

was waiting by the roadside. Drawing himself up to his full height, he said, impressively: "I have driven this carriage now more than thirty years, and this has happened but once before. Some time ago I had for a fare a drunk from Portland, Me., by the name of Neal Dow, who said he wouldn't drink, and what was worse to the point, he said he wouldn't pay for anything else to drink." The son found himself occupying the same ground as that on which his father stood.

### Leaguets.

The Epworth League will be eleven years old on May 15th. Some reference to the anniversary should be made in every Society.

The Church, not the League, stands first. The true League, in its organization, spirit, work, is a part of the Church. The pastor is bishop of the church, and Christ is supreme over all.—*Secretary Thinkield.*

The Epworth League is the happy thought of Methodism. Its quickening influence is being felt throughout our connexion. It is the young faith of the Church in motion; the prophecy and fulfillment of the perpetually renewing life and strength of the body of Christ. The pastor who fails to organize an Epworth League, and bring its forces into action, misses his opportunity, and drops, with his church, behind the advancing columns of the victorious workers.—*Dr. Du Bose.*

ONE of the primary purposes of the League, and the one indeed which chiefly influenced the original organization, was to constitute and maintain a well-disciplined force to be passed onward in perpetual succession from the ranks of youth to the places of official responsibility and trust in the Church. To complete this discipline, an abundant and diversified work must be found for the youthful armies, and such work as involves the spirit and the detail of active Christianity.—*Secretary Du Bose.*

CANNOT our Epworth Leagues be more active in promoting an era of religion in the home? Can they not consider how it may be done? How they may add to the searching power of family prayer, family reading, the Christ-life in the home, the quiet hour, the spirit of devotion and love? Where is there a better and nobler field? There are brotherhoods of the quiet hour for them to join, the unseen brotherhood of those saints who are waiting for the downpouring of the Holy Spirit on the world.—*Dr. Spencer.*

### Gems of Thought.

ATTACHMENT to Christ is the only secret of detachment from the world.—*A. J. Gordon.*

A WELL-BOUNDED man touches life at many points; he fills up his environment.—*Zion's Herald.*

To rejoice in the happiness of others is to make it our own; to produce it is to make it more than our own.—*James.*

EVERY evil to which we do not succumb is a benefactor. We gain the strength of the temptation we resist.—*R. W. Emerson.*

It is one of the fine sayings of Dr. South that "though idleness be a sin which the devil loves to tempt men to, yet he is never guilty of it himself."

COMPLAINING that other people do not sympathize with us is a habit which we fall into when we are not sympathizing with other people.—*Edward Leigh Pell.*

To become like Christ is the only thing in the world worth caring for, the thing before which every ambition of man is folly, and all lower achievement vain.—*Drummond.*

HERE the solution of the problem of sanctification is compressed into a sentence. Reflect the character of Christ, and you will become like Christ.—*Henry Drummond.*

God never has built a Christian strong enough to stand the strain of present duties and all the toms of to-morrow's dates and sufferings piled up on the top of them.—*Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.*

YOU never can tell when God will take a little word you may drop, like an arrow shot at a venture, and cause it to strike some hoarse between the joints of the harness and bring him down. Therefore, let no opportunity slip for speaking a word for Christ.—*A. F. Schaffler.*

### Pertinent Paragraphs.

BEWARE of using the personal pronoun "I" too freely in your talk when you are talking in a room full of people. Egotists are often amusing and entertaining, but as often they are very much out of order.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

SOME one advertises that he will tell how to raise money for the church. Humpf! no secret about that. Raise the standard of Christian living, and the people will pay the church bills quite as naturally as they pay for their bread and butter.—*Lookout.*

THE Michigan Advocate tells of a city pastor who spoiled his good sermons by yelling at his congregation, but who at last was favored by the Lord with a "prudent wife" (Prov. 19:14) who got hold of his manuscript and inserted in red ink at short intervals, "Don't holler so loud." This did the business and the congregation "rejoiced for the consolation."

HAVE you ever thought of the fact that multitudes of men have missed opportunities, but there are few who have not had them? The wise man grasps them as they pass; the fool cries after them when they are gone. "Fortune is an old proverb that says: 'Fortune may knock once at every gate,' but frequently it is not to enter, but only to inquire who lives next door.—*The Methodist Protestant.*

THE Observer says: "We fear that many a person's idea of moral improvement is quite similar to the view held by the little girl as to the proprieties of street attire, who, on being asked by her mother, when about to take a walk, if her hands were clean, replied: 'Not very. Shall I wash them, or put on my gloves?'" There is altogether too much so-called reform in this world, which is not a washing, but a putting on of concealing gloves."

WHEN Moses dies, God has Joshua fully trained to take his place; when Elijah steps into the chariot that is to take him to glory, God has Elisha there in readiness to receive his falling mantle; when Stephen is stoned to death, Paul is prepared by God to take up his mission. Thus, though the man disappears, his work is carried forward, and is, through the energizing influence of God's Spirit, made operative all through the ages.—*William M. Taylor, D.D.*

MR. Moody is reported to have said: "I feel sure the great majority of people do like singing, and I purpose to make it a prominent feature of all my services. It helps to build up an audience—even if you do preach a dry sermon. If you have singing that reaches the heart it will fill the church every time." Now, please observe this was not a matter of personal taste. Moody had no ear for music. It was his sagacity, his shrewd perception of the power of song over the masses of mankind. We are suffering now from two hundred years' neglect of sacred music, a thing of which

Luther said, "The devil can stand anything but good music—that makes him roar."—*Dominion Presbyter.*

### Interesting Facts.

MARCONI thinks that the present limit of 86 miles for wireless telegraphy will shortly be raised to 150 miles.

NEARLY 200 skilled telegraph operators from the British post-telegraph department have gone to the seat of war in South Africa.

A BOOK weighing twelve hundred pounds has been made for a Chicago proprietor of a patent medicine, to be used as a scrap-book for testimonials.

THE Duke of York is said to have accepted from a resident of Cork a thousand packets of Shamrock seed, to be sown on the graves of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

THE three hundred paintings made in Palestine, by J. J. Tissot, the French artist, to illustrate the life of Christ, are being sold to a public museum in Brooklyn, N. Y. The price is \$60,000.

WHEN Queen Victoria ascended the throne more than forty per cent of the people of Great Britain could not write their names. At the present time only seven per cent of the population are in that condition.

It is said that the largest belt ever made was turned out by a Canadian concern. It measures 3,529 feet long and is of rubber, its weight being nine tons. It is made for the grain elevator of the Intercolonial Railway at St. John, N.B.

JOSEPH GILLOTT was a working jeweller in Birmingham, England. One day he accidentally split one of his fine steel tools, and being suddenly called on to sign a receipt, and not finding a pen handy, he used the split tool as a substitute. This led to making pens of metal.

THE new electric cars in Corea are making no end of trouble. The people not only stand still at the curious thing, but stand in the way and do not go till they are compelled to. One child was killed and instead of remembering the real cause they sought it in the new invention. They even think it a reason why they have no rain and have burned one car and destroyed two others.

A RESTAURANT for workmen has been established by Sir Thomas Lipton in London, with a donation of half a million dollars. There are facilities for serving ten or twelve thousand persons daily, and the dining rooms have accommodation for one thousand five hundred persons at a time. The cost of a full meal is nine cents, and hot meals are sent to schools anywhere within a radius of three miles for one cent per head.

PARIS is wheeling hard to outdo the Chicago "Ferris Wheel" and its own Eiffel Tower for the exposition of this year. There is a tower whose top accommodatingly comes down to the ground to pick up passengers and let them off. A wire cable links the top of the Eiffel Tower with the pinnacle of the Treasures' Palace, and from a chair which travels on this aerial track one may get a birds-eye view of the grounds.

HINDU men and women do not sit down to meals together. The order is men first, women after. The women of the household must wait upon all the men folk, even down to the youngest boy, before they themselves can touch a morsel. When the men have finished the women are at liberty to take what is left. But we need not conclude that the ladies get only scraps. They prepare the meals, and no doubt look after their own interests.