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AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

GREENWOOD.

Hotter than ——

Dryer, too.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D Young, Mrs. Jas. O'Connor and Mrs. Estelle Griswold spent Thursday with the family of Nathan Baker of Canisteo.

J. T. Burdick of Friendship spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Smith, returning home Monday. Mrs. Burdick, who has been with her daughter two weeks, accompanied him home.

Miss Knox of New York and her niece are visiting at Knox Miller's of West Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Webster spent Sunday at Theodore Cobb's in Spring Mills.

Misses Lena Shaut and Anna Rollins accompanied Mrs. Cora Gilbert to her home at Elmer, Pa., where they will make an extended stay.

Miss Hester Phillips, who has been engaged as saleslady at the store of E. N. Clarkson of Canisteo, since her school closed, has accepted a position as teacher near Livonia, and will spend a few weeks at her home before the school year begins.

Miss Grace Stephens of Canisteo is visiting in town.

Mrs. J. M. Cheesman and son are guests of G. M. Woodward and F. D. Watkins

Many from Greenwood were enchanted with "Entrancement" at Hornellsville last week.

On Thursday, Aug. 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Greenwood, Mr. John Schrott and Miss Anna Parshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Parshall, were united in marriage, Rev. C. E. Sutton officiating. Besides the family, the ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Woodward, Miss Mary Woodward, Prof. Coston and Miss Blanche Van Fleet. Mr. Schrott is to be congratulated in having won one of Greenwood's fairest daughters.

Miss Charlotte Todd of Buffalo, who is a student of National Park Seminary, near Washington, D. C., has been spending her vacation with friends in Greenwood. Miss Todd returned to her home in Buffalo Tuesday.

Work on the western extension of the N. Y. & Pa. R. R. is progressing rapidly. The home stretch at Shingle House is an air line for a distance of between two and three miles. The screech of the locomotive will soon wake the solitudes of Shingle House.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern Railroad are surveying a line into Shingle House, having a large corps of surveyors engaged in the work. When completed, that and its other connections will furnish a large amount of business for the N. Y. & Pa. R. R.

Albert Perry of Troupsburg was a caller at the TIMES office Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Swan spent Sunday in Jasper, with his sister, Mrs. Goodsell.

Dr. Probasco and Mr. Allen of Whitesville were in Greenwood Monday, trying to bring about a match between the Jasper and Whitesville baseball teams at this place for the 18th. These teams have met on the diamond twice. Jasper won both games. The Whitesville team is easier to down than to keep down, and they are displaying commendable grit in again choosing bats with their formidable opponents.

W. B. Wentworth and wife and Mrs. M. C. Hollenbeck visited at T. O. Swan's Saturday.

William Christman of Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa., shipped a carload of cattle from this station Tuesday afternoon.

Ross Dennis of Jasper called on friends in town Sunday.

Quite a large delegation attended the ball game at Whitesville Saturday.

Miss Grace Cheesman of Andover, who has been visiting relatives in town, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Slocum spent Thursday with M. F. Smith in Hornellsville.

Myrtle Dennison was at Rexville Sun lay.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Pease and N. E. Coston were in Hornellsville Thursday.

Fred Wildman and lady called in Greenwood on their way to Jasper Tuesday to attend the ball game between Jasper and Cameron.

Joe Spencer of Knoxville, Pa., a brother of Ed. Spencer, was in Greenwood Tuesday.

Chas. Marshall and wife of Troupsburg were callers in this city Monday.

Miss Good of Oswayo, Pa., was in this city Tuesday.

The Greenwood Fire Brigade have been practicing lately.

Verne Johnson has purchased a western horse as an addition to his livery.

Reuben Covert has returned from Clarksville, where he has been spending a few weeks with his sons Dever and Norman Covert.

Local improvements by way of grading the streets and rebuilding walks are noticed on Main street.

Thomas Mahoney of West Union made Greenwood a business visit Tuesday.

Jesse Grantier of Andover was calling upon friends in town this week

E. M. Plaisted, of the enterprising hardware firm of Shaw & Plaisted, is in Whitesville, putting a tin roof on the residence of A. Halsey.

The farmers of this vicinity are to hold a farmers' picnic in Leroy Smith's grove on Dryden street, on the 18th of August. The farmers are expected to be out in force.

We noticed the smiling face of Jack Conlon of Troupsburg on our streets Tuesday.

M. F. Smith of Hornellsville spent Sunday in Greenwood.

The oat crop in this valley promises to be the best in several years.

Quite a large party of excursionists from Oswayo Sunday, were met at this station by the Cornells of Jasper, who furnished conveyances to take the party to Jasper, where they enjoyed the fat of the land until the excursion train returned in the evening.

The Woodward Creek school district is contemplating sending the school children of that district to the Union School in this village. It would be an opportunity for the Woodward Hollow pupils worth embracing.

The Highway Commissioner has been making extensive and needed repairs on the Coston bridge. Travel over same was resumed Monday.

The Democratic County Convention assembles at Corning Thursday of this week. There will probably be some strife over the nomination for head of the ticket. Greenwood has a candidate.

Messrs. Glenn and Pitt Coston returned from an extended trip to Springville, Buffalo and Niagara Falls last week.

Eugene Hezeltine of Hornellsville came down on Greenwood with a drove of western horses last week. Several sales are reported.

Jim Kellogg came near enjoying a runaway Tuesday morning down Dryden Hill with a load of plank, caused by the load sliding ahead and striking and frightening his horse. He managed to stop the horse. The wagon is undergoing repairs.

A party of our citizens are anticipating the pleasures of an outing at Lake Keuka. A change of air and particularly a change of diet from meats to fish (of your own hooking) gives newness of life.

One of the needs of the village, and one easily supplied, is a more convenient and accessible picnic ground. The question is under consideration.

The sprinkling of our streets for the past few days has imparted a desirable coolness to all except those who work the pump. It is a case where the few suffer for the many.

Miss Marie Woodward expects to enter Genesee Seminary at Lima this school year.

The quicker you stop a cough or cold the less danger there will be of fatal lung trouble. One Minute Cough Cure is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. You will like it. Benedict & Van Noy, Andover; E. Breeze, Elm Valley.

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Church Directory.

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Epworth League at 6 p. m.
Preaching at 7 p.-m.
Rev. C. E. Sutton, pastor.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Young People's Christian Union at 3 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 12 m.
Y. P. S. C. E. at 3 p. m.
Preaching at 7 p. m.

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Timely information given Mrs. Geo. Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors had steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia which everyone thinks proves the power to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottles free at L. A. Burrows' and all other drug stores.

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Bennett's Creek.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Childs was brightened by the arrival of a baby girl July 31st.

Mrs. Henry Foster of Hornellsville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Thompson.

Miss Lena Bassett left Monday night to visit friends in Corning and Avoca.

George Sherwood was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bassett, Rev. Stocum and Simon Eaves attended Conference at Camp Brook from Friday till Sunday.

W. C. Bassett was in Alfred on business last Tuesday.

The junior base ball nine of Canisteo played a game with our boys, Saturday afternoon, which resulted in a score of 6 to 3 in favor of Canisteo.

Mrs. Louisa Simons of Canisteo visited at Will Norton's last week.

Mrs. A. Crusen, Mrs. E. D. Conklin and Misses Ethel Conklin and Lottie Bassett went to Silver Lake on the excursion Wednesday.

A Minister's Good Work.

"I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says Rev. A. A. Power, of Emporia, Kan. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who tested him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and he said, 'No.' I went home and brought him a bottle and gave him one dose; told him to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured." For sale by Benedict & Van Noy, Andover, and N. E. Coston, Greenwood.

SAUNDERS.

A number of people attended the M. E. Quarterly Meeting at North Fork Sunday.

The dance at T. R. McDonald's was well attended last Tuesday night.

There is to be a cobweb social at the parsonage Thursday night. We hope all will come and help the band boys.

Wallace Briggs of Independence, Joshua Saunders and wife, John Saxton, Mabel Smith, Adelph Bertch and Edith Howard visited at Albert Saxton's Sunday.

Miss Hart of Bingham was the guest of Agnes German last week.

John and Silas Lewis, Mr. Hall and Mr. Wheeler started for Penn's hills in search of huckleberries Monday.

At last the commissioners have decided to give us the Hall version as Rexville.

Edith Howard left Wednesday for a visit among relatives in and about Friendship.

Miss Mary McDonald is working for Phil. Saunders.

Milton Failing is helping his uncle, Frank Failing, in his store at Rexville.

Rev. Wilson and wife visited at L. J. Failing's Tuesday.

Mrs. D. D. Smith and daughter Mabel called on friends in Harrison Valley one day last week.

Gustav Bertch called on friends in this vicinity last week.

Miss Sara Rutherford visited her uncle, Chas. Lewis, last week.

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YOUNG HICKORY.

In the midst of Harvesting,

A load went to Cedar Run to gather huckleberries the past week, and came back with seven bushels.

J. D. Hardy thrashed his wheat Friday. He had 72 bushels. A fair crop for this year.

Miss Cora Lewis has been visiting at Rush Grantier's in Greenwood the past week.

Miss Helen Aubel was visiting at her grandfather's, Lewis Hoag, over Sunday.

The Misses Rogers and Owen, from Troupsburg, were guests at C. Johnson's over Sunday.

A. H. Lewis (and wife and L. S. Grinolds and wife attended the Christian quarterly conference at Camp Brook, Sunday.

George Plaisted and wife attended the funeral of her sister's child at Mills, Pa., Sunday.

Leon and George Plaisted made a trip to Coudersport, Pa., last week with an eye to the purchase of a farm.

Wm. Colegrove raised the addition to his barn on Wednesday last.

Our cheese factory is doing finely. We are getting dividends every two weeks, which is much better than heretofore.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn on the bed over. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female disease quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness and melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. It is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Cure guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by L. A. Burrows, Andover, and all other druggists.

CORWIN HILL.

Mrs. D. P. Corwin recently received a box of window glass to replace the 58 panes broken out by the cyclone of the 17th ult., a present from her sister, Mrs. Samantha Duke of Wellsville. That storm did thousands of dollars of damage to crops and property in this vicinity.

W. M. Sheldon and Miss Blowers of Alfred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blowers one day last week.

Orange Smith's family entertained friends from Wellsville the fore part of last week.

Mr. Deary of South Hill was in this place on business last Saturday.

A number of their friends visited at Loren Pingrey's last Sunday

Mrs. John Cochrane was quite sick the fore part of the week. She is reported able to be out again now.

Miss Belle Trowbridge and Miss Martie Smith visited at Orange Smith's Monday.

John Sheldon of Alfred made several calls in this place Monday.

Miss Carrollotta Corwin entertained a party of little girl friends on his birthday, Tuesday, July 31st.

E. Cook and son Gussie called on Allen Corwin last Thursday evening.

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ELM VALLEY.

Mrs Belle Hinaman of Smethport, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Betsy Waffle.

Milton Crowfoot of Cherry Creek made a few short visits here the latter of the week.

James Covel of Beech Hill was visiting his niece, Mrs. E Breeze.

Matie Howland and Addie Burdick wheeled to Angelica Monday on a visit.

George Manning and sister Eva wheeled to Friendship Sunday.

Mrs. Crandall, who has been passing a few weeks with Mrs. E. J. Holmes, has returned to her home in Sistersville, W. Va.

Miss Rena Beebe is passing a week with Andover friends.

Mrs. Lippincott of Glen Hazel, Pa., was visiting at E. R. Leonard's last week.

Guy Corbett of Scio was working in AV tower at this place, in the absence of E. J. Holmes, the past week.

R. D. Beebe and wife have returned to their home in Spring Mills after a few weeks at his old home. Adieu, Ransom.

ALFRED STATION.

John Acker of Hornellsville was visiting at Geo. Watrous' Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Phillips of Wilkesbarre, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday at F. L. Pettibone's.

Mrs. Shinebacker of Hornellsville was visiting her son George last Saturday; also Mrs. Mary King and daughter from the same place.

Rev. I. L. Cottrell, pastor of the Hartsville Church, baptized seven candidates here at the Station last Saturday. They will unite with the Hartsville Church.

Clyde Willard is at Pike visiting. He wheeled there last week.

The Standard Oil Co.'s agent who came from Hornellsville Tuesday, was overcome with heat, and was sent back to Hornellsville on train 6.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for August 12, 1900.—The Overflowing Spirit.

[Prepared by H. C. Leuington.]

(MATTHEW 18:21-35.)

21. Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22. Jesus said unto him, I say not unto you, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23. Therefore is the kingdom of Heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24. And when he had begun to reckon, there was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33. Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35. So likewise shall My Heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.—Luke 11. 4.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—In the lesson may well include not only the lesson text, but also the verses preceding, beginning with the 15th. These verses indicate a common sense view of making up differences between people who have had perhaps a misunderstanding, perhaps a more serious cause of trouble, an actual offence. It may seem strange at first thought that Jesus addresses his advice to the one sinned against rather than against the sinner: "If thy brother sin against thee, go show him his fault between thee and him alone." Mistakes into consideration the oft-stated fact that the one committing the error or sin is the one who feels himself the most aggrieved. Go to him at once. That will show your readiness to forgive to any terms that may be honorable. But if he persists, then take one or more witnesses. Often for their sakes he will make peace. One other way awaits you if this fails, the court of the church. He may dislike publicity, or he may have respect for impartial tribunal. The last resort, do not revile him, treat him as a respectful stranger, as the Jews treated the gentiles or Roman tax collectors. Then comes that familiar text: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." We may note that these are disconnected exclamations, and the "for" of the verse is never given in the original version as "Amen I say unto you, that if two of you" etc. Secret prayer is one of the means of grace insisted upon, but for blessings that affect not only the individual heart there is strength in union.

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Washington, August 5.

From Trondhjem, Norway, where Dr. Talmage is now staying, he sends the following discourse, in which he shows that the world can never be benefited by a religion of human manufacture, which easily yields to one's surroundings, but must have a religion let down from Heaven; text, Amos 7:8: "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line."

The solid masonry of the world has for me a fascination. Walk about some of the triumphal arches and the cathedrals 400 or 500 years old, and see them stand as erect as when they were built, walls of great height, for centuries not bending a quarter of an inch this way or that. So greatly honored were the masons who builded these walls that they were free from taxation and called "free" masons. The trowel gets out of the credit for these buildings, and its clear ringing on stone and brick has sounded across the ages. But there is another implement of just as much importance as the trowel, and my text recognizes it. Bricklayers and stonemasons and carpenters, in the building of walls, use an instrument made of a cord, at the end of which a lump of lead is fastened. They drop it over the side of the wall, and, as the plummet naturally seeks the center of gravity of the earth, the workman discovers where the wall recedes and where it bulges out and just what is the perpendicular. Our text represents God standing on the wall of character which the Israelites had built and in that way testing it. "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line."

What the world wants is straight up and down religion. Much of the so-called piety of the day bends this way and that to suit the times. It is oblique, with a low state of sentiment and morals. We have all been building a wall of character, and it is glaringly imperfect and needs reconstruction. How shall it be brought into perpendicular? Only by the Divine measurement. "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line."

The whole tendency of the times is to make us act by the standard of what others do. We throw over the wall of our character the tangled plumb line of other lives and reject the infallible test which Amos saw. The question for me should not be what you think is right, but what God thinks is right. This perpetual reference to the behavior of others, as though it decided anything but human fallibility, is a mistake wide as the world. There are 10,000 plumb lines in use, but only one is true and exact, and that is the line of God's eternal right. There is a mighty attempt being made to reconstruct and fix up the Ten Commandments. To many they seem too rigid. The tower of Pisa leans over about 13 feet from the perpendicular, and people go thousands of miles to see its graceful inclination and to learn how, by extra braces and various architectural contrivances, it is kept leaning from century to century. Why not have the ten granite blocks of Sinai set a little astant? Why not have the pillar of truth a leaning tower? Why is not an ellipse as good as a square? Why is not an oblique as good as straight up and down? My friends, we must have a standard. Shall it be God's or man's?

The Divine plumb line needs to be thrown over all merchandise. Thousands of years ago Solomon discovered the tendency of buyers to depreciate goods. He saw a man beating down an article lower and lower and saying it was not worth the price asked, and when he had purchased at the lowest point he told everybody what a sharp bargain he had struck and how he outwitted the merchant. "It is naught, saith the buyer, out when he is gone his way, then he boasteth" (Proverbs 20:14). Society is so utterly askew in this matter that you seldom find a seller asking the price he expects to get; he puts on a higher value than he expects to receive, knowing that he will have to drop. And if he wants $30, he asks $75. And if he wants $2,000, he asks $2,500. "It is naught," saith the buyer. "The fabric is defective; the style of goods is poor; I can get elsewhere a better article at a smaller price. It is out of fashion; it is damaged; it will fade; it will not wear well." After awhile the merchant, from overpersuasion or from desire to dispose of that particular stock of goods, says: "Well, take it at your own price," and the purchaser goes home with light step and calls into his private office his confidential friends and chuckles while he tells how for half price he got the goods. In other words, he lied and was proud of it.

Nothing would make times so good and the earning of a livelihood so easy as the universal adoption of the law of right. Surplicion strikes through all bargain making. Men who sell know not whether they will ever get the money. Purchasers know not whether the goods shipped will be according to the sample. And what, with the large number of sharpers who are making false entries and then absconding, and the explosion of firms that fail for millions of dollars, honest men are at their wits' end to make a living. He who stands up amid all the pressure and does right is accomplishing something toward the establishment of a high commercial prosperity. I have deep sympathy for the laboring classes who toil with hand and foot. But we must not forget the business men who, without any complaint or bannered procession through the street, are enduring a stress of circumstances terrific. The fortunate people of to-day are those who are receiving daily wages or regular salaries. And the men most to be pitied are those who conduct a business while prices are falling and yet try to pay their clerks and employes and are in such fearful straits that they would quit business to-morrow if it were not for the wreck and ruin of others. When people tell me at what a ruinously low price they purchased an article, it gives me more dismay than satisfaction. "I know it means the bankruptcy and defalcation of men in many departments. They were once my toil with the brain need full as much sympathy as those who toil with the hand. All business life is struck through with suspicion, and panics are the result of want of confidence.

The pressure to do wrong is stronger from the fact that in our day the large business houses are swallowing up the smaller, the whales dining on bluefish and minnows. The large houses undersell the small ones, because they buy in greater quantities and at lower figures from the producer. They can afford to make nothing, or actually lose, on some styles of goods, assured they can make it up on others. So, a great dry goods house goes outside of its regular line and sells books at cost or less than cost, and that swamps the booksellers; or the dry goods house sells brica-brac at lowest figures, and that swamps the small dealer in brica-brac. And the same thing goes on in other styles of merchandise, and the consequence is that all along the business street all our cities there are merchants of small capital who are in terrific struggle to keep their heads above water. The ocean liners run down the Newfoundland fishing smacks. This is nothing against the man who has the big store, for every man has as large a store and as great a business as he can manage.

To feel right and do right under all this pressure requires martyr grace, requires divine support, requires celestial reenforcement. Yet there are tens of thousands of such men getting splendidly through. They see others going up and themselves going down, but they keep their patience and their courage and their Christian consistency, and after awhile their success will come. There is generally retribution in some form for greediness. The owners of the big business will die, and their boys will get possession of the business, and with a cigar in their mouths, and full to the chins with the best liquor, and behind a pair of spanking bays, they will pass everything on the turnpike road to temporal and eternal perdition. The business will break up and the smaller dealers will have fair opportunity. Or the spirit of contentment and right feeling will take possession of the large firm, as recently with a famous business house, and the firm will say: "We have enough money for all our needs and the needs of our children. Now let us dissolve business and make way for other men in the same line." Instead of being startled at a solitary instance of magnanimity, it will become a common thing. I know of scores of great business houses that have had their opportunity of vast accumulation and who begin to quit. But perhaps for all the days of this generation the struggle of small houses to keep alive under the overshadowing pressure of great houses will continue; therefore, taking things as they are, you will be wise to preserve your faith and throw over all the counters and shelves and casks the measuring line of divine right. "And the Lord said unto me: Amos, what seest thou? And I said: A plumb line."

In the same way we need to rectify our theologies. All sorts of religions are putting forth their pretensions. Some have a spiritualistic religion, and their chief work is with ghosts, and others a religion of political economy, proposing to put an end to human misery by a new style of taxation, and there is a humanitarian religion that looks after the bodies of men and lets the soul look after itself, and there is a legislative religion that proposes to rectify all wrongs by enactment of better laws. And there is an aesthetic religion that by rules of exquisite taste would lift the heart out of its deformities, and religions of all sorts, religions by the peck, religions by the square foot and religions by the ton—all of them devices to make men and women and children and the world right. Makeshifts of human manufacture are useless when measured by God's plumb line. The wall of character is right or it is wrong. It is straight or it is crooked. It is up and down or it is out of plumb. It is true or it is false. It is right or it is wrong. It is God's or it is man's. Which shall it be? "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line."

Let us get down to the foundation of things. Let us get down to the foundation of our own character. Let us get down to the foundation of our own country. Let us get down to the foundation of our own Christianity. Let us get down to the foundation of our own Christianity. Let us get down to the foundation of our own Christianity