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## Miss Riggs' Choice.

For more than eighty years Miss Riggs has lived in the little New England town in which she was born. A recent comer to that village, meeting Miss Riggs for the first time, said apologetically after a while:

"You must excuse me, but I am not sure whether you are Miss or Mrs. Riggs; didn't quite understand when we were introduced.

The bent little spinster drew herself up as straight as possible. "Miss Riggs-from choice!" she re-

plied, in a freezing voice.

## Sure Enough Success.

A successful "mission preacher" (as the English call revivalists) recently had an amusing experience. He had been holding a "mfssion" in a certain rural parish, and, on its conclusion, paid a round of farewell visits with the rector.

Among them was a young dressmaker who had attended the services regularly. and who told Canon ---- how much she enjoyed them, and how sorry she was

"Do you think the mission has done any real good ?" the canon asked. "O, yes, sir, indeed !" she replied,

heartily.

"What makes you think so ?"

"Well, sir," the dressmaker answered, "I don't think you'd doubt it if you only knew how many people have called during the last few days to pay their bills."

"Come and See."

One of the anecdotes told of Benjamin Franklin's youth, and quoted in The Helper, is in connection with his visit to London when nineteen years old. He was in search of work, and, having learned the printer's trade, went straight to a printing office and made known his errand. The foreman was rather super-cillous and said: "Ah, a lad from Ameri-ca seeking employment as a printer. Well, do you really understand the art of printing ? Can you set type ?"

printing ? Can you set type ? Young Franklin stepped to one of the cases and in a brief space set up these words from the first chapter of John's Gospel: "Nathaniel said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see." The text conveyed such a delicate rebuke, and the work was done so quickly and accurately, that a position was granted him at once.

## California Excursion.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church will be held next May, in the city of Los Angeles, California. An ex-ceedingly low rate of \$50 for the return trip from Chicago has been secured, and by special arrangement this very attrac-tive offer will be open, not only to dele-gates, but to all who choose to go. The gates, but to an who choose to go. The tickets will be on sale April 28th, and will be good for 60 days, affording the oppor-tunity of visiting California at a most delightful time of the year. The Michigan delegates and their friends will travel by delegates and their friends will traver by a special train over the Santa Fe route, and Canadians will be welcome to join them. The attraction of the Grand Can-yon, and the famous Perifide Forest, will cause many to go by this road. The cause many to go by this road. The equipment and general management of the Santa Fe place it among the finest the sanda replace it among the mest railways of the continent. Fuller infor-mation concerning the excursion can be obtained from Mr. J. N. Bastedo, 151 Gris-wold Street, Detroit, Mich. Every pos-sible arrangement will be made for the comfort of those who travel on this excursion.



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