

and long the conflict at last the preacher has preached his sermon, the teacher has taught his last lesson, the statesman has played his last diplomatic role, the general must resign his command, and the man of business has made his last bargain. And it is well that mortality should not for the imperfect life in these earthly surroundings. The average life is long enough for the average power of enjoying it. It is well that this life should be "troubled off by sleep."

First The grave is the appointed house of all living. It is not a matter of chance that we go to the grave. The Great Architect of the Universe has ordained it. How solemn the thought, that such a home is the goal of every man! For all that sit on thrones; for all that move in the halls of music and pleasure; for all that roll along in splendid carriages; for all the beautiful, the gay, the victorious, the many; for all in the marts of business, in the low scenes of dissipation, in the sanctuary of God; for every one who is young, and everyone who is aged, this is the home.

Has it never perplexed us to see how lightly God appears to regard the death of men? With him it is a very little thing to destroy the life of the body. Why does He, without the least appearance of reluctance, sweep away whole generations by a single stroke of pestilence, overwhelm cities with the outburst of a volcano, or swallow up a populous island with the yawning of an earthquake? Why is He thus unhesitating in thus bringing about what seems to us such awful tragedies? It is because He sees us as spirits unaffected by death. To Him, death is a mere trifle, not touching our essential being. He views it as we view the dropping of the crystal ball from the butterfly, as the untrammeling of our real life. He perceives it as a mere superficial incident in the development of the spirit, which is the chief, the continuing entity, the real self. It is because He is Himself a spirit wholly unreachd by death, and He knows what a spirit is. God is conscious in Himself of an everlasting life which is unaffected by all the changes of nature. He realizes that under all the ebb and flow of this material universe His nature is unchangeably the same. And we are, in like manner, spirits created in His image. In the same degree that we know ourselves true sons of God, and claim our birthright of spirithood, and enter up into His life, will death lose its power over us, and we shall have victory over it, even before our final triumph in the resurrection of the just.

Second—This destination of man is almost entirely ignored. We live and move in these earthly scenes, as though we were to live and abide here forever. Some unusual circumstance in the death of some fellow-man may arrest our attention; the sad occasion may, perhaps, draw our thoughts from their ordinary occupation, and awaken frightful images of the grave and eternity. But these thoughts soon vanish in life's turmoil. The irrevocable sentence is forgotten only too soon. "It is appointed unto men once to die."

This destination ought to make every man feel that life is a serious thing. Let us therefore be careful that we do not commit the error of the mass of our fellow-beings, who treat time as if it were eternity, and eternity as if it were time. The thought of death should arouse those who are wasteful of the precious hours and days of life. It says, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead." It bids us live while we live, and work while it is called day.

This destination ought to comfort the afflicted. Faint not, be not disheartened, sorrowing friends and relatives. The light affliction is but for a moment. Trials are only mortal. Death is to the suffering and bereaved Christian eternal gain. To him death seems the "Kind umpire of men's miseries, which, with sweet enlargement, does dismiss us hence."

This destination ought to impel us to lay hold of eternal life. The thought of our impending death should awaken a desire for

a blissful immortality. It should spur us on in every holy endeavor to gain the haven of eternal peace and rest. Dear friends and relatives of the departed, look upward through your tears to the throne of the Almighty. Ask of Him and he will give thee the "oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Take courage; take hope and faith for your companions. God has wisely chosen "to give you treasure in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt," and where the thief of time does not break through to rob households of their dear ones. Let your hearts be there also. Set your affections upon things above.

And may the God of Love grant to you a family circle around the throne of which it shall not be said when you come to number—David's place is empty.

There are brighter skies than these I know—Lands where no shadows lie, Fields where immortal flowers bloom, And founts that are never dry.

There are domes where the stars are never dim, Where the moon forever gleams And the music-breath of the radiant hills Sweeps o'er the crystal streams. Yet must we part, and parting weep; What else hath earth for us in store? These farewell pangs, how sharp and deep! There farewell words, how sad and sore!

Yet we shall meet again in peace, To sing the song of festal joy; Where none shall bid our gladness cease, And none our fellowship destroy.

There hand to hand, firm linked at last, And heart to heart enfolded all; We'll smile upon the troubled past, And wonder why we wept at all.

Among the suffragists Some Passing Comments on the New York Widow's Pension Law

of information is being spread broadcast over the State by the suffrage campaign. In the West where women vote the legislation in the interest of women and children is easily secured. In New York the Legislature of last year considered nearly 3,000 bills and but nine of them concerned women and but three of these past. This year the most strenuous efforts were required to keep the Legislature from undoing the labor law that the most strenuous efforts of last year succeeded in putting on the statute book.

These are the facts that the suffrage speakers are taking to the voters and the harvest is bound to be a big vote for woman suffrage next November in New York State.

ANNA CADOGAN ETZ, Up-State Woman Suffrage Press.



SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. L. Eggeston will speak at the regular morning service at 10:30. Bible School at 11:30. Friday evening meeting at 7:30. Leader, Henry Livermore.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister

Sunday morning, May 23. Morning worship at 10. The people are most earnestly urged to make this day notable for large attendance.

Sunday School, 11:45. Christian Endeavor, 6:30. The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. H. B. Williams next Thursday afternoon.

Federated Meeting, Baptist Church. Mr. Randall will have charge of the next two meetings. Let all rally in support. Every meeting is an advance toward the building Of the King's Kingdom.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. F. M. Baker, Pastor

Dr. Crane, Sunday. The Presiding Elder of Olean District, Dr. H. C. Crane, will be the speaker Sunday morning next. He will have a great message. Hear him.

Sunday School and Epworth League at usual. Federated meeting at Baptist church. Brother Randall will give a message that will cheer.

Quarterly Conference Friday evening, business of importance. Boy Scouts at church Monday evening.

Camp-Fire Girls at Mrs. O'Donnell's on Monday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. Teachers Training Class at close. Every Sunday School teacher expected to be present.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Randall, Pastor. Sunday Services. Sunday morning service at 10:30. Subject: "Seeking For a Man."

Sunday School will be held at 11:45. Young People's Societies. The Junior Christian Endeavor will meet at 3:00. The Young People's Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:30. The Federated Service.

The federated services of the churches of Andover will be held in the Baptist church at 7:30. Mid-Week Meetings. The Ladies Aid Society will hold a supper on Wednesday, beginning at 5:30 p. m. until all are served.

that the memorial service, that is yearly held will be held on the 30th of this month in the church. Look for the notice next week and plan to be at this service.

LONDON LETTER SPIES.

How Criminals Are Tracked by the Postal Secret Service.

The postal secret service knows the names of the London criminal postmen, but the most interesting part of the story is that the departmental are now making the draft of a bill to give the postal inspectors the power to search for letters to women in dresses never supposed that it had been tampered with.

The secret service is divided into two branches, the higher and the lower, and it is under the charge of certain permanent officials who are indirectly controlled by the home secretary and the prime minister for the time being. The lower branch has to do with the prosecution of dishonest men in the employ of the P. O., while the higher is now and again called upon to assist Scotland Yard.

If Scotland Yard officials are watching or endeavoring to track a criminal and they discover he has friends in certain quarters the postal service inquiry branch might be informed of the fact and asked to keep a sharp lookout for letters addressed to the criminal's friends. If this is done and such communications are found they are opened, the contents read and copies or extracts made for the yard.

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NOTICE OF COLLECTOR

Take Notice: I, the undersigned collector of taxes in and for the Village of Andover, New York, have received the tax-roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year, and I will attend at the store of J. D. Cheesman & Co., in said village, on May 24th, 26th, 28th, 29th and 31st and June 2nd, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon of each day, for the purpose of receiving taxes assessed upon such roll.

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