REPLIES TO MARK TWAIN. Dr. Ament Vigorously Defends The Missionaries In China.

A Chicago dispatch to the New York

'Rev. Dr. William S. Ament, against whom charges of looting were preferred could be administered, but she reby Mark Twain in connection with the conduct of missionary affairs in China after the siege of Pekin, defended him- ing the day improved to such an extent self publicly last night in a lecture at the First Congregational Church. The charges of Mark Twain were vigorously resented and the actions of the missionaries defended on the ground that the missionaries were acting for good of the Chinese Christians, for whose welfare they were responsible. Dr. Ament further said that the alleged 'looting' was not only countenanced but even advised by Minister Conger and by representatives of the Chinese Government.

"After the siege there were about 3,000 mative Christians under our protection,' said the missionary, 'and with only a few exceptions they were without food and clothing. They were emaciated with fasting and thir clothing was in rags, and the situation called for immediate relief.

"We were notified when the troops came that our native charges must vacate the British Legation, as the room was needed for British soldiers. The mission houses had been burned. The homes of these people, who were in our charge and for whom we were responsible, had been destroyed, and the situation was almost hopeless.

"In such straits what could we do? One of our number thought of the abandoned home of a ruined prince, the possible exception of Secretary Long, who had lived nearby, and it was there will remain here to the end. His we decided to establish a settlement for our charges. The buildings were roomy, which settled for the most part the question of quarters. Still, our converts were without food and cloth-

"We appealed to Minister Conger. He advised us to take the furniture on the premises and sell it at auction. I was appointed chairman of the committee on confiscated goods appointed by the Ministers. Goods in charge of war. this committee were brought in by soldiers from abandoned houses. They were sold under the supervision of a of the second child Mrs. McKinley be British military officer, and part of the came an invalid, and has been afflicted proceeds was used for the benefit of ever since, having occasional bad spells. soldiers who had lost their clothing. She suffered much with epilepsy. The remainder was applied for the benefit of the converts.

The Memphis Reunion.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 18 .- The following is the official programme of the coming Confederate reunion:

Tuesday, May 28, Morning.-10 o'clock, meeting of delegates in Confederate Hall; calling to order by chairman, George W. Gordon; invocation by the Rev. J. W. Jones, chaplain general United Confederate Veterans; address of welcome by Hon. Benton McMillin, Governor of Tennessee, on behalf of the State; address of welcome by Hon. J. J. Williams, mayor of Memphis; address of welcome by the Right Rev. Bishop Gaither, on behalf or the Sons of Veterans; address of welcome by ex-Senator T. B. Turley, on behalf of Memphis veterans and executive committee; address of welcome by Hon. Tim E. Cooper, for Daughters of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association; address of welcome by Lieutenant General A. P. Stewart; brief address, the temporary chairman turning the hall over to the veterans; response by Gen. J. B. Gordon, commander-inchief of the United Confederate Veterans, and acceptance of the hall; call of States for members of committees on resolutions and credentials; address by Colonel Bennett H. Young. Afternoon-2 o'clock, business session of convention.

Wednesday, May 28, Morning, -9:30 a. m., business session of veterans. Afternoon, 2 o'clock, business session

Thursday, May 30, Morning.—Business session of convention, grand parade of veterans; United Sons of Confederate Veterans

Vertical Writing Thrown Out. New York Sun.

After having given a thorough trial system and have decided to teach the pupils a hand that is a compromise between the vertical and the Spencerian. The change is being made in all the schools and within a short time there will be none in which the vertical system is taught. Since the first of the year the change has been going on, and the authorities of the Board of Education, instead of leaving it to the discretion of the principals as to whether the old or the new style should be followed, have ordered all to teach one system. It is the hope of the board that within a short time the penmanship of all the schools will be tolerably uniform.

"Several objections have been found to the vertical system in practice, said Assistant Supt. Meleny yesterday, "among them being the attitude that the pupil has to assume at the desk. The pupil bends to far over the desk and gets his eyes too near the paper and gets into a position quite as objectionable as he did under the old system. Frequently the vertical writing developed into a back hand which is awkward and in many cases illegible.

There is a great difference opinion among teachers of penmanship as to whether the verdical or the Spenceriau school of writing is the better. Some merchants whose opinions have been obtained have said that they preferred the vertical and others have said that they thought the other was the best.

They who deal with the devil must pay his price.

Mrs. McKinley at the Point of Beath.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 .- Mrs. Mc Kinley is in the valley of the shadow of death and may pass away at any moment. This morning, shortly before dawn, she sank rapidly, and it was feared she would die before restoratives sponded to the powerful heart stimulants that were given to her, and durthat hope of her recovery, slight though it was, revived. But her life hangs by a thread. The new treatment for low vitality, salt injections into the veins, were administered to Mrs. McKinley and she responded to the treatment. She has taken no solid food since she reached here on Sunday, and the physicians do not believe she could survive another sinking spell such as she experienced this morning. She suffers little and bears up superbly. The President is constantly at her bedside, although worn out by the awful strain. Every banquet and public fuction, planned in his honor here, has been abandoned and the city, with heavy heart, is watching Mrs. McKinley's battle for life. If the end should come the president and his party will be ready to start back with the remains within 24 hours. The train which brought them here will be used on the return trip and all arrangements have been made to go back by the shortest route, the Central and Union Pacific, to Chicago, and thence by way of the Pennsylvania to Washington. If Mrs. McKinley shall improve, it is not believed that she will be able to travel before a week from the coming Monday. All the members of the cabinet with daughter is very ill at Colorado Springs, and he is very apprehensive that he may be called there at any time.

SHETCH OF MRS. M'KINLEY.

Mrs. McKinley was Miss Ida Saxton. She was born about 52 years ago in Canton, O.

The Saxton family is well known in Stark county Ohio. She was married to Major McKinley soon after the civil

Two children were the result of the Union, but both died. After the birth

Since being in the white house she has been unable to participate in all the official serial functions she desired.

The President has been beautiful in his tender devotion to her, and this one characteristic in his nature is praised by all men alike of whatever political creed. Senator Hoar, on May 11, delivered a speech, in which he called attention to the president's gentleness. In his classic style he said: "The longer I live the more I am satisfied that this spirit and temper, of which S. S. Blanchard was the embodiment, is an important and desirable spirit and temper in our political life. To win by gentleness and not by anger, to win by respect and not by reviling, these are the instruments by which great politieal accomplishments are brought to pass in our republic.

"That is the secret of the great suceess and of the great popularity of President McKinley. No man, friend or own language. The countries from which foe, differing from him or agreeing they came are mentioned in verses 9-11, with him, has ever been brought into and in all these different languages the personal contact with him without not only loving but also respecting him."

The Political Revolution at the South.

There are signs of political revolution in the South and it is always an error to shut one's eyes to the signs of the times. We have no idea that the Republican party is going to capture the South. Southern people are by birth and education Democrats, and we expect to see the Democratic party in the ascendency for many years to come. It is a reflection upon them to say that they can be caught by 'McKinley's bait for suckers." But there are many white man all though the South who believe in the principle, and policies of the Republican party, and who have been | language that what would ordinarily take kept in the Democratic party only by fear of negro rule, This fear has been in a number of States to the vertical system of penmanship in removed, and steps are being taken in the public schools the authorities have other Southern States to put it out of decided that it is not as well adapted to the way; and when that shall have the needs of the pupils as the slanting been accomplished these men will Galilee (John vii, 52), and to hear an unshake off the party yoke and will go where their political inclinations lead

Of course some of our very sensitive contemporaries will say that this is Republican talk. Nonsense. We are simply stating facts which are so plain that all except those who are blinded by partisanry can see for themselves. The Southern people are intelligent and they cannot be hoodooed by President McKinley, but it is equally true that those of them who are tired of the Democratic party will not be kept therein by beating the tomtom and chanting incantations. The sooner the eaders of Democracy realize this the better it will be for the party.

How John Kept His Pledge.

Some months ago John Mowlkowski of Buffalo, was required to take the oledge and swore that he would not drink whiskey for one year. Last week he was arrested for intoxication on his wife's complaint. He swore that he had kept the pledge, that he didn't drink the liquor, but dipped bread in whiskey and ate it. He was permitted to go on paying a fine of \$10 instead of being sent to the penitentiary for breaking the pledge and getting intoxicated.

The Charlotte News says that the May Musical Festival was "a success from every standpoint-musically, finanand socially." The receipts were \$1,803.77. This pays all expenses all your adversaries shall not be able to and leaves \$100 surplus.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VIII, SECOND QUARTER, IN TERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 26.

Text of the Lesson, Acts ii, 1-11. Memory Verses, 1-4-Golden Text, John xvi, 13-Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1901, by American Press Association.] 1. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." In the feasts of the Lord which He gave to Israel there was a foreshadowing of future events concerning the Lord Jesus both in His humiliation and exaltation. The Passever pointed enward to "Christ our Passover sacrificed for us" (I Cor. v, 7). On the morrow after the Sabbath they were to bring a sheaf of the first fruits of the harvest unto the priest and offer a he lamb without blemish for a burnt offering with his neat and drink offering. This pointed to he resurrection of Christ from the dead. the first fruits of them that sleep (Lev xxiii, 9-14; I Cor. xv, 20, 23). After 50 days they were to offer a new meat offering unto the Lord, a first fruits with leaven which had to be met by a sin offering (Lev. xxiii, 15-19), and this typifies the gathering of the church by the coming of the Spirit 50 days after the resurrection of Christ.

2. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." They had been since His ascension continuing with one ac cord in prayer and supplication, and now they were with one accord in one place (I, 14; ii, 1). Compare the "one accords' for Him in chapters ii, 46; iv, 24; viii, 6, etc., and contrast the against Him in vii, 57, etc. If those who meet in His name to worship Him would indeed do it with one accord, who can tell what He might do for such unity of purpose? We may not be able to bring about this union in the church, but we can each pray, "Unite my heart to fear Thy name" (Ps. Ixxxvi, 11). They had been told to tarry until endued (Luke xxiv, 49), but whether they thought possibly it might be on the day of first fruits

or not we know not. 3, 4. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak." promise of the Father, the promised Comforter, came as Jesus had said He would, for every promise of His is as good as fulfilled when made, for He is faithful who promises (I Thess. v. 24). He had said that when He returned to the Father He would send the Holy Spirit (John xv, 26; xvi, 7). They had seen Him ascend, and now the Spirit came as He said and filled them to be their teacher, guide and comforter as He Himself had been when with them. When, at His baptism, the Spirit came specially upon Him, He came not as fire, but as a dove (Math. iii, 16), for there was nothing in Him that needed purifying or consuming; but there is much in us, as there was in the disciples, to be consumed and purified. If we were ever filled with the Spirit, for these men were filled again and again (iv. 8, 31), He would speak through us purifying words for the benefit of others. It is thought by many that the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost was a fulfillment of Acts i, 11, and that then Jesus Himself came, but such do not consider that the heavens have received Him until the times of restoration of all things which God hath spoken by His prophets, nor that Jesus said He would send "another" Comforter, and "another" cannot mean

"the same" (Acts, iii, 21; John xiv, 16). 5, 6. Devout men out of every nation under heaven heard them speak in their disciples spoke, for all languages are equally easy to the Holy Spirit, and it was the Spirit who took control of them and spoke through them, not because they were specially good or holy, but for His 14). Our Lord had said to them while yet with them as He sent them forth, "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you' (Math. x, 20), and He still says to us as He said to Moses, "Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth and teach the what thou shalt say" (Ex. iv, 12). Mis sionaries have often longed for this spe cial gift of the Spirit, but I have no heard of any one being able to speak a foreign language without much study, though I am personally acquainted with more than one missionary who, relying upon the Holy Spirit, has been able to make such progress in the study of the a year has been accomplished in five or

six months. 7, 8. "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans, and how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" In their estimation nothing good or great or wonderful could come from educated fisherman from Galilee speak the language that was theirs by birth was truly an amazing thing, and they did not know that God, the Creator of al things, the Lord God of Israel, was deal ing with them that they might know Him and His Son whom they had crucified In Gen. xi a rebellion against God led to the confusion of tongues, but now, not withstanding a great rebellion against Him. He would by this great work of the Spirit magnify His Son and if possible draw them to Him. He had raised from the dead the Prince of Life whom they had killed, and, although they had denied Him and desired a murderer in His stead, yet He would forgive them and unite them to Him if they would let

Him (Acts iii, 14, 15). 9-11, "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. Peter's sermon, which follows, also Ste phen's sermon in chapter vii, and Paul's in chapter xiii, give a good idea of the wonderful works of God which they de clared, but after speaking of His past wondrous works in His dealings with Is rael they always led up to the crucifixion of Christ and His resurrection from the dead and the assurance that He was ladeed the promised Messiah of Israel, the Son of David, who, having fulfilled the prophecies concerning His humiliation, would in due time fulfill all other prophe cles (chapters II, 29-36; III, 18-21). The Spirit so honored this testimony by Peter that 3,000 accepted Jesus as the Christ after his first sermon. As afterward through Stephen they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake, and in them was fulfilled the promise of the Lord Jesus, will give you a mouth and wisdom which

GENERAL NEWS.

-The next meeting place of the Southern Baptist Association will be Asheville, in May, 1902.

The Chinese Government has offered to pay \$11,000,000 a year until the indemnity of \$337,000,000 demanded by the allies is wiped out.

President McKinley's tour is being interfered with by the sickness of Mrs. McKinley. She took felon on one finger soon after leaving New Orleans and it gave her fever and much pain which together with the unavoidable excite- new dwelling house, ment threatened a breakdown. The President and a few attendants left Del Monte California Sunday with her for San Franciso where she will rest, and it s hoped that the program may be carried out with but a slight interference.

The chairman of the Relief Assodation's Employment Bureau at Jacksonville, Fla., states that labor is orises, but that it is difficult to meet dency of that institution. he demand because of the large number of able-bodied men who refuse to work. In view of this state of affairs the executive committee has issued an ultimatum to the effect that after yeserday no one who is able to work and refuses to do so will be supplied with ations. This will compel the idlers to eave town or starve.

From Black to White.

A dispatch from Newton says: Dolph Setzer, a well known negro of this town, who some years ago was a coal black man, is now as white as any nember of the Caucasian race. About 15 years ago Dolph began to notice small white spots on his body in marked contrast to the general coalblack appearance of his hide. These graduilly became larger and more numerous, but without any inconvenience or pain, ind hands. In a few years he was a wonder to behold, his face presenting the appearance of having been whitewashed in spots. The white splotches he past few years Dolph has been a 'white" man from head to foot, the only intimation that he was once a coalblack citizen being a few black pots about the size of a 10-cent piece on the top of his head and smaller ones on the back of his neck. Dolph is an industrious citizen, and can be seen at work almost any day, being a plasterer by trade. He is now almost 55 years

A Step Forward. News and Observer.

We are glad to see from the new atalogue that Trinity College, N. C. has, in addition to the 50 scholarships open to under-graduates, established year or two ago, established 12 graduate scholarships ranging in value from \$50 to \$200, which are open to graduates of Trinity or other colleges.

This forward step will be hailed with gratification by all friends of education. It is in line with the policy that has been so beneficial to Johns Hopkins and other great universities.

Mrs. Nation Insane, Attorneys Declare.

TOPEKA, Kas., May 17.-The case of Mrs. Carrie Nation, charged with saloon smashing in Topeka last February, went to the jury at noon. Her attorneys set up a plea of insanity as a sake whom the Spirit would glorify defense. None of Mrs. Nation's crusa-through them (Ezek, xxxvi, 22; John xvi, der friends were in court and she der friends were in court and she seemed deserted.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 18 .- The jury n the case of Mrs. Carrie Nation charged with "joint" smashing, the evening returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence will be pronounced to-morrow.

Ploughed up Gol .

Burlington is all agog over the finding of a pot of gold on the 14th by negro, Dock Fuller. The negro was and plowed up a vessel containing found, was covered with dirt, but upon washing was found to be in good condition. Your correspondent saw several 1855, 1857 and 1858.

STATE NEWS.

at Durham on account of smallpox. It more has been augmented by the arand 82 in the county.

recommended by Senator Pritchard as breeders, and represent all the leading a judge in the Philippine Islands, and prize winners. will probably be appointed.

Mr. B. N. Duke, of Durham, of the American Tobacco Company, has contracted for a \$20,000 stable, and will besides spend \$50,000 to \$100,000 in a

A special correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution announces that Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, is a candidate for United States Senator J. C. Pritchard's seat when the latter's term expires, in 1903.

The Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., has resigned as president of Lenoir College and Rev. W. P. Cline as professor in n demand by saw mills, transportation that institution. The Rev. W. A. companies and other business enter- Deaton has been elected to the presi-

-Raleigh correspondence Charlotte Observer: This year, for once in a lifetime, the leaves were not full grown by May 10th. They did their best, however, in the face of an adverse season. The last tree to put out is the mimosa. The pecan is also a late one.

A report from Marion states that H. L. Murray and son of Williamsport, Pa., have purchased from the Western North Carolina Land Company 25,000 acres of valuable timber lands in the Blue Ridge mountains. The property is already in course of development, with saw mills in operation upon it. The new company proposes to begin work at once upon a much larger scale.

The Agricultural Department is advised that the fruit crop this year in the State will be a great one and that the huckleberry crop will be the largest until the spots appeared on his face in many years. The latter crop is a profitable one, as in Sampson county alone it brings in \$100,000 a year. The Sampson berries, properly termed 'big blues," are known all over the North gradually enlarged, however, until for and West. Shipments will begin late in the present month.

> -Lutheran Visitor : It is mutually understood that the centennial anniversary of the North Carolina Synod in May, 1903, will be celebrated in St. John's church, Salisbury, N. C., where the Synod was organized. With this object in view, that congregation is refurnishing its newly remodeled edifice with circular oak pews, velvet carpet, brass altar rails, etc., to cost \$2,000, in order to have its house of worship in beautiful order for the event.

"A Drunken Man Better Than a Fool Any Time,"

A drunken man saved Conductor Murray's train, on the Ontario & Western Railroad, while running south, about dusk Sunday night, from probable destruction and loss of life to members of the crew, at a point called Pork Eddy, near Trout Brook, N. Y. Engineer Val Powell was at the throttle, when suddenly he saw a man gesticulating wildly and staggering up the middle of the track toward the engine. He stepped aside just in time to escape being struck, and as the engine passed the engineer heard him shout "Rocks!" at the top of his voice. Powell put on the air-brakes and the train was brought to a standstill within a few feet of rocks that had slid down on the the track from the south side of the adjacent mountain. The mountain is on one side at this point and the river is on the other. It is certain that if the train had collided with the several tons of obstruction the cars would have been piled up in the water, several hun- Strictly FIRST-CLASS Equipment dred feet below. When the train had come to a standstill the individual who had stopped it came staggering up, and his first remark was: "A drunken man is better than a fool any time."

Bugs Take a Town.

A despatch from Hartford, Me., says that the town is visited by a destructive plowing in a field near the academy, insect which has entirely destroyed green foliage over a large portion of sixty odd \$10 gold pieces. The treasure the town. The bug is about as large was supposed to have been buried during as a common striped squash bug. In the war by the Newbern bank which was color it is dark green. The bugs refugeeing here. The gold, when descended upon the town in millions, descending on bushes and small trees in sufficient numbers to bend the more slender ones to the ground. In an pieces. They bore the date of 1854, hour's time they had stripped them clean of young foliage.

Vanderbilt's Pig Farm at Bittmore North Carolina.

Judge Council hesitated to hold court George Vanderbilt's pig farm at Biltis said there are 22 cases in that town rival of 32 Berkshire pigs valued at \$8, nd 82 in the county.

000. They were purchased by R.

Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams has been Gentry in England from the leading

No animal was purchased whose igree is not full of prize-winners. Some sows weight 900 pounds.

Mr. Gentry sailed from England April 6, arrived at New York April 18, was quarantined several weeks, arriving last week. He lost two and sold two pigs on the way.

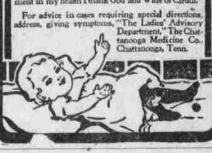
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CONSUMER.

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Yours traly.

Yours truly, JAMES D. ROBERTS