# The Pulpit.

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ami's Epistle to Timothy, missi and a good mind can live tother. Now, you may criticise the ide as much as you please: you may oftom fact remains infact

e teachings of the Bible out of his life

Bible says it is, but it is so because

and dissatisfaction

Allow me to put before you these premedices. Your tendency and mine i crystallize our habits. Now it is con valle to my mind, and it is to yours. all albor sin with every pulse and obsof his nature. Evil shall become him a moral impossibility. That is a solged sword. The habit of the longdor may become so fixed that al. e of right and desire to do it may beme so impossible; tendencies toward rong may become so strong that all ight feeling within the heart may lose s power of resistance. I am talking on of deliberate sin-of sin against ght; in other words, of sin which you nd I commit who have been brought hristian society. If I were to speak of of argument. Their life is overlaid on the side of evil. In your case and mine crougloing is always deliberate.

THE CHAMBER OF HORRORS. Now let me take the next step. Can can cross the threshold. But it exists a when we ignore it. If it is there us throw the door wide open and en-I went to apply Mr. Darwin's law species is formed. The ostrich, for in- Most High. stance, once had wings and could fly. It we are told that the giraffe was once a providential instrumentality. short necked animal. During long ages On invitation of Bishop Harris and - Renew your subscription to the Ap- Fourth Commandment, and broken it all the man entirely refined desires to reof severe drought and when all the grags Dr. Vail, I attended "the Preachers' vocate. Price \$2,20 per annum.

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of the sandy plain was consumed, the Meeting," on Monday morning, and giraffe fed on the branches of the trees heard an elaborate essay in defense of and was compelled to obtain his subsis- Methodist Church policy, intended, as I tence in that way or not at all. The thought, to neutralize and attack from forces in his physical organization adapt- without as well as forestall some scheme ed themselves to the new circumstances from within. The comments pro and under which he was led, and so he con were brief but spirited. I was instretched higher and higher, and nature troduced and invited to address the meet-

time enough and 1 will produce any Church in this great city. species." Now, brethren, apply the law My enjoyment was greatly marred b and do it ridigly. When the soul loves a cold, which inflamed and irritated many the right and looks into the face of God, throat distressingly. The house, the that soul's tendency toward wrong is churches, and the offices, are all heated permanently unsatisfied and decreases in by a furnace, and the air is hot and dry

# ATTTER FROM BISHOP PIERCE.

together ?- N. Y. Herald.

Newark, N. J., to aid in the dedication sons, ecclesiastic and social, the brothren letermined to celebrate the trenty fifth anniversary from the foundation of the building. I was invited to be present take part in the services of the occasion. Having a desire to go North again, as the invitation was cordial and urgent, I consented to go. I am not much for that kind of fraternity that is merely formal-that coming through treaty-negotiation only comprises the work of hand to that which is spontaneous, Christian, the outgrowth of Methodist affinities. So I went, and had a good time in Church services, in social life, and in my general intercourse with the

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and found with hem a pleasant home. Intelligent plons solite without ceremony, I felt easy a he table-the fireside-everywhere-all the time. It is not every clever family that has learned the art of making a guest comfortable. Many over do till they oppress and worry you. My Newark home was a gem.

I met Bishop Simpson again-heard is a plain one and of immense capacity, nim preach, and was delighted. He is and as always-was full. a strong man, clear in thought, simple At night I went to hear Talmage, but in expression, and earnest in manner, was wofully disappointed. The morn-Indeed, his style is so easy, so transpar- ing and evening were both devoted to ent, that a profound thought (and he raising money to pay a heavy church abounds in them), unless you pause to debt. Mr. Kimball the great "Church examine it, will pass as commonplace, debt lifter" occupied the hour. Accord-He has the depth of the philosopher and ing to reports his success is wonderful,

I found Dr. Vall, the pastor, to be a business-no extra gifts-no magnetian renial brother. He has energy, and of presence, voice, or manner. There is act; knows how to work, and put others to element of power, but earnestness and it it, they know not how. Quiet gentle, tenacity. I take him to be a religious out fail of administrative ability. Personan, and rejecting all claptrap, he urges cans, he is the most active man in his only Christian motives. On this occaharge, and yet he has the men and the sion he did not succeed very well, but omen so assigned, and so constantly judge in another trial he will work it out. unployed, that he seems to stand still. On Monday I had been invited to ad-Not so. His eye is on all and his hand dress the Prenchers' Meeting, and would in all. He organizes and superintends, have done so, but I was so unwell with I did not hear him preach, but his con- cough and cold, that I wrote an apoloversation, and short talks in church, in getic note and concluded to leave for dicated his capacity. Happy the Church home. I was bound by engagement to with such a man to go in and out before stop a day in Philadelphia with my old them, A wise, spiritual, consecrated Kentucky friend, Rev. J. S. Malone, I

think the members are active-more all description. Heaven revive and reform and restore us sion of Methodism demands. all, and give us the signs and the power | February 28. G. F. Pierce. of the years of the right hand of the

I spent a few days with my friend, failed to use its wings because it dis- Dr. Deems, in New York. To him and ence is that the legs of the ostrich Paul did "Gaius mine host," but if I do so, Nor do we,

thus concentrated its energies to enable ing, but declined, as I did not think it him to reach, until the short necked ani- proper to interject remarks irrelevant to mal became the long necked giraffe, Mr. the programme of the occasion. The Darwin says, "give me time enough and number of ministers present-a hundred, I will produce a new species; give me+1 suppose-indicates the strength of the

ts aptitude toward wrong. Give me -an unnatural temperature-and when time and it shall be obliterated atterive you go out, the keen, icy, entring wind We shall have a new kind of being, a strikes into the marrow. The alternavery archangel, utterly unable to com- tion is extreme and violent, and accounts mit sin. Is it not, my boethren, on the for the prevalence of pulmonary and her hand, conceivable that the soul pneumonic complaints among Northern nay the wrong and deliberately (people. The winter, all agreed, had prefer it until the moral appreciation des been unusuity mild, but any and every reases and loses its moral influence al- day while I was there would have been called cold in Middle Georgia. At any rate, I was so disordered by a cold, and its effects, as to be unfit for the pulpit or society. So, declining several invi-Mu. Enron: A brief account of a tations to preach, I went, in the morn-Northern trip, will make (by your per- ing, to hear Mr, Beecher. The text was nission) an item for the columns of your | Exodus xx : 4. The discourse was profound-deeply interesting. His manner is natural, unaffected; style largely colloquial, with now and then an intense of St. Paul's M. E. Church. For reasoratorical paragraph. He is not fastidious, nor even careful, in his grammar or pronunciation, but rushes along under the impulse of his mental action and emotional nature, content to make himself understand. My impression was that he did not feel as free as is common with him. He lacked what we Methodists call "liberty," vet such is the man's power and art and resources that he never permits the hearer's interest to constructed, his language beautifulperhaps a little too ornate for a chastened taste. They were reverent, humble, and singularly appropriate to his subject and the occasion. I will not say they were models, but there was not one common place, no stereotyped expression, and vet tions. Mr. B. does not seem to me to have an original, creative mind; but he

has the power of fresh, crisp expression,

which makes old thoughts seem new

The mental soil is rich, and a seed-

thought dropped in, the fecundity is

marvelous. Lought to say the church

the pathos of the orator in remarkable but why is hard to say. He does not seem to have any special apritude for the I saw some things in Northern Methos Simpson, but he would not be at home

# Southern Christian Advocate.

- Dr. Drinkhouse, of the Methodist Protestant, wants all the non-Episcopal

# Sommunicated.

For the Advocate.

Mr. Editor-Dear Sir: It was our pleasure to attend a festival given by the ladies of the Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Aid Society, in this town, on Wednesday evening last; and we have never experienced a more enjoyable festive season. From early candle-light until the 'wee sma' hours o' the morn," the spasions hall was crowded with the youth enerous and hospitable old town. the dimes glistened and jingled a trac ively as they passed promiseuously from hand to hand in exchange for the buscious "good things" that were spread profusely upon the large number of stands and tables which "stood hither and you in the market place." In addition to this immense collation pre pared to refresh the inner man, there was a feast of beauty and grace to appease the longings of a hungry soulnamely; The representation of the "Unristian Graces," impersonated by a goodly number of the beautiful young ladies, of whom the Methodist Church

in this place has many. It is a noticeable fact that a festival given by the ladies of the M. E. Church is attended by an astonishing degree of success; and on this oceasion, notwith standing the distressingly dull times. and the extremely low price at which the numerous articles were disposed of the Society realized a net profit of about \$100. This money will be appropriated to enlarging and otherwise improving the Methodist S. S. room (or house,) which, owing to the excessive increase in the membership of the school, is at much larger now than it has been for many years, and has a membership equal in numbers to any of the schools

Society; and it may suit right at this the subject of hell. uncture: This society is composed of gether for the purpose of devising ways church—to supply destitute families erable hell; worst of all, hell.

and educate the children. Their efforts with deep regret that many of the news- Y. Advocate. in this direction have been faithfully papers have been exceedingly light, airy, and judiciously applied, and many of superficial, irreverent in their allusions PARAGRAPHS FOR PREACHERS. the poorest and most illiterate children to the subject. Some of them have been of this community have been blessed by silly and sinful enough to joke about it. One Sunday morning, when I was a their labors. God speed the ladies in This is as contemptible as it is wicked. lad, I heard an excellent minister offer their good work !

displayed in procuring the large variety hell? of edibles, and for the taste apparent in had the pleasure of attending this one will never lose sight of the fact that the ty and conservator of virtue. ladies of the Methodist Church are expert in the management of church fes-

# Participant. Favetteville, N. C., Feb. 23d, 1878.

For the Advocate man, ts "the angel of the Church." wished also to spend a day with Bishop human nature, we are oft' given to ac- should a good man do? A man who, as they are no wiser when the sermon ends dism to admire. In their love-feasts till the next evening, and so feeling no cause—thus it is many, oh! very many, God and seeks to order his house in the should deprecate the music of graceful there is more freedom from constraint better, I turned my face steadily home- poor miserable human beings are cast way of righteousness? What should be speech, or the beauty and pomp of an than with us. It is a family-meeting- ward. My friend carried me around to aside, no attention from their fellow be- done ? Stop the paper. all is free; they are not afraid of each see various objects of interest, chiefly ings and their names never mentioned Some of these irreverent and godless tion's life, corn-fields and rich pastures other. Their speeches are not stereotype Fairmount Park, and the Centennial except to descry and bemean them and newspaper men may say this is intolerated are more precious than the romantic ed-they say something-make a point; grounds. The papers of 1876 made every heap abuse, where a little forbearance, ance. Very well; intolerance in this beauty of lonely lakes or the stern subthey are short and fresh. Again: I body familiar with these, and so I forego one patronizing look, would make them case is a virtue. We do not wish to see limity of the mountains which rise above identified with the Church-more ready Bating my indisposition, the visit was erepid creatures they think they are. It sufferable tyranny. But no law-human worthless which has no other object than to serve—than our people. The Church very pleasant. I am glad I had the op- von only can get a man to think; yes, or divine—binds a man to receive into to excite transient emotion, to gratify belongs to them and they belong to the portunity to go and mingle with the think soberly and soundly, I care not his family circle a newspaper that en- the fancy .- Dr. Dale Church, But, as with us, there are many Church and people. Whatever may be how mean he may have been, there will deavors to make sin appear less hideous, things to deplore. The rule on class- true of fraternity as a great Church ques- be a change for the better, and if only or hell less fearful. Right to print? To mornings is a dead letter. The institu- tion-my reception was cordial, and my one person of high respectability deigns be sure. Our claim is that the Christion itself fares no better North than intercourse with the preachers and people to look compassionately upon him, he tian subscriber has a right to say (when South. With its status, legislation has courteous and kind. The spirit of Christ may be won back to virtue and confi- they abuse their rights) "stop my pahad nothing to do. The causes of its is the spirit of unity, and the less we dence. Simply love toward each other per." Many of the papers that circudecline lie back of all General Confer- legislate and diplomatize, the better for can work great changes and has wrought late in our midst do vastly more harm to formers. I should like to close ence action.—Family prayer is greatly the interests of peace and harmony. greater changes in morality than all the than good. If they cannot be reformed, neglected. The social means of grace Reunion under one jurisdiction would lectures of 19 centuries. It is a good they should be put down-by the lawfare very much as among ourselves, bring up questions, pregnant with pas- thing, and a blessing upon weak hu- ful and righteous method that every man Methodism is alike in its faults as in its sion and strife. More of the mind of manity, to have the opportunity of hear- can help to hoply. Simply say, "Stop virtues. Both sections of the Church Christ among us all, North and South, ing orally or reading after these great my paper."-Dr. Haygood, in St might, and ought to be better. May will bring us as close together as the mis- and wise men-but one good Samaritan Louis Advocate was greater in the eves of the Mighty Great, than all of the eloquent praying

- A good man, who had peculiar ed to use its wings because it dis- Dr. Deems, in New York. To him and ed to use its wings because it dis- Dr. Deems, in New York. To him and Methodists to unite and form one Church, ways of expressing himself, was return- were upon him; yea, he that would were upon him; yea, he that would not ling from church one summer Sunday, were upon him; yea, he that would not ling from church one summer Sunday, not pray where none but God sees him when he met a godless neighbor driving manifestly does not pray at all,-J. Ene strengthened themselves while were Paul, I would. I was rejoiced to Send \$4, to this office and get a home a cart loaded with hay. "There! wards. wings have gradually decrease see with my own eyes, and to hear on all copy each of Bishop Marvin's two great there!" he suddenly called out, "It's ed their proportions, until, at the pre-sides, that the Doctor is doing a good works-"To the East by way of the broke! You've run right over it!" moment, these wings are almost and great work. "The Church of the West," and his lectures on the "Errors "Run over what?" gasped the neighbor,

## WHAT TO DO WITH IMMORAL HOW TO MAKE CLASS-MEET-NEWSPAPERS INGS POPULAR.

The abandon with which some of are very few and simple, to theological discussions is almost re- not formal. For, as surely as a painter write up theology as if they knew what surely as a lawyer must possess forensic they were about. It is noteworthy that and a doctor medical instincts, so surely he newspaper interest in theology is must a spiritual guide have spiritual life guaged by what they supposed to be the and tastes. Ezekiel was "in the Spirit" could only find some ranting idiot in the a living army. We have placed this of the Bible or the binding force of the non of the office of class-leader "Ten Commandments!," What a treas- | Judgment.—He must avoid rashness

the center of sensation, who revamps liberally and without upbraiding. some old folly fought down and out a Sympathy.—He must avoid harsh the church, Rev. Mr. Crawford, mani- "new views" that were old, that were frightened into a holier life. Let him be probably derived. Copper and brass fests great interest and pride in the dead, that were buried, that were for- faithful, by all means. But fidelity is not plates were very early in use; and a bill cause, and to his enthusiasm and the gotten long before newspapers were in- rudeness, nor reproof necessarily unkind. combined efforts of the officers may be vented. But we are not blanning the "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a attributed our success. This school has, average secular newspaper for ignorance fault, ye which are spiritual restore such also, a missionary society, which con- in things spiritual and ecclesiastical.- an one in the spirit of meckness; contributes yearly a large sum to the mis- It is useless and hopeless. Their pru- sidering thyself lest thou also be temptsionary fund. This year it expects to dence we may question; their audacity ed." These are wholesome words, and came into vogue, and about the eighth

pay some one hundred and ton del . We have observed two very suspicious Intelligent Acquaintance with the

the young (unmarried) ladies of the ciate the views precisely as they under- on behalf of their members. To this church, who have banded themselves to- take to do away with hell. The views end there must be a fairly intelligent and means to provide for the poor of the hell; second class, a temporary and tol- little about current literature, but the perfection.

the decoration of the hall; and all who be opinion-makers-who tell us that the that seem to have lost the habit of car-

patrons and the fastidious Treasu- to apply it. When a newspaper persists quiet glens, where the bright waters

The rude man is contented if he but stopping his team in alarm. "The sees something going on; the man of Sabbath. You've run over God's more refinement must be made to feel;

terest in the discussion of hell. We do of leader is next in importance to that of among the well-to-do young women of not wish to be unjust or uncharitable. - minister. A prominent Congregationa- our American cities and large towns. Yet it is impossible to be blind to some list recently said publicly concerning us They do not realize how this dreadful things, especially when they are thrust words to this effect; "You are more suc- mania for expensive pleasures, and a by first saturating pumice with it, and under one's very eyes, and a great noise cessful in bringing souls into the king- life of alternate idleness and amusement. is made to attract one's attention. The dom of God; we take better care of them is destroying their health, abolishing men who write head-lines for the dailies when they are in." Is it so? Not if true marriage, feeding the flame of gross have fairly outdone themselves. The our leaders do their work efficiently. The sensuality and intemperance among compositors have used capitals and ex- subsequent history of the religious life of young men, and saddening the hopes of clamation points quite lavishly. Nor our converts depends more than most of the best parents in the land. Some of has the "interviewer" shown himself be- us imagine upon the kind of leaders un- them will never know it in this world. hind hand. And he has found victims, der whose care they are placed in the But most of them have no real purpos great and small, willing and reductant, early stages of their Christian career, to waste their lives in this wretched coy and shy, wise and otherwise. Un- Water will not rise above the level of its way. And it is a high crime in mothfortunately, some of the interviewed source, nor will the experience of a class ers, teachers, ministers of religion and have made themselves reliculous. It is rise much higher than the experience of the public press to pander to this insannot very safe to talk theology off-hand its leader. If he glows, they will burn; ity. Thousands of good-hearted young to a reporter who, to say the least of it, if he is frigid, they will freeze. Let me girls are sacrificed every year when a s as much interested in making a say a preliminary word or two as to the sensation as in conserving orthodoxy. qualifications of a class-leader. They save them. But we feel that the

Spirituality.- He must be fervent, Some of them even venture must have an artist's eye, and a musician apon "exegesis." They give their ver- an ear for harmony, an architect manual ons of New Testament Greek, and skill, an engineer constructive genius, as eterodoxy of the theologians. If they when he quickened the dead bones into oulpit who would deny the inspiration qualification first as being the sine qua moderation in pleasure; study comestic

are he would be to be sure. They in dealing with the intricate mazes of yet offered to their sex, and learn that would print his sermons double-leaded, human experience. As the physician with capitals, italies and exclama- completes most carefully his diagnosis, and elicits all the symptoms of his pa- list Quarterly It would be amusing if it were not tient before coming to a conclusion, so sad to observe the flourish of trumpets must the spiritual healer compare spirand rams-horns with which they intro- itual things with spiritanl, and ask wisduce some red-hot egotist, dving to be dom from him who has promised to give

indications in the current newspaper Word of God-"Let my heart be saying a good word for the Ladies Aid treatment (we cannot say discussion) of sound in thy statutes, that I be not but the first paper mill in England was ashamed," was the psalmist's prayer, In the first place, they seem to appre- and leaders cannot do better than echoit seem to rank about as follows: Best, no knowledge of the Bible. He may know class-leader must base his instructions with the comforts of life, and to clothe In the second place, we have observed and counsels on the Word of God .- N.

Some one says: "Only a fool will speak the prayer that day "intellectual Considerable credit is due the ladies lightly of death." What are we to repose," and I am inclined to think that for the zeal and economy which they think of men who speak lightly of very many of the people silently said amen. It may be different in America: But men have done this who chain to but with us there are many congregations newspaper is the very guardian of libers ing for solid teaching. Describe a thunder storm; or a cataract, or a shipwreek; But talking to them-writing to them move them to tears by a touching story does little good. There is one remedy, of human sorrow; give wings to your tivals, both to the satisfaction of the It is efficacious. Good people will have fancy, and carry the people far away into ridiculing the awful verities of religion murmur softly over their rocky bed. -when it trifles with sin, when it jests where the foxglove blossoms, where the about eternal punishment, when it gar- bee hums among the wild thyme, and nishes its columns with the garbage of the gorgeous dragon fly hovers over the bar-room anecdotes, when it introduces fern, and they think you one of "the Dr. Borner: In viewing the state of vulgarity, obscenity, profanity-what finest preachers"in the country, though cept effect without ever once thinking of the responsible head of a family, fears than when it began. God forbid that I imaginative eloquence! But for a na think they are not the despised and de- the press muzzled. That would be in- them; and that preaching is barren and

There is another thing of infinite importance to a divinity student. I meana spirit of prayer. I am convinced that the planet itself, is red. nothing in the whole Christian religion is so difficult, and so rarely attained, as a praying heart. Without this, you are as weak as weakness itself. With tion of the moons of Mars. it, you are irresistible. I tell you, before the millennium comes the Church will have to turn over a new leaf, and have to take a new lesson on the subject of prayer. When I think how almost certain you are to lose what of the praying spirit you ever had, and come out of If you live in the neglect of secret the seminary very wise, but very dry, prayer, you neglect all the worship of and go about your work without unction God; for he that prays only when he and life and spirituality, I amdistressed, prays with others would not pray at and could I raise my voice with suffi- two localities in Khorassen, where it is land was chosen as convenient for the -President Finney.

look up to Christ,-Boyn.

# A GREAT EVIL.

The for of American social life is in In our Church constitution the office the tendency to luxury and effeminact little wise and loving guidance could should be told that unless they change this life they will pass away like the in his Bible-class. The young lady flowers of June, and a more hardy and blushed and hesitated, but said: "I resolute class occupy their places.

American society will shed every class or triffers, male or female, that does not do its work, as the forests shed their withered leaves. Let then awake from their dream of social in dulgences; learn to live out of doors to build up their health; to cultivate more simple tastes in dress, and more economy; study social skill and fact; fit themselves for the noblest positions ever woman is the soul of American life, no the tinsel on its garment; - Universa-

# ANCESTRY OF THE PEN.

The earliest mode of writing was or bricks, tiles, oyster shells, stones, ivory bark and leaves of trees; and from of foefiment on copper was some years since discovered in India, bearing date

Leather was also used as well as wooden tablets. Then the papyrus parchment. Paper, however, is of great antiquity, especially among the Chinese built in 1586 by a German, at Dartford, in Kent. Neverthless, it was nearly a century and a half-namely, 1713-before Thomas Watkins, a stationer, brought paper making to anything like

The first approach to a pen was the stylus, a kind of iron bodkin; but the I am in a great strait; for if I speak Romans forbade its use on account of its frequent and even fatal use in quarrels, the church cannot hear me, and if I then it was made of bone. Subsequent- talk too loud I shall wake the chief ly, reeds pointed and split, like pens of

# the present day, were used. TO THE POINT.

John Stuart Mill advised all who would prove the Divine existence, to adhere to the argument from design. Even Matthew Arnold says that all he can say against the argument from design is. that he has had no experience in worldbuilding. "We know from experience that men make watches, and bees make honey-combs. We do not know from experience that a Creator of all things makes ears and buds." (God and the Bible, pp. 102, 103.) What if Red Cloud had been brought to the Centennial or to Washington? had seen the dome of our Capitol and the marvels of the Centennial? Red Cloud would have said, if he had followed Matthew Arnold, "I have had experience in building wigwams. I know that every wigwam must have been built by some man, but I never had experience in building railroads-I do not know but Another is made of five parts of tallow. that it was fished out of the sea. I five parts of soapstone, one part plumhave never had any experience in ma- bago, and nine parts rosin oil; the talking spinning jennies. I have had no low and the oil are heated and mixed. experience in factories and weaving- after which the soapstone and plumbamachines and these marvels. I think

# SCIENCE.

- The outer satellite of Mars, like

- Melbourne astronomers have no vet succeeded in obtaining an observa-

- A simple method of filtering the air of an apartment is a fibrous woven fabric, strengthened by brass wire, at plied to windows and ventilators. It is suggested that the contrivance might also be of service on railway cars to ex-

- A Russian traveler reports that tin wi hdrawal of the government estaboccurs and has been worked in at least lishment from Somerset. Murray's Iscient strength, you would hear me cry, now thought the ancient Assyrians and opening of a mission in the southeast "Beware! lay down your books and Babylonians obtained much of the tin peninsula or the adjacent island, as a prayer are wholly indispensable to the only sources assigned for it have been sick missionaries and because of the keeping up of an intercourse with God. Cornwall and the straits of Malacca.

> - The impermeability of glass is perceptible quantity of carbonic acid or foreign barbarian,

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hydrogen gas through a glass wall, 1.5 millimetres in thickness, during a period of fifteen years.

-A lamp has recently been invented in which carbon bi-sulphide may be burned with safety. The dangerous oil is used then burning it in a stream of nitrogen gas. The light thus obtained is said to be more powerful than that obtained by any other artificial means. Its chief use will probably be in supplying light for signals and photographing.

## PLEASANTRIES.

- Rector .- "Now, my little man, tell me why you and your mother do not come to my Church as you used to do?" Boy .- "Cos we goes to meetin'. Our landlord's the shepherd, and he'll raise mother's rent if we goes to your shop."

- What is your chief consolation in life?" asked a pastor of a young lady don't like to tell you his name, but I have no objection to tell you where he

- Nellie has a four year old sister Mary, who complained to her mamma that her "button-shoes" were "hurting." 'Why, Mattie, you've put them on the wrong feet." Puzzled and ready to cry, she made answer: "What'll I do, mamma? They are all the feet I've got!"

- A Christian mother was lately reading the story of Jonah to her little ones, and when she read the tenth verse of the second chapter, "And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land," little threeyear-old exclaimed, "O, mamma, and it didn't have any medicine either!"

-A little girl who had often heard her mother speak of her father, who made man, asked her one day, if her rather was a self-made man, why he didn't put more hair on his head

- A rich, but parsimonious old gentleman, on being taken to task for his uncharitableness, said : " True, I don't give much; but if you only knew how it hurts me when I give anything, you

-" How is it that you have never kindled a flame in any man's heart?" asked a rich lady of her portionless niece. "I suppose, aunt, it is because I'm not a good match," meekly replied the poor niece.

-While a country parson was preaching, the chief of his parishioners, sitting near the pulpit, was fastasleep; whereupon he said, " Now, beloved friends, too softly those at the further end of man in the parish."

- They tell the story that the little daughter of the Democratic candidate for a local office in Sarstoga county, N. Y., was told to run and tell her annt that "Mr. Young has got the nomination," and the little one cried out: "O mamma, do they ever die

- " Mrs. Sprigs, will you be helped to a small piece of the carkey?" "Yes, my dear Mr. Wilkins, I

" What part would you prefer, my

"I will have a couple of the ings, a couple of the legs, some of the breast, the side bone, some filling, and a few dumplings-I feel very unwell to-day."

# AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

- A good lubricator for wooden axles is made of six parts of clean tallow and two parts of fine smooth plumbago. go are added.

- You can are feed and trouble by getting rid of your poorest stock now, This is particularly true of sheep. Get rid of the miserable serawny ones that you know will not winter over, or if they do will be worth nothing when the spring comes. Better knock them in the head and sell the pelt than to feed them all winter for nothing. It pays to keep good stock, but poor stock never.

- The London Mis-ionary Society bas removed the headquarters of the Pagean branch of its New Guinea mission to Murray's Island. This removal was rendered necessary by the friendliness of the people.

Fifty women of the Essex district, Mas-- If you want to be miserable, look shown by an experiment of Quincke, sachusetts, petition the Legislature of within; if you want to be distracted, who found a pressure of 40 to 120 at- that State to do away with the marriage look around; if you want to happy mospheres to be incapable of forcing a ceremony. The petition calls Moses a