logan, of Jeffersonville, was at the Clay county convention, on his way to McKinney church near Saylor Springs.

Charles Arthur Burton, the greatest orator of his age in Southern Illinois, preaches for the Church at Gaston Grove, and other points.

J. O. Sutherland, one of our most faithful preachers, lives at Latham and comes all the way down into Egypt to preach. Move down, Bro. Jake, and live among the folks.

P. M. Hayes, of Louisville, is one of the most self sacrificing preachers in Illinois. He is holding up the banner of Christ

their share of drunkards and gamblers. The Churches are slow coaches as usual, and like most temperance towns they are Parisee-like and self-important. They care but little for the interest of people elsewhere if they drive the demon out of their own community, and then boast about what a fine town they have. But when you get behind the screen, you find whiskey peddlers busy selling by the pint, and you find an old school house or some other out house used for a gambling den, and then out on a creek somewhere in a thicket you find a good weather gambling den. Such is a half written description of the ordinary temperance towns of Illinois. Added to all this there is usually a Church whisky drug store. Sometimes it is one Church and sometimes it is another that runs a whisky drug store. We are told that the Presbyterians and Methodists have the honors at Robinson. Of course the good members deprecate such a thing. While at Palestine, be it said to their credit, no one can possibly get any liquor at the drug store.

J. Fred. Jones, our able and faithful State Secretary was at the Clay county convention at Xenia last week. He spoke several times to the edification and delight of the people. Bro. Jones made a strong appeal to the brethren to support Alma college and the PLOW AND HAMMER, and for organized, united work among the brethren in Southern Illinois. Thanks, Bro.

of these trains stop here. The fruit train will start up soon and Alma will again be alive with people from all the villages and country around. THE PLOW AND HAMMER takes pleasure in acknowledging favors granted from the I. C. to us in the way of an advertising contract.

The C. & E. I. Railroad.

We understand that the C. and E. I. Railroad has just put on a new train each way, thereby giving the citizens all along the line better accommodations.

To Subscribers.

Brethren and Friends:

Remember that every dollar given for the PLOW and HAMMER will go to bear the general expenses of Alma Industrial College.

The Gospel Plow and Hammer, and whole printing plant, belongs to Alma Industrial College.

The subscription price is one dollar per annum.

Any one sending ten subscriptions and ten dollars, will get the PLOW AND HAMMER free one year.

20 Subscriptions and \$20	2 copies free
30 " " \$30	3 " "
40 " " \$40	4 " "

Or all who will raise a Subscription of more than ten will receive ten per cent of the money for their trouble if they do not wish extra copies of the paper.

Any county in the United States that will secure one thousand subscribers for the Gospel Plow and Hammer, for one year, at \$1.00 each, shall be permitted to select any good boy or girl in the county, and send the same to this college during a period of four weeks.

nois, and not suffer any great inconvenience. And we know scores of brethren in Central Illinois who could give their thousands if they only would.

Brethren, success is within our reach. We have received more encouragement during the past week than during the past two months.

The money CAN be raised and MUST be raised to sustain Alma Industrial College.

Send in the amount you will give between now and June 16, to W. H. Bolos, Alma, Marion Co., Ill.

THAT RESOLUTION.

The resolution to turn Alma Industrial College, with all that pertains to it, over to the brotherhood of Southern Ill., is in my judgment, the grandest proposition ever made to the churches of this section, or of any other section, for that matter. Just at this time the voluntary tender of Industrial College with its well equipped printing and publishing house is most opportune. At the last State convention at Eureka it was recommended that the churches of the southern districts of the state form an independent organization for co-operative evangelistic work. Just on the eve of action on this recommendation comes the splendid offer from the present Board of trustees. With a college and printing establishment, the new organization would be ready for aggressive and practical work from the very start. It would be next to impossible to start under more favorable conditions. Apart from the college, the printing establishment would be a mighty auxiliary and impetus to the cause. The paper, under its present vigorous editorial management and conservative business methods, could

among the folks.

F. M. Hayes, of Louisville, is one of the most self sacrificing preachers in Illinois. He is holding up the banner of Christ there at a great sacrifice. But the work will tell for the future.

Bro. W. Bedall, the indefatigable, is holding a meeting at Xenia. This is his second meeting there this year. But Bro. Bedall can hold several meetings for the same Church and then not grow old to the people.

W. G. McColley is doing a grand and faithful work at Olney. My daughter and I were greeted with fair audiences there. That is a hard field but careful and faithful work by a man like Bro. McColley will in a few years bring about one of our largest Churches. Bro. Morrell, one of our old veteran preachers, lives there. He stands by the work there.

Bro. W. C. Schwartz labors for the Churches at Robinson and Palestine. His influence is powerful for good in both towns. We lectured and preached in both towns last week. We were glad to note the high esteem in which the good people held Bro. Schwartz and his work. He has a reputation for making no compromises with the evils of the day. Robinson is one of the finest little towns in Illinois. The town is an exception to the county seats in many respects. Palestine is a quiet little town with no saloons, but they have

Jones made a strong appeal to the brethren to support Alma college and the PLOW AND HAMMER, and for organized, united work among the brethren in Southern Illinois. Thanks, Bro. Jones. Come again. He will be at our Southern Illinois Christian Encampment June 14-21.

Churches and Delegates.

Brethren, of the Churches of Southern Illinois, don't fail to send delegates to the Southern Illinois Encampment, June 14-21. June 16th is the great day. See program elsewhere. Get ready to come. All will want to hear Dr. Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky, and George F. Hall, of Decatur. Besides, matters of great importance connected with the work of the brotherhood in Southern Illinois will come up before this convention and on June 16. Let our business men and farmers be here. "Come, brethren, let us reason together." Read Lappin, Bedall and Kellar.

A GRAND OFFER.

In our next issue we shall make the grand offer of a copy of one of the best books of the past ten years and a year's subscription for the PLOW AND HAMMER for \$1.50. The book is entitled "Day Dreams of a Doctor," written by Doctor C. Barlow and published by Peter Paul Book Company, Buffalo, N. Y. The price of the book alone is \$1.25. See our next issue.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

The old reliable Illinois Central runs eight passenger trains each day through Alma. Four

thousand subscribers for the Gospel Plow and Hammer, for one year, at \$1.00 each, shall be permitted to select any good boy or girl in the county, and send the same to this college during a period of four years, 40 weeks to each year, free of charge, except to bring clothing enough to do one year, and also some bed clothing, and work of Saturdays and during a three months vacation.

WAKE UP BRETHREN!

A Widow Lady Starts the Ball Rolling For ALMA INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

We have been made to rejoice this week over the conditional gift of a thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to Alma Industrial College. The donor is a widow lady not a member of the Christian church. But she is greatly in sympathy with the Industrial Plan for the education of poor boys and girls. She says that the Twenty Thousand Dollars should be readily raised for such a great work. And that she will donate one thousand dollars on condition that NINE THOUSAND more be raised. In other words, she will give the last thousand of ten thousand. Brethren, shall we secure this one thousand dollars from this well wisher out side of the Christian church?

Another widow lady, one of our own sisters, has had under consideration the question of donating one thousand dollars to Alma College. And we hope that this proposition will inspire not only this sister but many others to give to this great cause.

We can count a dozen brethren who could give a thousand dollars each, here in Southern Illi-

tions. Apart from the college, the printing establishment would be a mighty auxiliary and impetus to the cause. The paper, under its present vigorous editorial management and conservative business methods, could be made a great factor and agency in the work of evangelization and education. This is an opportunity which may not come to us again in a generation. Will the brethren rise to meet the occasion as it deserves to be met? Or will you permit this great opportunity to pass with that indifference characteristic of past effort? *Brethren*, YOU, not the ministers, must do this. The college and printing establishment would be permanent acquisitions and resources. You are permanent. The ministry is temporary. You may dismiss all within a year. The preachers will lead. You must follow. Respond to the appeals of Brother Boles. Respond to the exhortations of your pastor, and with enthusiasm and determination that knows not failure, redeem this fair section of the State from the stigma that has too long rested upon the Churches and your life.

S. A. COOK.

Mount Vernon, Ill.

MAY CHRISTIAN'S DANCE?

Bob Bardette answers this question in his usual unique fashion. "May a Christian dance? Of course he may. He may swear and lie, too, but it would not make him a better Christian. Surely, Christians, you may dance, but dancing will never identify you as a Christian. What puzzles us is that you ask the question so often. Christians who don't dance never ask it. Christians, dance if you can't live without it. Join hands with Salome, Herodias and Herod, and circle to the left. But don't be surprised if you are taken for agout. That is the side they are on."—*The Workman*.

Last year 2,810 Sunday-schools observed Children's Day. The officers of the Foreign Society are laboring industriously to secure offerings from at least 3,500 schools this year.

The Plow and Hammer.

THINGS WE MIGHT HAVE.

Our Annual Liquor Bill, direct cost, (1893,) \$1,350,000,000.
 THIS SUM USED TO BLESS MAN WOULD
 Add to our bread and meat Supply,
 \$200,000,000.
 Double the amount raised for mis-
 sions, \$5,500,000.
 Give 1,000 missionaries \$1,000 each,
 \$1,000,000.
 Double the amount paid for educa-
 tion, 133,000,000.
 Build 5,000 kindergartens, \$5,000
 each, \$25,000,000.
 Pay teachers for same, \$600 each,
 \$3,000,000.
 Build 3,000 miles of railroad, \$30,
 000 per mile, \$90,000,000.
 Build and furnish 10,000 schools,
 \$30,000 each, \$300,000,000.
 Pay teachers for same, \$54,000,000.
 Build 10,000 churches, \$10,000 each,
 \$100,000,000.
 Pay pastors for same, \$2,000 each,
 \$20,000,000.
 Build 1,000 public libraries, \$10,000
 each, \$10,000,000.
 Pay 2,000 worn-out pastors \$250
 each, \$500,000.
 Give 1,000,000 children \$5 each for
 books, \$5,000,000.
 Build 10,000 homes, \$1,000 each,
 \$10,000,000.
 Endow 100 colleges, \$1,000,000 each,
 \$100,000,000.
 Send 10,000 to college, 4 years, \$2,
 000 each, \$20,000,000.
 Pension 20,000 old soldiers, \$250
 each, \$5,000,000.
 Supply 1,000 towns with water,
 \$25,000 each, \$25,000,000.
 Give 10,000 needy families \$500 each,
 \$5,000,000.
 Give 10,000 schools a \$1,000 Library
 each, \$10,000,000.
 Pay internal revenue on liquor,
 (1893,) \$128,000,000.
 Supply the "gold reserve," \$100,
 000,000.
 Take the above facts into consider-
 ation and then ask yourself the ques-
 tion, am I doing right to be idle when
 such a foe to my family, my church,
 my country and my God is at my
 door? Such a foe is the liquor traffic.
 Be up and doing something to get rid

Illinois Central Railroad

Time Table.

Going North:
 No. 21 Local Mail, Daily EX Sun. 10:15 a m
 " 22 Northern Ex. " " " 11:15 a m
 " 92 Local Freight " " " 8:00 a m

Going South:
 No. 21 Southern Ex. Daily 1:50 p m
 " 23 Local Mail " ex Sun. 4:51 p m
 " 91 " Freight " " " 3:30 p m

For any information apply at the
 station. C. M. SEE, Agent.
 Alma, Ill.

CHURCH NOTES.

M. E. church services every other
 Sunday morning and every Sunday
 evening. Prayer-meeting on Thurs-
 day evenings.
 Rev. Wilkerson, Pastor.

Services at the Christian Church
 every Sunday morning and evening.
 Sunday School, ten o'clock; Church
 service, eleven o'clock; Junior Chris-
 tian Endeavor, three o'clock; Senior
 Christian Endeavor, four o'clock;
 Church service, seven-thirty, p. m.;
 Prayer-meeting every Wednesday
 evening at seven-thirty Ladies Aid
 Society, Thursday afternoon; S. S.
 Superintendent, L. S. Collins.
 N. F. Henthorn, Pastor.

ALMA LOCALS.

May Collins was in Ktnmudy Tues-
 day.
 Sam McNeil is suffering with a sore
 finger.
 Mrs. Nelms was in Kinmudy last
 Friday.
 Miss Bess Brazel was in Brubaker
 Saturday.
 Miss Clara Boles was in Sandoval
 last Sunday.
 Marion Boles was in Ashley over
 last Sunday.
 Tunis Maulding was sick several
 days last week.
 Miss Lila Williams is a new member
 of the A. C. T. Club.

CASH STORE

I have purchased the entire stock of Merchandise
 owned by L. S. Collins.

Great Bargains are offered to make room for
 New Goods.

HATS, CAPS,

Boots And Shoes,

GROCERIES

CIGARS TOBACCO, NOTIONS,

Canned Goods,

Always in stock.

Large Stock of Dress Goods. Call and see me.

C. W. CLAYTOR.

Frank Wilson, who has been teach-
 ing school near Urbana, returned
 home last week on a vacation.

Isaac Sprouse shipped two crates of
 strawberries to Chicago this morning.
 These are the first of the season.

A large number of Kinmudy peo-
 ple attended the play given here May
 11th by Kinmudy Home Talent.

Do you like peach pie? Pie peaches
 only 5c per can at C. W. Claytor's.

Mr. McNeil is building a new home
 in the newest addition to Alma. This
 is the first house in this new part.

Dr. Sam Wilson, of Chicago, State
 President of the Y. P. S. C. E., visited
 with relatives here over Sunday, May
 8.

L. S. Kilborn, editor of the Clark

and relatives were present from Kin-
 mudy, Farina, Brubaker, Tennessee
 Prairie, Centralia and Alma. The
 PLOW AND HAMMER wish "Aunt
 Eliza" many more such pleasant days.

The Reynold's Comedy Company.

The Reynolds' Comedy Company,
 of Kinmudy, assisted by the Mer-
 chants' Band, rendered the play en-
 titled, "Wrecked in Port," at Clow's
 hall, May 11th. They were greeted
 by a fair and appreciative audience.
 Mr. Reynolds as "Pepper," Mrs.
 Reynolds as "Mrs. Herman Clyde"
 and Miss Hattie Woolley as "Frisky"
 deserved special mention as playing
 their parts in a most excellent and
 pleasing manner. The whole affair
 was a worthy effort on the part of all

ation and then ask yourself the question, am I doing right to be idle, when such a foe to my family, my church, my country and my God is at my door? Such a foe is the liquor traffic. Be up and doing something to get rid of it. It is worse and more fearful than Spain. Let us whipboth. What say you?

A Catechism For The Infidel.

A man who has had experience in dealing with skepticisms suggests that when an infidel comes with his criticisms and cavils he be asked to answer the following questions:

"1. Can you say you have ever read the Bible carefully through, and you could now bear to be examined in it? 2. Have you not read, whatever part you have read, rather desiring to pick holes in it than honestly to find out the truth? 3. What do you propose to put in its place that shall be more likely to be beneficial to mankind? 4. How do you account for the inequalities in the moral government of the world? 5. How do you account for the unhappy deaths of Voltaire, Rousseau, Hume, Tom Paine, etc.? 6. How do you account for it that most infidels are men of immoral lives? 7. How is it that Christianity has done so very much more to benefit the world at large than infidelity has ever attempted?"

A writer in the Herald and Presbyter, quoting the above, testifies that he has known personally two infidels who were converted and became ministers of the gospel by simply reading the Bible. They did not know the book, and were prejudiced against it by false statements in regard to it, and garbled extracts from it. It is only another proof that, as some one has wisely said, "The best treatise on the inspiration of the Scriptures is the Scriptures themselves."—*The Preacher's Helper.*

Subscribe for the PLOW AND HAMMER.

MARION BOLES was in Ashley over last Sunday.

Tunis Maulding was stuck several days last week.

Miss Lila Williams is a new member of the A. C. T. Club.

Mr. French is having an awning built on to his building.

W. S. Ross and son, J. W. Ross, were in Salem last Saturday.

Cleon Radford and Bid Wall were Springfield visitors Sunday.

Miss Mayme Reynolds is spending a week at her home in Laclede.

Howard Winks spent last week in Salem sitting on the Grand Jury.

Try a bottle of Washing Ammonia, only 10 cents per quart at Claytor's.

Miss Lizzie Ross attended the High school commencement at Odin last week.

We notice Mr. French is putting in a new line of goods. Call and see them.

Mrs. Dorcie Sprouse entertained her sister, of Effingham, the past two weeks.

Rev. Henthorn has bought a lot of Tunis Maulding and will soon erect a house.

W. H. Boles attended the State Sunday school convention in Decatur this week.

Miss Myrtle Mathews returned Monday from a short visit at her home near Odin.

Our liveryman, Marvin Smith, lost a fine, young horse, one day last week, with lock jaw.

N. F. Henthorn has been hired to preach for the Young's church near Odin, twice a month.

Mrs. Clark returned last Friday from a week's visit at her former home, Mulkeytown, Ill.

Mr. Ayres, of Fairfield, has been in Alma for some time working for the International Cyclopedic Co.

Charles Tomlinson and Miss Maude Tulley were married last Wednesday evening. They will make their home in Alma. Their many friends wish them happiness.

Dr. Sam Wilson, of Chicago, State President of the Y. P. S. C. E., visited with relatives here over Sunday, May 8.

L. S. Kilborn, editor of the Clark County Herald, Marshall, Ill., visited friends in Alma and vicinity last week.

Rev. Wilkerson and Charlie Pollock went fishing one bright day last week with the usual luck of fishermen who fish in small creeks.

Mrs. Monroe and daughter, Minnie, of Farina, and Charlie Williams, of Laclede, visited at the home of L. S. Collins the first part of last week.

The Illinois Central R. R. will run a special low rate excursion to Chicago on Tuesday, May 24th. Good returning Saturday, 28. \$2.50 round trip from Alma.

The Fast Mail going through Alma at 6:45 p. m., north, commenced to catch mail last Thursday evening. This is quite an accommodation to Alma people during fruit season.

J. R. Clow is unloading a car load of fruit baskets, and H. P. Winks received a car load Wednesday. This is only a starter as it will require 30 car loads to supply the trade. L. C. Pullen is also in the basket business.

Call and see some of my matchless bargains. C. W. CLAYTOR.

W. A. H. Coday, of Clay City, Ill., acting under authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, organized a lodge of P. O. A. in this place, on Wednesday evening, with 18 charter members. The order is non sectarian, and has lodges in 41 States and territories.

On last Tuesday, May 17, was the birthday of "Aunt" Eliza Wilson. She was ninety-two years old. She has three sons and two daughters, thirty grand-children and forty-nine great-grand-children. Every year on "Aunt" Eliza's birthday most of the relatives and many friends spend the day with her, where a good time is had. This year is no exception to the rule. About one hundred friends

and Miss Hattie Woolley as "Frisky" deserved special mention as playing their parts in a most excellent and pleasing manner. The whole affair was a worthy effort on the part of all the performers.

Something Sam Jones Did.

Sam Jones is the embodiment of an audacity that sometimes comes very near the border-line of discourtesy. A clergyman who often assists him in his series of meetings told me the other day this story in the early history of Mr. Jones' evangelistic work: "He was invited by Dr. Talmage to hold a series of meetings in the Doctor's Brooklyn church. Mr. Jones came to Mr. Talmage's home during the afternoon of the day on which his engagement began and introduced himself. Dr. Talmage looked him over and was evidently a little taken aback at the rather shabby appearance of the evangelist. As it approached evening he said, 'Brother Jones, would you take it amiss if I presented you with a new suit of clothes?' 'Certainly not,' said the accommodating Samuel. He was taken to a clothier and fitted from head to foot, topping all with a high hat. At church the doctor introduced him as Rev. Samuel P. Jones from Georgia. Mr. Jones arose with his new hat in his hand and repeated, 'Yes, Rev. Samuel P. Jones from Georgia, and this is the new suit of clothes and this the new hat your pastor has presented to me. If your pastor had as much of the grace of God in his heart as he has pride, he would convert all Brooklyn, and would not need me.'"

ONE MONTH'S FOOD AT JOLIET.

The Joliet penitentiary has a population of 1,678. The food to be consumed in July will include 10,000 pounds fore quarters beef, 5,000 pounds hind quarters beef, 1,200 pounds ooked bellies, 1,000 pounds smoked shoulders, 30 pounds plate corned beef, 12 cases 15 pound cans corn beef, pressed; 600 pounds choice mutton, 40 40-pound tubs butterine.

The Plow and Hammer.

To The Churches Of Christ In Southern Illinois, Bishops And Deacons.

There are times in the tide of human events that might be styled crucial. At such times much may be gained or lost, by proper, direct and energetic action or indifferent supineness. The educational movement in Southern Illinois under the guidance of W. H. Boles and others, is of this class, and to this movement I wish to call your attention. That the ostensible object of the movement is commendable, I think there is no issue. The only thing to consider is, will the ostensible be crystalized into the permanent industrial college as set forth by the projectors? The object of the institution being conceded as commendable, the only thing now to consider is the carrying out the object. There may be a few terse and pointed questions asked about any general proposition. I believe the questions are about six, as follows: The What. The Why. The Where. The When. The How. The Who. The three first are answered in the purpose, the reason and the place. The purpose being to build up a good college where poor boys and girls may have the chance to obtain a good education. The reason for such a school is found in the fact that such schools are very scarce. Ignorance and vice are the two greatest enemies to Christian progress and civilization. Poverty is often a fruitful source of ignorance and vice. Not from the fact of "impecuniosity," but from its environments. King Azier's prayer was signed "I can't," when he said, "Give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me, lest I be full and deny Thee and say who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor and steal and take the name of my God in vain." Intellectual development without corresponding moral is dangerous. It confers a power for effective activities without a guiding force for good. For laying hold and developing that agency that might be directed for evil and giving it a per-

Are we Great Enough?

In the thirty six-counties of which the seventh and eighth district of Illinois Missionary convention is composed, there are nearly 16,000 square miles of territory, or ten and a fourth millions acres of land. A population of about 800,000 inhabit this country. It has all the modern facilities of travel and of commerce, together with some of the best public and high schools of this, or any other state. The natural resources of this portion of the state are second to none. Within this territory the Disciples of Christ have an aggregate of two hundred and fifty church organizations, with an enrollment of twenty thousand members, among whom are thousand of girls and boys that are to be the future representatives of the church-membership which now occupies the field. Within this vast domain, and for these thousands of young disciples of Christ until quite recently, there has not been a college, or seminary controlled by these disciples of southern Illinois. But within this year of 1898, through the vigorous, and herculean efforts of W. H. Boles, there has been turned over by legal process to the disciples of this territory, the Alma Industrial College located at Alma in Marion Co. For the land ect. pertaining to this institution see PLOW and HAMMER or the descriptive catalogue. Now shall we the preachers in the church of Christ in Southern Illinois, prove our selves great enough to handle this large gift? Are we great enough to recognize the meaning of it, and to meet the demands. I am persuaded that we are. I know we can do so. But will we? Say brother pastor if you will present this subject to your congregation with all that it means for the disciples in these parts for the future, the 16th day of June 1898 will be both a red letter and a jubilee day in the history of the educational facilities for young disciples in this neck o'woods. Let's touch elbows, and charge the works!

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Business Department of the College.

The Business Department of the Alma Industrial College, under the able management of Prof. W. A. Price has been in session for several weeks past and is meriting great success. Those taking the course speak very highly of Mr. Price as a disciplinarian and a hard worker for his

A DOLLAR SOCIAL.

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God in vain." Intellectual development without corresponding moral is dangerous. It confers a power for effective activities without a guiding force for good. For laying hold and developing that agency that might be directed for evil and giving it a permanent direction for good, is undoubtedly commendable. As for the place, Alma, I presume that under the circumstances no better could be found. The "when" of all good works, is now, "as we have opportunity." The "how" is next to be considered. One of the "hows" is set forth by Bro. Stewart in the donation. Out of respect for Bro. W. H. Boles, I shall not criticize the suggestion or the plan proposed. I, however, feel confident that it will not meet all the demands. If it does so much the better. I make this suggestion that at the commencement and ministerial meeting June 14-21 we endeavor to get men among us who have demonstrated in the management of their own affairs that they are successful financiers. place before them the material from whence means are expected to be derived and have them arrange the plan by which the means can be made effective. From my own observation and experience, there will not be many preachers among them. The last point is the "who." The first in this list must be the people in and around Alma. The school when a success, will be worth tenfold more to them than anybody else. They must not expect other people to (whatever plea may be made) place means in their hands for the building up an institution in their midst unless they can show corresponding sacrifice. Next to Alma, Marion county, and then the brethren at large in Southern Illinois. Now, brethren, lovers of Christ and humanity! Come, let us meet at Alma, and take wise and sweet council for the Lord.

H. Y. KELLAR.

Effingham, Ill.

Recently two aged disciples turned over to the Foreign Society \$500 each, on the Annuity Plan. This plan continue to grow in favor.

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Humbly yours in the Gospel.

W. Bedall.

What to Preach.

Preachers who prepare sermons with a view of pleasing and entertaining people, and those who expect to be pleased and entertained will do well to read the following from the Mid Continent of St. Louis:

"The attempt to meet the demand for interesting sermons has led to a great many devices, legitimate and illegitimate; to a great deal of sensational preaching in which the true idea of interesting preaching has been sadly missed. The most entertaining preaching may be a good ways from the most interesting preaching. Professor Seeley, author of "Ecce Homo," closes a series of lectures on history, of very exceptional interest and value in the following manner: "I am often told by those who, like myself, study the question how history should be taught, Oh, you must before all things make it interesting! Make history interesting, indeed! I cannot make history more interesting than it is without falsifying it. And therefore, when I meet a person who does not find history interesting, it does not occur to me to alter history—I try to altar *him*." Could there be a better method invented for making sermons and the truths of religion interesting than this suggested by Professor Seeley for making history interesting? It is not difficult to interest one in the gospel scheme who has looked into a perfect moral law and discovered his guilt. It is not difficult to feed one who is hungry, nor to preach to one who hungers and thirsts after righteousness. It is not the truths of religion which require preaching, but the sinful heart of the hearer."—*Brethren Evangelist*.

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Mr. Price is a graduate in the scientific course at the Ohio Normal University, Ada, Ohio, in '86, and later a graduate of the Rochester Business University, Rochester, N. Y.

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For further information address

W. A. Price, M. S.

Alma, Ill.

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The idea is for every one of the many thousands of President W. H. Boles' friends and acquaintances, and all who are interested in the education of the common and poor people of our country, in Alma Industrial College, to give a dollar between now and June 16th 1898. This will be first Commencement day of the College. Let it be a gala day.

Of course any one may give more or less than one dollar. And the money may be sent at any time between now and June 16, 1898.

President Boles informs me that \$20,000 will take up every Mortgage and note against 400 acres of land, the \$5000 college building and the large printing plant, and then have enough left to erect an absolutely needed boarding hall next spring. Brethren, this one donation party ought to raise this amount. W. H. Boles has been one of the most faithful heroic preachers in the Christian church for 29 years. No man among us has done more effective work. With his own hands, he has baptized about 6000 souls. But this does not tell half the story of his work. His work has been practical in many ways. And no evangelist or pastor in the history of the Disciples has done braver work in "pulling down the strongholds of satan than he."

We ask for no money for him, but it would be a fit recognition of his great work for his brethren, and friends, and all lovers of humanity, to send in a good donation and clear this great institution of debt, and leave it at once, with a fine endowment of 400 acres of fine land and the best printing plant in Southern Ill. I have been on the ground and believe this to be one of the greatest efforts ever made to educate poor boys and girls. I know Bro. Boles, and know also his ability to make the College and all its adjuncts a success.

O. W. STEWART,

The Plow and Hammer.

PROGRAM
SOUTHERN | ILLINOIS | CHRISTIAN | ENCAMPMENT
 AT
ALMA MARION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
...June 14 to 21...

Southern Illinois Christian Ministers Association
 Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 and 15.

Tuesday, June 14, 2 p m, Social meeting, lead by W. R. Corter, Lawrenceville, Ill.

- 2:30 p m Address by the president, G. W. Tate, West Salem, Ill.
- 3:00 " Appointment of committees and an open parliament.
- 7:30 " Social Meeting led by W. C. Schwartz, of Robinson, Ill.
- 8:00 Address by J. H. Stark, Du Quoin, Ill.

Wednesday, June 15,

- 9:00 a m, Social Meeting, led by F. A. Sword, Benton.
- 9:30 " A Paper, by W. G. McColley, Olney, Ill. Subject: The value of our Plea to Southern Ill.
- 10:00 " Discussion, led by C. A. Burton, Salem.
- 10:30 " A Paper (Critical) "The Place of the Evangelist in the Church." J. H. Smart, Centralia, Ill.
- 11:10 " Discussion, led by J. H. Hight, Samoth, Ill.
- 1:30 " Social meeting, led by Jay C. Hall.
- 2:00 " A paper, "Needs of the Disciples in Southern Illinois and how to obtain them." W. Bedall, Flora, Ill.
- 2:40 " General discussion, led by J. H. Stotler, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
- 3:30 " Reports of committees and election of officers.
- 7:30 p m, Social meeting, led by J. S. Battenfield, Clay City, Ill.
- 8:00 " Address, by George T. Smith, Ingraham Ill.

College Day, Thursday, June 16.

- 9:00 a m Marching to the grounds.
 - 9:30 " Music by Alma Band.
 - 9:35 " Song by Alma Quartett.
 - 9:40 " Song by Egyptian Quartett.
 - 9:45 " Song by Covington Sisters, Quintett.
 - 9:50 " Prayer, by Rev. Wilkerson, Pastor of the M. E. Church, Alma.
 - 10:00 " Song, by Covington Sisters, of Mt. Vernon, Ill.
 - 10:05 " An address of welcome, by Gen. James S. Martin, Salem.
 - 10:25 " Song, by the Egyptian Quartett.
 - 10:30 " Address, by Thomas Munnell of Kentucky.
 - 11:30 " The Great Question by George F. Hall.
- Report of College fund and adjournment jubilee.

8:00 " An address, by J. Fred Jones.

C. W. B. M. Day.

MONDAY.

Program to be made by them.

Monday afternoon, Closing business of the Encampment and adjournment.

The above program will be the best that was ever known in Southern Illinois. Brethren, let every church in Southern Illinois send one or more delegates and a dozen from each church should come. On June 16th, great crowds of people are earnestly expected. Come, brethren, with a dollar or more to donate to the College.

Lodging and breakfast free, other meals 20c each.

GOD'S PEOPLE IN EGYPT.

Some of these times we will awake to the fact that that despised part of the state of Illinois, known as Egypt, is one of our most fruitful fields. If the mighty works that have been done in that rich corn belt had been done in her borders, the Southern portion of our state would show greater results to-day than do some of the more favored portions. Many of the people farther north are too busy making money or counting up interest, to be religious. Not so in the south; the people know just about what they can get out of the soil, and they use some of the spare time they have left over looking after the Lord's business. Some of us have held meetings in this part of the state, and it is the general verdict that the same effort brings much larger results than in many other parts. The one great drawback has been the unproductiveness of the soil, but this objection is becoming invalid. There are three counties in Southern Illinois that have more acres of apple orchard in bearing than any other three in the United States. Peaches, plums, cherries, all kinds of berries and melons are produced in abundance.

In the section lying south of the Vandalia railroad there are 20,000 of the people that are Christians only. They are not all well organized for mission work but they are ready to be organized. They are not averse with missionary zeal but they can be educated and developed. They are not

four months at a time, to get through "Ray's Third Part." And all because they wanted education. There are many such; all they want is a chance; they can work or sacrifice, or suffer, only give them a chance. I know young preachers that make ties in the forest all week and then walk six or eight miles to a church or school-house to preach over Lord's day, this is their schooling, and such is their love for the cause that they must preach; these men and the generation coming on are worthy a better chance.

If Alma college had a deed to three hundred acres of land that is held in trust for them and that can be had at a reasonable figure, a work of great proportions could be done there. I know Southern Illinois and I know the disciples in that end of the state pretty well and it is my opinion that the great brotherhood of the state can not afford to be longer deaf to the cry from that country. We need Eureka and God willing—and the brethren—she shall soon be free from bett to do her great work, but her influence, that reaches from Woodford county to the borders of our land in every direction, does not penetrate the Southern part of our state, and I believe never can. If the Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists and Free Methodists can make it pay to run colleges there to spread their antiquated theology, surely with our matchless message to the world we ought to do the same. President Boles has a fine start for the amount needed by June; may the time of the Midsummer Encampment at Alma

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

- 2:00 p m Devotional Service, led by W. R. Corter.
 2:30 " OPENING SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.
 Address, by S. A. Cook, on The Necessity of Sustaining The Industrial College and the PLOW AND HAMMER; Establishing headquarters and an Encampment for the Disciples in So. Ill.
 3:15 " General discussion led by W. Bedall.
 7:30 " Social Meeting, led by Noah Henthorn, a student of Alma.
 8:00 " An address by George F. Hall, Decatur.

FRIDAY.

- 9:00 am Social meeting, led by W. C. Schwartz.
 9:30 " Church Institute Work, by Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky.
 10:20 " An address on Educational and Evangelistic work in Southern Illinois, by Judge B. S. Organ, Mt. Carmel.
 11:10 " Discussion, led by C. B. Black, Salem.

AFTERNOON.

- 1:30 p m Social meeting, led by Dode Pope, a young merchant preacher, and Supt. of the largest Sunday-School in So. Ill., DuQuoin.
 2:00 " Church Institute Work, by Thomas Munnell.
 2:40 " Reports by Presidents of the Seventh and Eight Districts; Dr. James Inskeep, of Mt. Carmel, for the Seventh, and Judge J. F. McCartney for the Eighth.
 3:00 " Reorganization for district and general work in Southern Illinois.
 7:30 " Social meeting, led by F. M. Hayes, Louisville, Ill.
 8:00 " J. J. Harris, subject: How to build up a working church.

SATURDAY.

- 9:00 a m Old peoples' love feast, led by the old veteran, John A. Williams, participated in by James Hall, of Albion; B. W. Kenner, of Grayville; Wright Williams, of McLeansboro; G. W. Morral, of Olney; J. K. Ashley, Fairfield; H. Y. Keller, of Effingham, and M. E. Wilson, of Carterville.
 1:30 p m Social meeting, led by A. R. Cook, McLeansboro.
 2:00 " Church Institute Work,—Thomas Munnell,
 2:40 " Free parliament on practical church work. 1. Business men in the church, George E. Day. 2. Practical preaching and organizing, J. H. Stotler.
 General Discussion.
 7:30 " Social meeting, led by Mary Couch, Friendsville.
 8:00 " An address, by J. Fred Jones.

S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E. Day.

- 9:00 a m Sunday-School conducted by Dode Pope and Anna Hale.
 10:00 " Sermon by Thomas Munnell.
 11:30 " Lord's supper, led by John A. Williams, and Dr. H. Y. Kellar, Munnell.
 2:00 p m Song and opening exercises.
 2:15 " An address by Hon. Hale Johnson, late candidate for vice-president of the U. S., on the Prohibition ticket. Subject: "The Negation of the Church to the liquor traffic."
 3:00 " An address by Miss Anna Hale.
 7:30 " Social meeting, led by Rachel Crouch.

Vandalia railroad there are 20,000 of people that are Christians only. They are not all well organized for Christian work but they are ready to be organized. They are not afire with missionary zeal but they can be educated and developed. They are not what may be called rich but as a rule they are not stingy with what they have. This great body needs to be organized, educated and trained for work, and nobody can do it so well as some of their own number who understand the people and their social condition. No use to talk of importing men to do this work; first the men won't stay, and second, the people won't have them. This, of course, does not apply to a dozen or so strong Churches in towns of 3,000 or more but it does apply with force to the rank and file of the Churches. Its no use, either, to talk of sending some of the boys out to the colleges in other States or to Eureka in our own state; they may come back and do the work; they don't come back; it has been tried repeatedly.

There are in this part of the state more than 100,000 members of the denomination; many of them don't know about the Lord's Church and we ought to tell them. There are thousands of the population that are unChristian and these need a pure gospel message to save them, and they respond readily when it is presented, too.

The only really practicable plan of procedure is to establish a college in the midst of our people there and train some of the natives who know how to do the work and are ready to undertake it. I do not imply that they can't work without a college education. The facts are against such a declaration. There are giants in that land who have given the strength of a life time to this work; they are God Almighty's own heroes but how much more can the next generation of preachers accomplish if they have an ample training. It must be a college different from any among us to be in that district. The industrial man would be ideal I think. I know boys who walked 2 1-2 miles to a district school, living on corn bread, potatoes and coffee meanwhile for

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S. S. LAPPIN,

Paxton, Ill.

EDITOR:

I commenced preaching for the McKinney Church last November. Up to date have added 13 by confession 7 by reclamation, and one was baptized at my last appointment, May 3, 1898. Last year this Church raised \$1.88 for Foreign Missions. This year we raised \$8 00. They will observe Children's Day the first Lord's day in June. They have a splendid Sisters' Aid Society, which pays the preacher one-fourth of his salary. I go to-day as a missionary to Laeclde and to Brownstown to deliver the Memorial address. Success to the PLOW AND HAMMER. Use them for Alma Industrial college and the cause of Christ.

ELDER D. LOGAN.

Sabbath Catechism.

Here is a catechism on the Sabbath, fortified with Bible references. It is the work of Miss Catherine Copley, the junior superintendent of Riverside, Cal.:

- When did God make the Sabbath? Gen. ii, 2.
 What did God do it for? Gen. ii, 3.
 For whom did He make it? Mark ii, 27.
 What does He command us to do? Ex. xx, 8.
 When does He say we may work? Ex. xx, 9.
 Whose day is it? Exodus xx, 10; Mark ii, 28.
 May we work on the Sabbath? Ex. xx, 10.
 May your son or daughter? Ex. xx, 10.
 Or hired man or cook? Ex. xx, 10.
 Or horses or your visitors? May any one? Ex. xx, 10.
 What else are we forbidden to do on the Sabbath? Isa. lviii, 13.
 When ought we to prepare for Sunday? Ex. xvi, 23.
 When God prepared food for the children of Israel, did He prepare any on Sunday? Ex. xvi, 27.
 What resolve did the Jews of Nehemiah's day make? Neh. x, 31.
 What effect did it have? Neh. xiii, 15-21.
 The breaking of the Fourth Commandment had had what effect? Jer. xvii, 27; Neh. xiii, 18.
 What about the man who keeps the Sabbath? Isa. lvii, 2; lviii, 13, 14.
 Is it possible to keep it right as we think and still dispense God? Isa. i, 13.
 How shall we keep it? Luke vi, 7-10; Ps. xcv, 8; Heb. x, 25.
 —Christian Endeavor World.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning May 23.
Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Christ our model.—Math. x, 24, 25; John xiii, 12-15. (A union meeting with the juniors suggested, to be led by the junior superintendent.)

Christ not only lived to work out God's plan of redemption, but also to give His followers the pattern of a perfect life. His life is the only perfect life that has been lived, and must be taken as a model by all who would live in such a way as will please God the Father.

It was divinely intended that Christ's life should be a model for all Christians. His life is stated to be an example for us, and we are commanded to do as He did, even to have the same mind as Christ had. After washing the disciples' feet, that He might teach them humility. Jesus said, "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you." In John xv, 12, He says, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." In exhorting servants to suffer patiently the abuses of masters Peter says, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps." Scripture thus conclusively proves that Christ's life was intended to be a model for all Christians. How important then to know what Christ did. How can we follow in His steps if we are not acquainted with the pathway that He trod? How can we do what He did unless we know what He did?

But we are not only in our actions to take Christ as our model, but we may also expect to be treated in the world as Christ was treated. The world persecuted and abused Christ. It maligned and ridiculed Him. Can we expect less from it? Naturally not so. Christ was Master, we are disciples; Christ was Lord, we are servants. Can disciples expect better treatment than their master received or servants than their lord? They would be foolish to do so. "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord." Christ then should be our model in the reception of the adverse treatment and misrepresentation of the world.

The aim of every Christian Endeavorer should be to be like Christ. Christ-likeness is Christianity. The more like Christ we are the better Christians we are. A Christian life is a Christ life.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning May 29.
Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Christian growth.—Ps. xciii, 7-15; Eph. iv, 11-16.

The true Christian must grow. He cannot stand still, for that is impossible. He must not turn to the right hand or left hand, for that is dangerous. He dare not turn back, for that is treason to Christ. Christ emphatically declares that one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is not worthy of Him. God intended that we should grow and develop. He has placed the elements of growth within and without us. He has placed high ideals before us and calls upon us to strive to attain to them. Christ's intention and purpose toward us is that we should grow. "Ye have not chosen Me," He says, "but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain." "Grow in grace," says the apostle Peter. Grow in the graces that adorn and beautify Christ and Christianity.

Christian growth is compared to that of the palm tree and the cedar of Lebanon (Ps. xlii, 7-15.) "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." The leading characteristics of the date palm and the cedar are their stately loveliness, fruitfulness, undecaying vigor and perpetuity. Nothing in all the world of nature is more stately than the cedar. The palm is ever green, "in the winter's cold as in the summer's heat. Not by years, but by centuries, is the cedar's age reckoned." "The wicked spring as the grass," which soon withers and dies, but the righteous are ever green and fruitful. "They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in their old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." The fruitfulness of the date palm in old age is remarkable. It has been said that when it reaches its maturity it produces 300 or 400 pounds weight of food and even as much as 600 pounds. May our Christian growth be like the palm and cedar, beautiful, constant, producing a fruitfulness that will redound to the honor and glory of God.

The Christian's growth is to be toward perfect manhood in Christ Jesus, Eph. iv, 6-11. This is the high ideal

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The aim of every Christian Endeavorer should be to be like Christ. Christ-likeness is Christianity. The more like Christ we are the better Christians we are. A Christian life is a Christ life. How can we become most like Christ? By having Christ dwell within us and make our lives His life. When puzzled as to how to act, we may well try to find out what Christ would do, and then do that, but the best way to live like Christ is to put self out of our lives and to let Christ into them; to surrender ourselves so absolutely to Christ as to no longer live, but to have Christ live in us. If we get Christ's spirit within us, we cannot but have a Christ life without us. Let us take Him as our pattern and model. At every step of life let us ask, "How would Christ walk?" At every moment of decision let us ask, "What would Christ do?" Then let us do it.

Bible Readings.—Math. v. 21-26, 48; vi. 9-15; xi. 28-30; Luke vi. 40; John xv. 1-12, 18-27; I Cor. xi. 1; Eph. iv. 31, 32; v. 1-5; Phil. ii. 1-11; iii. 14-21; Col. iii. 1-7; I Pet. ii. 21; John ii. 1-6.

DAINTY PREACHERS.

C. H. WETHERBE.

Such ones are to be found, here and there. They are a sight to behold. They are made by special order, but the order never comes from heaven. They are gotten up in some doll factory and are finished up by some fashionable merchant tailor and are scented by some perfumery establishment. Of course they never condescend to become pastors of country churches, weak and obscure. Their light is far too precious to be dazzling in such dark and ignorant places. They mount the thrones of elegant city churches where they can sparkle to the astonishment of the "culcherd." Dr. J. B. Cranil, of Texas, in a sermon says: "Did you ever see a pompous preacher, a man that looked like he had just come out of a band-box and was so nice and sweet and pretty that he could not touch anything in heaven or on earth? I went into a church once in Cincinnati. My heart was hungry for the Word of God. I was away from home and alone. I went into a Baptist church. I went in as a stranger, and when I take a seat in church I want to get

fruitfulness that will redound to the honor and glory of God.

The Christian's growth is to be toward perfect manhood in Christ Jesus, Eph. iv, 6-11. This is the high ideal that Paul sets before us. Christ, he says, "gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints * * * till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Perfection in Christ is the ideal that is set before us, and how well we know that this cannot be attained in a day or at a single bound, but by the steady, gradual growth of months and of years, as steadily and gradually the cedar attains to its stately height and spreading beauty. Let us take this as our ideal and strive each day to come one step nearer to it.

Bible Readings.—Ps. 1, 1-6; Jer. xii, 2; Hos. xiv, 1-7; Mal. iv, 1, 2; John xv, 16; I Cor. iii, 6-9; II Cor. ix, 8-15; Gal. vi, 9; Eph. ii, 18-22; Phil. iii, 7-15; Col. i, 9-17; II Thess. i, 1-3; I Pet. ii, 2; II Pet. iii, 18.

up near the front, because I believe its the best place. After awhile the preacher came out. He had on an evening dress, a cut away coat, cut all away nearly. As he came out, somebody on the left hand had a little essay on a beautiful frame, and handed it to him, and he stood there for thirty mortal minutes and read that essay, and in all of it there wasn't enough gospel to save the end of a man's little finger. I can't preach much but I did yearn to get up before that crowd and say, 'Jesus Christ has power on earth to forgive sins. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' O, I wanted to thunder it in the ears of those people, but they didn't hear it that day. No that preacher was too dainty to deal out strong gospel truth. We cannot expect it from dute preachers. They are too curly to preach straight, clear cut, exacting truth. What an affliction to a Christian Church!—*American Baptist Flag.*

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P—low the soil of human life—
L—aying wide its furrows.
O—pen the ridge with troubles rife
W—here sin so safely burrows.
A—all the soil needs turning o'er
N—one so good to not need stirring;
D—eeply seed with heavenly lore—
H—umbled hearts give humble hearing.
A—nd with hammer firm and strong
M—ay you weld live hearts together.
M—ay you smite the feuds of wrong
E—nabling men to 'scape sins

souls over the country. He owns a thousand acres of land. Only two children. He don't give as much as one of his tenants gives to the cause of Christ.

Illinois is full of such brethren. Our preachers say but little about this. Our religious papers say but little on the subject. In the 5th chapter of Galatians covetousness is put in the same catalog with murder and drunkenness and stealing and adultery. If all the preachers and editors would make a bold and straight-forward attack upon covetousness and keep it up—treating it from every standpoint possible, and quote scripture as freely on the subject as we have upon baptism, it would not be long until all our missionary and educational interests would be well supported. Let the good work on this line be pushed to the gates.

BOOK NOTICE.

Hugh Carlin.

Hugh Carlin, a book published by J. H. Stark, pastor of the Christian church at Du Quoin, Ills., is one of the finest stories we ever read. Every member of our family has read the book through with eagerness. Every young man and woman in the land should read Hugh Carlin. No household should be without this pure, instructive and highly entertaining little book. We shall not try to enter into a lengthy notice of the book, but permit us to urge every reader of the PLOW and HAMMER to purchase it.

Revivals and how to Hold Them.
Before any evangelist holds

gationalists only have between 3000 or 4000 members in Southern Illinois, and support a good college at Albion. Now, brethren of the Church of Christ, don't we need a college and a regular headquarters in Southern Illinois? Cannot 20,000 disciples begin that work now? Shall we go at this work at once? The college and the paper are already started. We have a college building that will accommodate 200 students. We have the largest printing plant in Southern Illinois. We have an option on about 300 acres of good land with 20 acres bearing peach orchard and 60 acres of apple orchard. \$20,000 will pay off all and erect a fine boarding-hall. Shall we raise this money? Our plan is to have a farm and other industrial features by which those who want to partly work their way through school meets the hearty approval of the hundreds of preachers and brethren who have written as from all over the country.

Over forty young men and women have applied for admission into this college on the industrial plan, and we could not take them because we have no place to board them.

We must have a boarding hall for the industrial students. Brethren, go to work, systematically in your churches for the O. W. Stewart dollar social June 16. Send in the amount you will give between now and that day.

Go at it now.
Who will give \$ 1.
2.
3.

or anything to eat? Some coffee, tea and sugar?

2. We need two cows. Who will respond? Loan us one if you can. Over 40 boys and girls want to come and partly work their way through school, but we cannot take them. We must support those we have.

3. The PLOW AND HAMMER is growing in subscriptions every day, but not as rapidly as it should. Now, brethren of Southern Illinois, if you want a paper that will be a medium of news and help to our churches in this region and be a support to the College, get to work at once. You preachers must get to work at once.

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TO BE LEGALLY TURNED OVER.

Alma Industrial College Is to Be Legally Turned Over to the Brotherhood of the Church of Christ in Southern Illinois.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alma Industrial College, the following resolutions were adopted:

"RESOLVED, That we, the Trustees of the Alma Industrial College, deed to the Brotherhood of the Church of Christ in Southern Illinois, the College with the building appurtenances, and the land, at the next annual election of the trustees which occurs in June next during the Southern

N—one so good to not need stirring;
 D—eeply seed with heavenly lore—
 H—umbled hearts give humble hearing.

A—and with hammer firm and strong
 M—ay you weld live hearts together.
 M—ay you smite the feuds of wrong
 E—nabling men to 'scape sins tether.

R—ising too, to higher life.
 Du Quoin Illinois Dec. 1st, 1897.

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 parts of the State.

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 claim to follow Christ refuse to
 go down into the water to be
 baptized?

Give, brother, until you feel
 it, and God will hear the money
 gingle. He won't without you
 do.

A few more weeks brethren
 until the great day June 16. Get
 ready to come to Alma. Come
 with your dollars. Remember
 a widow lady gives \$1000 if we
 raise \$9000. Don't forget the
 date of Alma Industrial College
 day.

One old brother said to us the
 other day, "Brother Boles, I
 don't like the PLOW and HAM-
 MER much." Why? we asked.
 "Because you talk about giving
 so much." was the quick reply.
 He said though that he would
 continue the paper. We want
 to stir up all such stingy old

lengthy notice of the book, but
 permit us to urge every reader
 of the PLOW and HAMMER to
 purchase it.

Revivals and how to Hold Them.

Before any evangelist holds
 another protracted meeting, he
 should send to George F. Hall,
 Pastor of the Tabernacle Church
 at Decatur and secure a copy of
 his little book on "Revivals and
 How to Hold them," and read it
 all over three times and then
 proceed to carry out the sensible
 suggestions. No preacher of
 this age knows better how to
 advertise a meeting than George
 F. Hall. None can excell in ar-
 ganizing the forces. None can
 more systemaically get a whole
 community up to a fever heat in
 shorter time than George F.
 Hall. And no preacher among
 us is truer to the old Jerusalem
 Gospel than George F. Hall. He
 has had as great success as any
 Evangelist in the Christian
 church. And hence a book on
 this subject from George F. Hall
 is simply authority. Let every
 pastor and evangelist secure one
 at once.

The Baptist's have a member-
 ship of about

37,000 in Southern Ill.
Disciples 20,000
M. E. Chr. 30,000
Presbter. 15,000
M. E. S. 8,000
Free M: 5,000

The above figures are gathered
 from estimates from brethren in
 these churches. They may not
 be entirely correct. But they
 give us an idea of the compara-
 tive strength of the churches
 that have colleges. The congre-

16. Send in the amount you
 will give between now and that
 day.

Go at it now.

Who will give	\$ 1.
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" " " "	500.
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Who will give \$ 50,000.
 100,000.

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 for five years? Come, brethren,
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 now and June 16.

**Don't Fail to Read Every Word of this
 Article.**

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 takes bread, meat, potatoes and
 other things to board them on.
 We have none of these things on
 hands. WE MUST HAVE HELP.
 Brethren and friends, will you
 please take these things to heart,
 and send us some flour, meat,
 chickens, potatoes, dried fruit,

lege, deed to the Brotherhood of
 the Church of Christ in Southern
 Illinois, the College with the
 building appurtenances, and the
 land, at the next annual election
 of the trustees which occurs in
 June next during the Southern
 Illinois Christian Encampment.
 and

RESOLVED further, That at
 said time, we, the present
 Trustees, resign with a view to
 granting the delegates of said
 encampment to elect Trustees."

W. S. ROSS, Pres.,
 W. H. BOLES,
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 Trustees.

Upon the above resolutions,
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 only what has been intended all
 the time, since the Southern Il-
 linois Ministerial Institute at
 Benton last January. But the
 Trustees want the Brotherhood
 to come up with a full under-
 standing that they take full
 possession of the College and all
 its belongings. And also that
 they have the power to elect
 Trustees and have full control
 of the College. The idea is that
 this institution be run by the
 Brotherhood and not by a clique
 in the name of the Brotherhood,
 and the Brotherhood have nothing
 to say about it, except to
 support it. This is necessary to
 assure success. The maintain-
 ence of this College and the
 paper is of too much importance
 to be hindered by a few rule or
 ruin people being in control. So
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