

A Golden Rule.

'Tis comfort sweet, a well spent life, In giancing down the track of years To know that worldly jars and strife Were met with smiles, and not with

If we are hurf on Life's broad field With slings of scorn and arrows' fret How easily the wound is healed If we help others, and forget!

Forget the sorrows that we know And conquer bitterness and pain By lifting other heads laid low. Like flowers under pelting rain

For us the Present's all we have To do this noble work of love; In putting forth a hand to save, A life to change, a heart to move.

Too short is Time to chafe and pine, Our souls will very soon take flight O will our brows with jewels shine, Or we be plunged in endless night? In trouble some may not be meek,

But strive to bear defeat alone; In pride forgetting they should seek For help divine at Heaven's throne.

He, on that gracious mercy-s at, Is tender, loving, true, and kind; All suppliants at Jesus' feet Will sweetest consolation find

-Joanna Price.

Communications.

Prohibition.

BY J. E. R.

It we believe that in creation man was the great central idea. and that henceforward the world was operated in his interest-if we believe that God's purposes all relate to him now and forever-if we believe that God has decreed for him a higher life than is attainable in this, and has placed him here to get ready for that higher life. then to help him attain unto it becomes our chiefest consideration. -

a divine element, and that element constitues our true nobility the God-likeness which stamp us with immortality and brings the creature into kinship with the Creator. To lift up our fellow to this nobility is our mission in the world, our allotted life work, and any failure on our part United States from lakes to gulf thwarts the purposes of our crea- and from ocean to ocean. This tion, and involves mankind in liquor traffic which our votes can

is not a finality but given us of ing millions than all the standing God as preparatory to the life of armies of despotic Europe would the forever, beyond. We must be. Europe is burdened with her recognize ourselves as the chosen expenditures for self protection. agents through whom man is to be America is burdened with her exredeemed from the lower life in pen-litures for self-destruction. sin, to the higher life in Christ.

Could we be honored with a grander work? Could we be as- the cause. The tax payer cries signed a higher mission? out against hard times, not know-Yet it involves us in responsibili- ing the source of his grievance. ties that appall us. Responsibilities strong enough to lift us to worry and fret pecause their progheaven, yet weighty enough to ress is only backward, though sink us to hell.

speadily to bring man into con- while the class legislation of poformity to God's plan for his litical partisen officials under lipresent and future, is the problem quor power domination, is robbing any district conference I have atwe would solve. First then, we him of his profits systematically would know what the barrier is, and persistently through the very What most hinders him. Pri- men his vote has helped liquor marily it is sin, but in what form men to put in power. The wage presented, and whence its chief earning millions work, worry and source? Where shall we find it fret because in the face of steady most firmly rooted? Years of ob. effort and fair pay they seem not to servation and close study of the prosper, never realizing the fact question warrant the declaration that the saloon is stealing the that, the legalized liquor traffic as bread from the wife and children developed by our modern civili- at home, while the husband and zation is the most prolific source father revels in drink at the dram of sin the world has ever known, shop. The strongest faction in the alienation of man from God. The most high protection that is oppressing universal agent in the antagonism the mechanic so much. It is not of man to all the purposes for low prices or high production that which God has created him. Hu- is bankrupting the farmer so much man depravity in its deepest as it is the ever flowing drain depths never conceived a darker which the liquor traffic imposes scheme for wrecking the body and Of all the laboring man's finan manipulations of the democratic hard times, we have only to banish The report on missions was and republican parties.

It is the culminating effort of fully portray its dreadful conse- hands. We complain at the legis- the city of Asheville, to be known for a high standard of Christian a store to make a needed pur- dazed, quite failed to comprehend "Yew" he replied.

greater and still more great from republic. year to year, is worse than wasted. Better for the people, far better, if it were buried in the bowels of the earth, from whence it came, and

and ruin for the soul.

nome with all needed home com- people? Whose this shameful orts, for every American family guilt but ours? The sin is ours, sum sufficient to enable every fellow-man. American laborer to live in comfort, without even an excuse to strike for higher wages or sue for shorter time. We boast of the In our human nature there is fact that we have paid a billion lollars on the public debt in ter ears; whereas, we have wasted enough on drink to have paid the

imount in ten months. There are thousands of men now living during whose lifetime there has been enough money spen brough drink to buy up th prohibit, but prefer to perpetuate, Bearing in mind that this life is more burdensome to our labor-

The laboring man sinks under his burden not knowing whence

The toiling farmers work and richly blessed with fertile soil, How most successfully and most genial clime, and crops abundant,

It is not the low tariff, or the

damning the soul, than the liquor cial burdens, none fall so heavily traffic of this nation under the fos- upon him as those which flow in tering care of government license. one way or another through the The devil's infernal never devised drink traffic. Pity it is for him a more successful fact for people- and for his country, that he of the church was read by Bro. J. try and curses the people of this our taxes, we have only to lower showing an advance in all the in-Christian land through political our drink bill. Would we banish terest of the charge in the district. forgotten, as 75 per cent. of our

men and devils combined, for posed by unjust laws, enacted by show they are wide awake to the solved: eral mankid. By the thousands traffic; not because we can't help there was very little territory in ful to God for the peace and prosing men to death and to hell; year tach the blame to others while the ter. This committee recommended 2. That we recognize the neces- being in the neighborhood of his and without parallel, it was a cant in its strength. But what is unless the danger is pointed out and tens of thousands it is hurry- it, but because we won't. We at- the district but what is looked af- perity in our churches. by year, more and more. To faith- lever of power is still in our own the formation of a new mission in sity of our people in reaching out friend E——, he stepped into shock so novel that the mind your favorite?"

overleaps the bounds of human legislation is only possible through Mission. conception. The facts are to the sanction our votes has given The report on financial systems 3. That we are thankful to God the welfare of the people, was met and strange architectural forms

facts by comparative statements. we will be prepared to treat them speeches we have ever heard. This umph in the past. If we say the liquor traffic in- more wisely. We are allowing was the speech of his life to date. 4. That as pastors and repre- ply. volves a thousand millions of the ourselves robbed of brain and Bro. Fitch Taylor presented the sentative men of the church, we peoples money every year, we are muscle, of character and life, to duty side of the question. confused and confounded, by the the end that a despisable class of The report on temperance was with brighter hopes for the sucget the idea when we say that it upon the spoils of our American gave no uncertain sound. It was than ever. is twice as much as we pay for homes. The foulest blot that positive-not extreme; nothing Respectfully submitted.

wear, count only for one fourth a and the saloon of the foreigner are ever before a district conference. share of what we spend for drink. the antagonising forces struggling This enormous sum growing for supremacy in this American and education was read by C. W.

Under a Christian civilization in this closing decade of the nine teenth century, we find ourselves under the tyranical domination o forever lost to the world, because a liquor power as cruel as fate it buys only death for the body and as persistantly aggressive as the devil. Is it not strange that Five millions of dollars buried a nation grown great under the in the sea every time the sun guiding star of a Christian civilisinks beneath its billows, would zation should sell her honor for not so exhaust our finances as uoes gold, and her people for a price the liquor traffic authorized by the Should lend her prestage to a ousvotes of this Christian nation. iness dishonoring to her civiliza-Half a score of men counting sil- tion and degrading to her citizenver do lars for half a life time ship. A business damnable in would not count enough to meat every sense, and destructive of our drink expenses for a single everything pure and beautiful and year. All the gold that California good? She must know, and does ever gave to our people would not know, that she nurses a viper that pay the interest on the debt for sooner or later will inflict the It is a sum sufficient to buy a nation? Who but we the soverign

There is not an inch of neutral

ground on a question of right and wrong. We are for or against and alternates A. Cannon —Hensley. as the minister was driving along, before God and our fellow, stand so recorded. The vital, living, forceful teacher is example; hence, if we would teach the right, we must act the right. Our deeds make our character, and character makes the man.

By millions and millions these dram-shops are converting the bread-money of our laboring people into the drink of death, and as patriots, philanthropists and Chrisians, we are bound to fight them. of the traffic, or the death of its E. Church, South:

J. H. Weaver, P. E., in the chair. repentance, but in elevating the you know you promised to give it?" Dr. J. A. Reagan was elected sec- Church membership into a higher retary, W. H. Penland assistant type of Christianity. We notice ance upon the part of the laymen been practically heeded. Spirit. The reports were spirit- spirituality at large. ual, the speeches, the singing, the Secondly, we note as an occa-

The preaching was done by Bro. It is also a source of gratificathat the spirit of the Lord was achieved the victory. upon them to preach the Word in demonstration of power.

which there were five.

made by C. M. Campbell. The ment when possible,

all the brend and all the meat stains the bloody pages, of our muddy, but clear as a crystal. that our sixty millions of people national history to day is the fact This was pronounced by all as one eat, and all the cloths our people that the home of the American of the best papers on the subject The report on Sunday schools 2

> Byrd. It gave us some facts to encourage and a few points to be improved. One was the difference in numbers of our school and membership in the church, showsmaller than the membership in the church-another point was no Sunday-school libraries.

The report on quarterly conference records was read by Bro Sherril. This report was not full because only about one third of the record books were in the hands cursed with a curse: for ye have

of the committee. The fact brought out on the subject of finance show that the stewards are 20% ahead on their collections of the pastors on the conlections ordered by conference. with a clean sheet at the Annual

year hence, at Old Fort. There E____, in his field, and stopped is no discount in the hospitality to have a talk with him. He proof the homes at Weaverville. It posed to him that he stake off a would have been difficult for certain portion of that field, and them to have made it more pleas- cultivate it the best he could, and

ant for us while there. ings on this good people.

C. M. CAMPBELL.

ual State of the Church beg Asheville District Conference. to report, first, that there seems to district conference met at Weaver-

was not full, but large, as large as In the recapitulation of the in-The opening prayer by the Pre- there have been-conversions, 533; siding Elder was one of unusual accessions to the church, 492; power; we felt from this prayer Adult baptisms, 146; infant bapthrough the entire session the tisms, 101. These reports alone power and presence of the Holy indicate already a good state of

whole work, was so smoothly and sion for gratitude that even in the so successfully done, we feel sure few churches, where no revivals we were all guided by the Holy have been held, that there is spiritual prosperity.

Sherril, Terrell, J. I. Cash, of Hols- tion that our preachers have not ton Conference, Troy, Tabor, of thought it at all necessary to call is it?" said the minister. Bryson City, Franklin district in the modern evangelist, but have conference and C. W. Byrd. The gone in the strength of the Lord Lord's lot, but I call it mine, and A Thrilling Word-Painting of work done on this line manifested of Hosts, and in His name

Thirdly, it is gratifying to report good congregations attending The business of the conference upon the preaching of the Word; away, with such luck as I have ifornia: was done through committees of prayer-m etings are held where had. practicable; family altars are es- "My brother," said the good The scene is one to strike dumb The report on the spiritual state tablished in many homes; they that fear the Lord speak often one

was read by W. H. Penland, a for the doctrines of Methodism by the remark, "I suppose you resplendent with color. The vasttoo vast for comprehension. We My countrymen, let us analyze layman. He gave us one of the taught in His own Word, with didn't know about E---'s loss, ness of the view amazed us quite can get only faint glimpses of the our troubles more thoroughly and cleverest and most practical which He has enabled us to tri- did ye?"

return to our homes and labors,

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Selections.

Incident.

BY ELIZABETH T. LARKIN.

Will a man rob God? Yet Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are robbed me.-MALACHI iii:8, 9.

A minister of the Gospel in the State of Maine found in one of his charges a man who professed conversion, but who was extremely penurious. He wanted all the Stewards and pastors are ordered blessings that pertained to the sting of death. But who is this to make a strong pull to come up Gospel, but had never seemed to realize that the command, "Freely ye have received, freely give," was Bros. James I. Cash of Holston to him. The minister felt a conn the nation. A sum sufficient and ours must be the penalty. As Conference, and J. B. Tabor of cern to help the man, but whento build a school house in every long as we tolerate an evil we can Bryson Ci y Station, Franklin ever he said anything to him township, and educate every child, remedy, so long we are guilty in District, W. N. C. conference, were about contributing for the spread white and black, rich and poor. A the sight of God and untrue to our our visiting brethren. The delegates of the Gospel at home or abroad, elected to the Annual Conterence he was met by the excuse, that, were Bros. J. A. Reagen, G. Wild, with a family to support, he had H. A. Gudger, and G. H. P. Cole, no money to give away. One day, We meet (the Lord willing) one he saw the man, whom we will call

the proceeds to the Lord: May God continue His bless- E-at last acceeded to the proposition, and the minister, well pleased, went on his way. The man planted the portion set Report on the spiritual state of derfully. When the minister saw gan to rob God by stealing the Spiritual State of the Church. apart with corn, and it grew won-The choice left us, is the death the church. Asheville District, M. him, he said he never saw anything like the way that corn grew :

"Well," said the minister, "the lister savagely said: "I'd like to o'clock, August 27th 1891; Rev. try, in not only calling sinners to Lord has evidently blessed it, and know what that has to do with

"Well, I don't know about that," brother," said the minister. secretary. All of the preachers in with pride that the commandment said E---, "I didn't expect to charge were present except T. E. of the great Head of the Church raise more than one bushel of corn hardened conscience by words of I simply said you ought to be in Weaver of Toe River circuit, to His disciples: "That ye should on it, and there will be five, at least. kindly warning and entreaty, but jail." who was in the midst of a revival go and bring forth fruit, and that I think I will give the bushel I E---, angry at the loss of his and would not leave. The attend- your fruit should remain," has expected to raise to the Lord's pipe, angry at the minister, angry ply the needs of my family. I The minister learned that, subse-

kindly warning he left him.

In a few weeks there came an pay him a debt he owed him.

"I suppose you'd call it the intend to use it, every ear of it. 'Circumstances alter cases,' you

We groan under burdens im- facts as gathered from the pastors, In view of the foregoing, re- "What shall it profit a man to tion, by the sudden standing face gain the whole world and lose his to face with the scenes most wrought into our whole life and ed-

quences is an impossibility. It lation that wrongs us, while such as South Asheville and Biltmore life, circumscribed by no limit, hase, and inquiring of the proprictor, who was also the clerk, of vast confusion of amphitheaters

"No. What is it?" was the re- tv. We had expected a canyon-

fore-but this jump was too much is familiar. for the poor creature, for he ran a We had come into a new world. America as an independent press, stake into his side, and they had What we saw was not a canyon or unless it is out in the country to kill him at once. Doctor said a chasm, or a gorge, but a vast towns. You are all slaves. You

place where the minister was sit- ent suffusion of splendor.

ister said to him, "Where are you and feet above the river. living now?"

"I'm not living anywhere in

"Where is your wife?"

farm. I haven't got anything. Everything is gone. "E-" said the minister. "do you remember when you be-

The man's jaw dropped as if he Your Committee on the Spirit- and the strangest part of it was was struck with death, and his that it was the poorest part of the pipe was shivered into atoms on field. The minister was aware of the stone step before him. He re-

"It has all to do with it, my

And he essayed to reach the have quite a family, you know." quent to his own departure for a The minister expostulated, but distant part of the State, as before could get no satisfaction from the mentioned, E---- had turned "close-fisted" farmer, and with a his own son's family out of doors, his father died, and then his mo- but the unwillingness or inability because that son was not able to

untimely frost, and the minister, Let the reader take the lesson ried again; and now he didn't ity greater than any one can have falling in with his parishoner, home to heart. "The silver is asked him if the frost damaged mine, and the gold is mine, saith his father and mother or not. the Lord of hosts." We are only "I should think it did," he re- His stewards. Let us not rob plied, almost angrily. "Every God, for if we do we, as surely as particle of my corn has gone but poor E----, shall be "cursed that little corner piece I staked with a curse." It is to be feared he not only lost his property, but "Oh the Lord's lot is all right, his soul .- From Times of Refreshing for December.

California's Wonder.

Charles Dudley Warner gives No one could be prepared for it.

minister, "there is no such thing with awe or to unstring the nerves. as luck in this world. 'Whatso- One might stand in silent astoning the regions of the lost than doesn't recognize the fact and C. Troy. This report brought out the saloon that burdens the coun-The man turned hastily away, one's first view of Rome one's first membership partake of the Sacra- and the minister went sorrowfully view of Jerusalem. But these homeward, saying to himself, emotions are produced by associa-

two lines of perpindicular wall "Why, you know that fine horse 6,000 feet high, with the ribbon of Press." Knowing we have no inof his, worth \$250 if it was worth a river at the bottom; but the dependent press among the powera cent-well, the other night that reader may dismiss all notions of ful papers of the nation, he for a vastness of the sum, but we may foreign liquor dealers may fatten read by Hon. H. A. Gudger. It cess of our peloved Methodism horse tried to jump out of the en-:losure-never known to jump be- mountain or gorge with which he being insisted on to do so, said:

> he'd die anyway. What luck that area, which is a break in the pla- know it and I know it. There is man has had the last year or two." teau. From where we stood it not one of you who dare express The minister only said, "I am was twelve miles across the opporan honest opinion. If you express very sorry for him," but he site walls-a level line of mesa on it you know beforehand that it will thought a great deal more than he the Utah side. We looked up and not appear in print. I am paid

One change after another took The great place is lined with gi- opinions out of the papers I am the minister to a distant part of gantic architectural constructions, connected with. Others of you ing in many places the school was Robbing God---A Strictly True the State; but years after, as he with amphitheatres, gorges, pre- are paid similar salaries for doing was again in vicinity of the sene cipice, walls of masonry, fortresses similar things. If I should allow of our story, sitting on the plazza terraced up to the level of the eye, honest opinions to be printed in reading in the cool of the day, a temples mountain size, all bril- one issue of my paper, like man shabby enough as to his liant with horizontal lines of color Othello, my occupation would be ye clothing, with a shambling gait, -streaks a thousand feet in gone. The man who would be so have robbed me. But ye say, and an old pipe in his mouth, width-yellow mingled white and foolish as to write honest opinions drew near and seated himself on gray, orange, dull red, brown, would be out on the streets lookthe stone step at the end of the blue, carmine green, all blending ing for another job. The business piazza, rather remote from the in the sunlight into one transcend- of a leading journalist is to distort

ting. He had evidently been on Afar off we saw the river, in vert, to villify, to fawn at the feet a tramp and wanted to rest. The two places a mere thread, as mo- of mammon, and to sell his counminister, after a minute or so, be- tionless and smoothe as a strip of try and his race for daily bread gan to pace the piazza, and draw- mirror, only we knew it was a or for what is about the same ing near he spoke to the man. turpid, boiling torrent, six thous- his salary. You know this, and I Something in his appearance and feet below us. Directly op- know it, and what foolery to be seemed strangely familiar to the posite to the overhanging ledge on toasting an independent press minister, and as he continued to which we stood was a mountain, We are the tools and vassals of study the face a conviction flashed the slooping base of which was rich men behind the scenes. We upon him that it was his old friend ashy gray and bluish; it rose in a are jumping-jacks. They pull the E _____, and to forestail any de- series of terraces to a one thous- string and we dance. Our time, nial he accosted him at once by and foot wall of dark red sand- our talent, our possibilities are all his name. The man rather un- stone, receding upward, with the property of other men. We willingly responded, but know- ranges of columns and many fan- are intellectual prostitutes."-Exing he was recognized did not try tastic sculptures, to a final row of change to conceal his identity. The min- gigantic opera glasses six thous-

The Baptists have decided to locate their Female University at Raleigh. They have secured property there amounting to \$29,600,

Tit-Bits.

IRATE INDIVIDUAL; "What did you mean by telling Smith that I had been in jail?"

CALM INDIVIDUAL: "I did not tell Smith you had been in jail. IRATE INDIVIDUAL: (calming

down): "I beg your pardon.

must have misunderstood him." judge whether he had a father or ber of colored votes registered. A a mother, said he wasn't quite sure small percentage of the white whether he had or not. First, voters will also be disfranchised, ther married again; and then his of the negroes to pay the poll tax mother died, and his father mar- will leave the whites with a major-

Too LATE!-A soldier wrote home for a supply of cash. Appended to the letter was the following post-script:

that I ran to the post office to get my letter back. Unfortunately it had gone!"

A SHORT WAY WITH INTRUDERS .know, and nobody with any sense the following beautiful descrip- in the middle of the night): take the train for New York, and would expect me to give any of it tion of the Grand Canyon of Cal- "Professor! Oh Professor! There's find that sincerity avails him a burglar in the house!"

> "Boy, which is the quickest way for me to get to the railway sta-

ACCOMODATING BOY: "Run." YOUNG MOTHER: "Horrors, Jane, the baby is trying to swallow NURSE: "It's all right, mum;

it's a safety pin."

Current Opinion.

"Intellectual Prostitutes."

At a dinner recently given the members of the press in New York a journalist was called upon to reply to the toast, "An Independent

"There is no such a thing in down for twenty or thirty miles. \$150 per week for keeping honest the truth, to lie outright, to per-

On Top by Constitutional Contrivance.

Returns from about one-half of the Mississippi counties show that the new constitution of that State will fulfill the main object of its "What has become of your and \$8,000 are lacking. They are adoption, the diminution of the looking to Raleigh to make that colored vote and the maintenance "My farm? I haven't got any good and secure the institution of a white majority, says the New York Sun. To secure that object To complete their growth, the the constitutional convention denails of the left hand require eight termined upon two provisions as to ten days more than those of the pre-requisites to voting, the payment of a poll tax within a certain period before an election, and the satisfying of an educational qual-An American doctor prescribes ification. It seems that even witha mixture of diethylsulphondime- out the latter provision the new thylmethane and trichloracetyldi- constitution insures white supremmethylphenylpyralolone for warts. acy. Less than one-fourth of the the latter fact before the man in- covered himself partially, how- Most people would prefer to keep colored voters have paid their poll taxes. In the counties where the colored population is largest less

than one-fifth, and in some of them not more than a tenth, of the colored voters have registered. Thus, in Yazoo but seventy-eight have registered out of 6,000 entitled to register; in Lowndes only forty-four out of 5,000. From the present state of the registration it seems that the white majority this year is likely to be 10,000 to 20,-A young man being asked by a 000 greater than the entire numexactly know whether they were anticipated. - Richmond, (Va.,)

Conscienne Not Infallible.

A man is not always safe in following his conscience. His sincerity is no pledge of his security. "I felt so ashamed at having Yet society is endangered by the asked you to send me ten dollars, fallacy that it makes no difference what a man believes, "if he is sincere." One may be conscientious and sincere in a wrong course of thought and action. A man bound Servant maid (raising an alarm for San Francisco may by mistake nothing. Correctness of judgment Professor (absent as ever.) on moral questions depends upon "Tell him I am not at home!"— enlightenment. A man may do this or that conscientiously, but he may have an ignorant conscience. The function of conscience is merely to wake up a moral judgment on the facts presented. It is necessary that all the facts be known when a course of conduct is contemplated. In matters of eternal destiny it is not safe to deliver a man over to the They were talking about trees. ignorance of his uninformed judg-Advocate.