Christian Life Column.

[EDITED BY REV. D. H. TUTTLE.]

A WAR WITH ENGLAND.

BY ADA E. FERRIS.

Hurrah for war with England!
We're spoiling for a fight;
We feel so big and valiant
And mean to have things right.
Great Britain's gobbling everything,
By water and by land.
Our Uncle Sam must load his guns
And bring her to a stand.
But what of that more ruthless power
That always, peace or strife,
In city, farm or council hall,
Saps every nation's life?

Hurrah for war with England!
Our mines or seals to save,
But never mind the boys that sink
To fill a drunkard's grave.
We're wild to clinch the Spaniard
And set fair Cuba free.
We warn the powers of all the world
To let our neighbors be.
But we dasn't touch the liquor trade
That grasps us by the throat,
Because our grand old party
Can't spare the liquor vote!

We'll teach John Bull a lesson
If he dares this coast to touch;
But he who blasts our children—
He needn't fear us much.
Venezuela must have justice,
Be free from foreign rule,
But our poor wives and mothers
Must wrath to calmness school,
Must watch their homes and gladness
Pour down a drunken throat,
For liquor men have ballots
And women cannot vote!

Hurrah for war with England!
Amen, with all my heart,
If of the rum fiend's fearful crimes
She matched the twentieth part!

"LAW is not a moral and regenerating force; it is restriction and has reference to overt acts. And in this capacity it is legitimate and efficacious when it stops the traffic of the dealer in intoxicating drinks. It becomes every citizen to exert all his influence in erecting legal safeguards against this monstrous vice. It is a shameful inconsistency that the license law should busy itself only with consequences and neglect and even foster causes. It leaves uncared for the hot beds of iniquity and shuts up the vagrant and the thief. With one hand it licenses a dramshop and with the other builds a gallows. Hearer where is your influence and your vote in the matter?"—Dr. Chapin.

BIBLE TRUTHS.

Who shall come to "poverty" and "rags?" Prov. 23:21.

Read Matthew 5:33 to 37, asking the Holy Ghost to help you to rightfully understand what Jesus meant when he asked those words. If our brethren of the Friends Church are right in their practice, where are we?

Are you too proud to confess a wrong that you done toward another? Overcome such pride right away or else it will cost you an eternity of happiness in heaven. We must not be too proud to do a right thing. Psa. 101:5; 138:6. Who will be cut off?

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth; but say unto you That ye resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compell thee to go with him a mile, go with him twain." These words are from our Saviour's Sermon on the Mount. Lots of folks say you can't live up to that sermon's requirements. Are you in that crowd? Is Christ not a "hard master" if he has required more than we can do? What did Paul say to the Pailippians? See Phil. 4:13. I know one man who, when smitten on one side of his face, meekly turned the other to his assailant saying, "If it will do you any good, hit this side also." The man hit that second blow, but as he went home the face and words of the good man he had struck weighed heavily on his conscience. He became deeply convicted and cried for mercy. When he went and begged the good man's pardon, God converted his soul and now he is leading an exemplary Christian life. That church member was used of God to save a soul by not striking back. Reader had that been you would the result have been the same? Suppose one sues thee "at the law" for a cloak, and instead of resisting his claim you not only let him take the cloak but give him a coat also, do you not think that it would be the most stinging rebuke that you could give his covetousness? There is truth in these words of Jesus and he will find it who obeys them. God will bless the man who is willing to suffer the loss of a little perishable property in order to "keep the peace." To follow peace by obeying our Saviour is cheaper by far than following property through courts of law. Then suppose one meets you in the road and by threats compell you to "go a mile" with him. You go the mile, and then instead of going back you deny yourself and go another mile with him. Do you not think that the last mile would be to that man a rebuke just one mile longer. These three truths given to us by Jesus teaches us the spirit that was in him, and now, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Dear reader, give prayerful and immediate attention to these things.

SELECTIONS.

There are pious souls who cannot understand how God "giveth his beloved sleep" unless it refers to dozing over the Bible.

Any man can measure the Bible by his theology, but it takes grit, grace and brains to measure one's theology by the Bible.

The Bible can stand the criticism of its friends much better than it can take the compliments of its friends who never read it.

If we may know a man by the company he keeps we may also know him by the men who will not keep company with him.

The man who has never learned a few of the promises of God by heart is in poor condition to meet a sudden attack of the enemy.

In this day of "new and improved" machines we need to be constantly reminded that a thing may be new without being improved—the new woman, for example.

We are sorry for preachers who cannot give rich men a better reason why they should endow a college than that it is their duty to make a monument for themselves.

The reason why God gave some men signs and refused them to others was some wanted them to strengthen their faith others only wanted them to indulge their curiosity.

We are to forget as well as forgive an injury, but we are not commanded to so far lose sight of the fact that a man has stolen from us to expose him to the temptation of stealing again.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

Baptist.

—There are more than a dozen Baptist churches in France to day, with a membership of more than 1 500.

—One of the most remarkable men in the Southern Baptist ministry is the venerable Dr. Robert Ryland. He is now entering his ninety second year, and is still vigorous in mind, and is as much interested in the work as he ever was.

—The Baptists of Georgia have an educational campaign on their hands just now, and it means that they propose to give Mercer University the right of way, and make an effort to raise $100,000 for the endowment of that institution.

—Rev. C. B Sawday, of Leeds, has been chosen assistant to Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London. Out of 200,000 members voting, only a dozen voted against Mr. Sawday's election. This shows marked unanimity.

—The many criticisms upon his conduct and his address on the occasion of his baptism in London, have elicited from Dr. A. T. Pierson a denial, on his part, of an intention to supplant Mr. Thomas Spurgeon in his pastorate of the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

—The American Baptist Publication Society has decided upon the plans for its new buliding. It will be on the old site, 1420 Chestnut Street. It will be twelve stories high, and will extend from Chestnut through to Samson Streets. It will be as perfect in Materials, constructure, safety, light, ventitilation, etc, as modern science can make it.

Disciples.

—Alexander Campbell McKeever, of Beatrice, Neb., has accepted a call to the Chancellorship of Bethany College. He will enter upon his work at once.

—Miss Mary Kelly, of Jeromeville, Ohio, who has been appointed as missionary to Nankin, China, by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, will sail for her chosen field of labor about September 1.

—"In our recent article," says the Independent, "in regard to debts of the missionary societies, the American Christian Missionary Society, having charge of the home work of the disciples of Christ, was credited with a debt of $8,600, and the statement made that the debt had been increased $2,500. We have heard from the secretary that there had been a mistake. The statement should be that the debt had decreased instead of increased, being now $6,000 instead of $11,400.

Methodist.

—Ex Governor Robert E. Pattison teaches the Sunday school lesson in the M. E Church of the Covenant, Philadelphia, every Sunday afternoon.

—Philadelphia Methodists raised $10,000 last year for local Church Extension, erecting five new churches, three of which have become self-supporting.

—Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, is said to be officially older than any other American Methodist bishop.

—German Methodism in America has two educational institutions which overtop all their fellows—the German Wallace at Berea, O, and the Central Wesleyan at Warrenton, Mo., sixty miles west of St Louis, on the Wabash Railroad.

—Rev. H. W. Peck, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been chosen for the second time as chaplain of the Senate of the Hawaiian Islands. He has lately been engaged in a warefare upon opium licensing, licentiousness, and the liquor traffic.

—A friend of Bareilly Theological Seminary has put in hand and guaranteed funds to educate annually from thirty five to forty preachers for a number of years. This timely gift has greatly enlarged the power of the institution to supply a native ministry, which is the hope of India's millions.

—The Northwestern's returns from Conferences now voting on the amendment to make women eligible to membership in Methodist Episcopal General Conference strongly indicate the success of the measure. Representative and significant groups of Conferences are now voting quite unlike as they did four years ago. The summaries already show a large majority, as majorities on such questions go according to the discipline and constitution of the church.

Presbyterian.

—Rev. Dr. Smith, of Cathcart, ex Moderator of the Church of Scotland, has just completed his sixty-eighth year of service in the church and parish over which he was ordained. The old gentleman is now in his ninety third year, and continues to manifest the heartiest interest in all matters relating to the parish of Cathcart. This is a record which probably cannot be surpassed in any church in the country.

—Mr. Edward E Bredell, who recently died in New Orleans in his will bequeathed to the St. Louis Bible Society $40,000, and a large sum to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

—In Louisville, Ky., lately, a joint communion service was held, in which all the Presbyterian churches of the city, North and South, were represented. Fifteen ministers were present and as many elders.

—The announcement is made that on Sabbath, March 22nd, the offering for the Boards of the Churches, at Dr. John Hall's Church, Fifth Avenue, amounted to over $30,000.

—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will convene in the First Church, Memphis, Tenn, on the third Thursday (21st day) of May, 1896, at 11 a. m The opening sermon will be preached by the Moderator of the last Assembly.

In General.

—Commissioner Eva Booth, temporarily in command of the Salvation Army in America, addressed large meetings in Chicago Sunday, March 22nd. She spoke of the viper of ambition, but was much affected, and her voice sometimes broke and she wept. "Ballington is my brother," she said, "and together we were taught to love the great Father, and do all in our humble power to give words of cheer to the desolate and heart broken, and bring into the fold the tempted and abandoned. That Ballington has seen fit to break assunder the silken cords of discipline which my Christian father has bound about us is to be deplored, and I pray, as all of us do, that he will reconsider his rash decision."

—At the fourth National Free Church Congress, recently held at Nottingham, England, Rev. Hugh Price Hughes stated that in England the Congregationalists, Baptists, and Methodists alone provide accommodation for 7,000,000 persons, the provision of the Anglican denomination being far less. The three Evangelical churches mentioned provide for 3,100,000 Sunday-school children, whereas the Anglican Church has only accommodation for 2,700,000. If we look abroad our resources become yet more encouraging Representing a majority of the Christian people at home we represent an immense majority in the British Empire, and an overwhelming majority in the English speaking world.

AMEN AND AHEM.

BY MRS N. C. ALGER

Two good friends, 'tis said, named Desire and Prayer,
Made a call upon Pocket, who lived o'er the way;
For the saving of souls these two saints had a care,
But they said, "It depends on what Pocket shall say."

"Now, we wish," said Desire, "that throughout our whole land,
North and south, east and west, even once and again,
All the people may hear of our Gospel so grand."
Pocket seemed greatly moved, and responded, Amen!

"SAVE BOWMAN FIRST."

During her last voyage two of the crew of the African Royal Mail steamer Angola fell into the sea, which was rolling high. Lifebuoys were thrown, but the men could not reach them, and as the vessel was going at full speed the poor fellows were soon half a mile behind. Then the lifeboat was put down, and after hard pulling her crew reached one man, who was a more powerful swimmer than the other. Seeing that his comrade was showing signs of exhaustion, he called to those in the boat, "Save Bowman first! Save Bowman first!" Eventually both men were rescued. The Christian work of saving perishing souls is done by men of this spirit—men who subordinate their own ease, comfort, and safety to the salvation of others.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

In reply to Rev. D. H. Tuttle's sermon on "The Second Coming of Christ," in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of March 10th, which gives rise to some questions, I wish to ask, viz: His first reference, Matt. 25:3, is a connection of the same event with the preceding chapters (for we know the original Bible was not divided into chapters and verses) which says: "This generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled"—Matt. 24:34 Again: "There be some standing here that shall not taste of death until the Son of Man be come."—Matt. 16:27, 28 Mark 13:30 has reference to the same event, that the second coming of Christ would be in that generation; his reference to John 14:1, 2, 3, doesn't he think that whole chapter teaches that Christ second coming was spiritual, when he set up his kingdom in the hearts of those who believed on him, and overthrew the Jewish religion, and established his Christian religion. His references as to the time of the second coming of Christ is Matt 24:6 7, 14, 24, 37, 38, 39, but leaves out the 15th, verse of some chapter which say it had been foretold by Daniel the prophet, which is recorded in the 12th chapter of Daniel. Please notice the 7th verse, "when he shall accomplish to scatter the power of the holy people then all these things shall be finished." It is believed by some that the great judgment day is after the second coming of Christ, and the fulfilling of Revelations is yet in the future, but the book itself carefully studied will prove that it has reference to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Jews as a nation. See Rev. 9:20, 21; Rev. 11:1, 2, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19; Rev. 14:7; Rev. 22:10, 12. I know Revelations is dated A. D. 96, but a careful study of these references will prove it to have been written before the destruction of that great city where our Lord was crucified (Rev. 11:8), and where, "if the righteous scarcely be saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?" I also think the Bible teaches judgment on earth. I refer you to John 12:31; John 9:39; Isa. 26:9; Rom. 5:18; 1st Chron. 16:14; Isa. 42:4; Jer. 9:24; Ps. 58:11; Deut. 32:4; Ezek. 21:30; Jer. 23:5; 1st Peter 4:17, while Hebrew 9:27 can only be misconstrued to mean judgment after death, for a close study of the chapter will show it was a sacrificial death of the high priests, once a year for the sins of the people.

Any light given on the real meaning of any of these references will be gladly accepted, in an honest heart, searching for the rich meaning of the word of God.

A SEARCHER AFTER TRUTH.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING.

State Executive Committe of the People's Party Called to Meet in Raleigh on April 16th

WASINGTON, D. C., April 4th:—The State Executive Committee of the People's party is hereby called to meet in Raleigh on Thursday, April 16th, at 4 o'clock p. m, at the Park Hotel. A full meeting of the committee is especially desired. MARION BUTLER,
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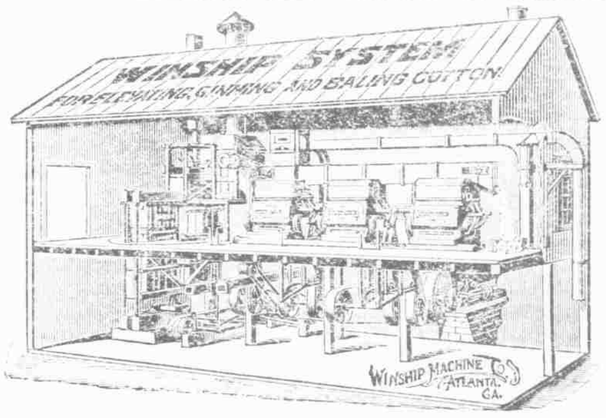

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