EDITOR'S CHAT.

Patriotism and Heroism Rewarded Both in Our Land and By Others.

A MEDAL OF HONOR.

A little Ohio girl, named Jennie Creek, Milford, has received from the French Government a medal of the Legion of Honor, conferred upon her by the late President Carnot of the French Republic, after correspondence with Gov. McKinley to authenticate the child.

The heroic incident which attracted the attention of President Carnot occurred a year ago in the heat of the World's Fair season. Jennie Creek, a 10-year-old Western girl, was strolling along the railway track one afternoon when she noticed that the trestle-work spanning a deep ravine had caught fire.

Jennie had keen perception and presence of mind beyond her years. She knew an express train was due, and that she was the only one who could warn it in time to prevent a terrible accident.

She whipped off a red flannel petticoat which she was wearing and ran up the track as fast as her little legs would carry her. When the train came in sight she waved the danger signal frantically. The engineer responded quickly, and stopped the train before it reached the ravine.

There were several French passengers on the train, and they, upon returning to Paris, reported the brave deed to President Carnot, who was so impressed with the child's conduct that he sent the medal that the greatest men of France are proud to wear.

PRIZE NATIONAL SONG.

A musical monthly, known as *The Dominant*, inaugurated a patriotic song contest, which closed recently. Several hundred poems were submitted to a jury, consisting of Col. John A. Cockerill, New York *Advertiser*; Edmund Clarence Stedman, poet and critic, and Jerome Buck, jr., of the New York *World*.

The verdict was an award of $100 to "Sons of America," by Osman C. Hooper. And now a prize of $100 is offered for the best musical setting to an original American melody. The prize poem follows:

SONS OF AMERICA.

By Osman C. Hooper.

Sons of America! Heirs to glory
God-guided patriots nobly have won;
Liberty stands on our mountain-tops hoary,
Lighting her torch from the fires of the sun.

Liberty, dream of the pilgrim's devotion,
Here to a stature heroic has grown;
Driving back foes that came over the ocean,
Crushing the enemies sprung from our own.

Fearful the cost, but how priceless the treasure!
Battlefields were but the altars to God;
War-clouds the incense and cannon the measure,
Lives, the free sacrifice redd'ning the sod.

Liberty, patron of cot and of palace,
May our devotion to thee never cease;
Long may we drink from thy heavenly chalice,
Deep to contentment, and progress and peace.

Banner all glorious, float ever o'er us!
Every star there shining steadfast and true;
Holding the lesson of Union before us,
Written for aye in the Red, White and Blue.

CHORUS.

Speed the message onward,
Striving deep and long
Here at last are bursting
In triumphant song.
Liberty and union,
Set 'twixt sea and sea:
Blood-bought by our fathers,
Here shall ever be.

GROWING INTO CITIZENSHIP.

James Donahoe, Independence, Iowa, although foreign born, with a lingering love for the land of his birth, which he were less than human did he not cherish, is yet a patriotic American citizen, and when he entered the C. C. it was with the belief that he grow more and more in the full fervor of the grand cause of Progress and Patriotism.

James Donahoe entered the C. C. in just the same spirit as thousands of foreign-born soldiers entered the Union army. They did not forget the land of their birth, the cradles which rocked them, or the mother hands that moved the cradles.

But they loved the free land of their adoption and the flag that waved over it so well that they were willing to die for it. What more could have been asked than this? The green graves on many a battlefield are proofs of their fidelity.

Now, Brother Donahue writes that Sister Dora T. Edwards's letter made him feel very small, and he fears he may be looked upon as unworthy of C. C. membership. All that he meant to convey in his letter was that there were high degrees of patriotism in the C. C. to which he might be slow to reach, but that with longer residence in this country and wider acquaintance with the C. C., he hoped to grow in patriotic fervor and enthusiasm.

We think our C. C. brother is all right. He writes in the spirit of a patriot. But in addition to his explanation, Emma Martin, who got him to join, writes as follows:

Brother Donahue is my friend, and I know him to be a young gentleman of unquestionable character, true to every noble impluse of true manhood. This I know not from scanning written pages, but from a verbal acquaintance with our brother.

This evening as I write all is quiet except the rustle of the thousands of leaves on the large oaks outside, the contented chirp of the cricket, and the soft bleating of a little lamb that has strayed from our neighbor's fold.

Carlo, our old and faithful dog, has just come upon the porch, and, lying down by the door, occasionally peeping through the screen to see what I am doing.

This is my home. For only eight years has it been such, and yet can I ever forget it? Though I should enter an earthly paradise which everyone considered far superior to all other places on the face of this great globe and which I would willingly praise because I must admire, do you think I could or would cease to feel the charm of these eight years in this hallowed spot, my home?

And do you think that I would be the less loyal to my new home because I still remained true to the memories of the old one in which my character, age, my destiny was shaped?

Would I not be the more loyal to my new ties because I remembered the old ones?

"Love of country" means a great deal. It means love of Government, of State institutions, of all things connected with the Nation. It does not mean that love which accepts those evils which may be connected with it, but it means that love which accepts all good things and prays and works earnestly for the correction of all errors.

From my personal knowledge of Brother Donahoe I know this to be his view of "Love of country." What more, Sister Dora, do you ask? Must he lose all love for good things outside our Union; must he lose his love of that country which made him a man capable of admiring, of loving the good? Let us help, and not hinder.

Do you realize the critical condition of our Nation, "the grandest Nation on the face of the globe?" Do you know that society has reached such a state of corruption that it is not yet to be known whether the United States will not fall victim to the fate of all nations as recorded in history, and whether the American people will not yet cry "God save the Queen"?

Let our cry be "God save our Nation"; let our aim be to encourage all good things, to pluck out all evil things, and let us be true to our God, to ourselves, and to all mankind.

Emma Martin, Horton, Iowa.

THANKS AND WISHES.

DEAR EDITOR: Please accept my thanks for your pleasant Chats each week. I enjoy them very much. The Tribune Exchange and do not want the Picture Gallery suspended.

I am very anxious to know what has become of the Illinois Division. I neither see nor hear anything from the officers, and know nothing of what the Division has been doing.

Minnie Tanquary, Spariand, Ill.

CONVERSATION CLUB.

Greetings to New Recruits—Fine Outlook for Fifth Annual Reunion.

Rules of the Club.—1. Write briefly. 2. Write only on one side of the paper. 3. Write to the point. 4. Write on one subject. 5. Write your best. 6. Each week the names of those writing the best letters—style, composition, spelling, penmanship and general merit considered—will be named at the head of this column on the Honor Roll. First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point.

WELCOME, C. C. RECRUITS!

DEAR C. C. FRIENDS: Who of you have not felt the refreshing, invigorating influence of the enthusiastic, but timid raw recruit? National officers, Division officers, regular contributors, in short, every C. C., have more or less felt the salutary and upbuilding force that is embodied in our thrice-welcome, earnest, unused brother or sister.

For me, and for the perpetuity and progress of our organization, I would prefer one such earnest, enthusiastic, energetic recruit to a dozen commonly-called "pioneer C. C.'s," be the latter never so loyal to the principles of our Order.

The well-founded enthusiasm of that recruit very rarely attains the pale-faced dimensions of inertness and indifference. He never descends to the cheap fault-finding attitude, but instead of that he courageously and vigorously sets his shoulder to the wheel, and hopefully, trustfully, unreservedly shouts:

"Hurrah for the C. C.! Long live the Guards!"

These recruits are the chief source of our inspiration, our joy, the very existence and growth of our society. Hail them always kindly and cordially wherever you meet them. Extend to them the warm hand of genuine C. C. fellowship, and encourage them by tongue or pen in all of their laudable endeavors.

Politely bow and doff your hat to them. Welcome them to our ranks with open arms.

Yours, Pro Patria—

Julius W. Gogarn, Munising, Mich.

A FEATHER SOUVENIR.

The one sending me the most pleasing outline pattern for stamping a table-cover, before Sept. 1, will receive a souvenir of feathers in reward.

Mrs. Grace Valentine, Forest Lake, Pa.

PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST.

TO MEMBERS OF THE C. C.: Desiring to test the writing qualities of C. C. members, I will offer to them a prize essay contest.

To the one who writes the best essay upon "Education and Its Advantages," I will give a set of 70 polished shells, very delicate and beautiful.

To the one who writes the best essay on "Music and Its Influence upon the World," I will give a choice collection of ferns and Autumn leaves, pressed and mounted in the form of a bouquet, and nicely framed.

Directions: 1. Write on commercial note paper, or on paper of that size—a sheet torn in half.

2. Write plainly, with no flourishes.

3. Fold lengthwise, if possible, with the right-hand edge of the paper over the left.

4. Put the name, subject, and date on the outside page, after folding.

This contest will positively close Sept. 1. No essay received after that date will be considered. Hoping that many will respond to this offer, I remain, Pro Patria—

Frances E. Sanderson, Dayton, O.

A REVIEW OF THE C. C.

DEAR C. C. FRIENDS: The C. C., together with its bulwark, the C. C. Guards, continues to be a source of inspiration and pleasure as of old.

The good old NATIONAL TRIBUNE is the ever thrice welcome weekly guest in the thousands of homes that dot our beautiful land from mountains covered with eternal snows to fields fragrant with perennial flowers.

It is the weekly sought-for companion of the oldest pioneer C. C. down to the latest, enthusiastic, loyal, inquiring raw recruit.

Never will we be able to form a fair estimate of the incalculable benefit we have already derived through our columns, that have weekly done us proud since we first became actively interested in the C. C., let alone the many inspirations, advantages and pleasures that the future columns have in store for us.

Among the many incentives our Club affords, a few of them might be enumerated as follows:

1. It encourages an attendance among its members to the G.A.R. National Encampments, which to-day are the proudest and grandest gatherings Columbia can afford, and which no American whose heart is aglow with the fires of patriotism can afford to miss.

2. The weekly C. C. chats between contributors and the Reunions foster a cordial acquaintance with the "true-blue" readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, the Union soldier's only great champion.

3. It has spurred and stimulated many of us to a higher physical, mental, moral, and spiritual life.

4. It has sown within us the seeds of greater literary attainments, and has in many instances providently afforded the initial means wherewith success might be achieved.

5. It has taught us to duly revere the battle-scarred veteran soldier, and to doff our hats when we meet one of those heroes who wears the little, unassuming bronze button in the lapel of his coat, as no like organization has.

6. It has gained us friends, than whom no dearer, none more excellent, none more patriotic exist. (This is meant particularly for the boys whom I had the pleasure of meeting at Detroit and Indianapolis.)

Our C. C. has no duplicate in heaven above, in the earth beneath, nor in the waters under the earth. It is a happy fruition of our ingenious American motto, Progress and Patriotism!

To no one do we owe a larger measure of success than to our inimitable and beloved Editor, who, through her wise counsels and skillful executive ability, has repeatedly and triumphantly piloted us over many a turbulent sea studded with reefs and shoals of dissension, ignorance, inexperience, juvenile impetuosity and uncharitableness.

I shall remain an active C. C. and Guard so long as there is a vestige left of it, for the benefit I have already derived.

Julius W. Gogarn, President Michigan Division, Munising, Mich.

N. T. C. C. GUARDS.

NATIONAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS, N. T. C. C. GUARDS, BROWN'S MILLS, N. J.

General Orders.
Current Series, No. 7.

I. The following have been elected Presidents of their respective Divisions:

Vermont—Lenora A. Rivers, Bristol.
Massachusetts—Simeon Williams, Saugus.
New Jersey—Luella Monks, New Foundland.
Ohio—Frank McMurray, Canton; re-elected.
Indiana—Mattie Elliott, Greensburg.
Iowa—Daisy Deighton, Shenandoah; re-elected.
Michigan—Julius W. Gogarn, Munising.

II. Quarters for entertainment of the Guards at the fifth National Reunion have been engaged in Miss Barclay's College Preparatory School, 212 Allegheny avenue, Allegheny City, Pa. The terms will not exceed $2 per day, including rooms and meals.

As the school is only a day-school, and at present not fitted for roomers, Miss Barclay will be placed at a great expense to prepare for our entertainment. To that end she asks that all applicants for rooms send her a deposit of $3 as a guarantee, the same to be deducted from the bill. This is only a small matter, and insures a good, comfortable room during the stay in Pittsburg. Miss Barclay assures us that in case of disappointment another person can be substituted, or the money refunded. This offer is an excellent one, and must be accepted before or by Aug. 10. Write at once.

From everywhere comes assurance of the largest and best Reunion yet held. Several matters of extreme importance concerning the welfare of the Guards will be considered, and every loyal Guard should be present.

On to Pittsburg! Remember the date—the week of Sept. 9.

III. Isabella De Houston is hereby relieved as President of the Illinois Division, and will forward all property pertaining to the Division to M. Rose Jansen, who is authorized to take command. Members of the Division will give her their support in her efforts to bring up the work in that Division.

By command of KATE B. SHERWOOD, President General.

M. WARNER HARGROVE, Secretary-General.

F. A. TANQUARY.

F. A. Tanquary, Crossville, Ill., is a native of that State, a farmer by occupation, and proud of the C. C. badge he wears. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and thinks religion and patriotism should always go together. He has black hair and gray eyes; weight, 195 pounds; hight, five feet seven. Letters and postals exchanged.

ON FLORIDA SHORES.

DEAR C. C. FRIENDS: The proverbial bad penny, you know. Here am I, and here to answer a question asked not less than a hundred times last Spring, which I did not and could not answer.

I received such a deluge of requests for the flower seed I offered you that I had all I could do gathering seed, labeling and folding in as neat little papers as haste would permit, in which I took no small amount of pride until one day one of mine says: "Mamma, why do you bother with them little wads? Why not go to the drug store and purchase some neat little packets, and put the seed in them? How much nicer they will look to those who receive them."

It was a happy thought, and impressed me favorably. Chagrined at having my neatly-folded flower seed dubbed "wads," I did not let on that I would make the change, but then I went and got the packets just the same.

But now to my subject; for, like a crooked wagon wheel, I am always off the track.

About shells from the sea shore. Yes, there are plenty of them to be had for picking up. In fact, it is the best chance and the finest shells are now to be found of any time since I have been in the State. We have had one of the most terrific storms on the beach that has been here for years, and, of course, the beach is strewn with pretty shells, sea beans, and even corals, supposed to have been washed across from the West Indies with the tides.

I have already collected a quantity of lovely shells, and am going down the shore for more. They are too pretty to lie there in the hot sun. Now, you who have asked for sea shells, send stamps to pay postage, and I will mail them to you.

Remember, shells are heavy, and send accordingly, so you will not be disappointed. The mail is cheaper than express, or as cheap, for the rates of the Southern Express Company are away up in the world.

As to the shells, I suppose you would like to know about what they are. Well, they are all kinds, but I shall only send you the very choicest. Postage is too much to pay on any but the best, and there is a fine variety to select from.

Let us fix it this way: Send me 50 two-cent stamps, and I will collect and mail you from 200 to 250 sea shells, corals, etc., most all of them different. There will be no two alike.

Many of them are plenty nice enough for a watch chain, bangles for ladies or gentlemen. If you desire, I will send some delicate enough for ladies' hand-ring bangles. If anyone does not wish to send for so many, send for half that amount, but this is a chance for me to get fine shells which probably I shall not have again.

Among them are the tortoise, or mottled shells, the pelican's foot, snake's head, pond lily, bleeding teeth, olive shells, and others equally handsome of which I do not know the names, but I can send you a variety that will make you smile.

My little shell chat is longer than I intended, but I have a request to make when writing, if not too much trouble. Please give me the addresses in full of several persons who have either a piano or organ. I will send you something extra to well pay you for the trouble.

Mrs. F. A. Warner, Jacksonville, Florida.

WORTHY OF PROMOTION.

C. C. GUARDS: It is a fact to be noted with pride, that members of our loyal band, throughout the broad expanse of our glorious Union, are fast becoming prominent in other civic and patriotic societies.

Our eloquent brother, Will H. Hays, of Pennsylvania, the silver-tongued C. C., was recently elected to the honorable position of S.V.C. of the Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans.

At the Iowa Encampment, held at Fort Madison, Brother C. C. L. Kasten, formerly of C. C. Circulating Library fame, was chosen to fill the office of Major of the Iowa Division, Sons of Veterans.

In Vermont, the Sons of Veterans have an efficient worker in Capt. Clinton J. Smith, of Huntington, whose loyalty to the C. C. is undoubted.

Our own Wisconsin Division once honored a member of the C. C. in the person of L. O. Chase, of Oshkosh, with the responsible position of Major of the Badger Division, Sons of Veterans.

Brother C. B. Cone, whose fidelity to our cause is unquestionable, and who is so well known to all the C. C., having never missed a National Reunion since its organization, is popular in S. of V. circles.

Even the Ladies' Aid Societies and Daughters of Veterans find material in the ranks of the C. C. for the government of their respective bodies.

Truly, the C. C. is composed of true patriots, worthy of the trust and recognition bestowed upon them.

Loyally yours—

Henry J. Buchen, Camp 67, S. of V., Wisconsin Division, Peebles, Wis.

GUARDS ALL.

Luella Monks, New Foundland, N. J., thanks the New Jersey C. C. and Guards for the confidence placed in her in electing her President of the Division. She requests every member going to fifth National Reunion to write her, and would be glad of suggestions from all members of the Order.

Marta Scott Mobley expects to attend fifth National Reunion. She is now with her parents at Alexandria, Ind., where she would appreciate postal autographs and letters from members of the C. C. and Guards.

Sister Nora Putnam, Naples, N. Y., and Lee Scripture, of Sarona, were married April 24 last, and are at home to C. C. friends, one and all in, Sarona.

Guy Pelian is notified that mail has been sent him to Washington, D. C., which he would do well to look after.

The third annual Reunion, Nebraska Division, N. T. C. C. Guards, will be held at Grand Island, Aug. 30. Commander E. B. Latham reports an interesting program prepared, and promises an enjoyable time. This is the date of Department Reunion, G.A.R., and there will be a C. C. Guards tent on the grounds the entire week. Reduced fares on all railroads.

"Don't Tobacco-Spit or Smoke Your Life Away."

Name of the little book just received—tells about *Notobac*, the wonderful, harmless, economical cure for chewing, smoking, cigaret, or snuff habit. You run no physical or financial risk, for *Notobac* is absolutely guaranteed to cure or money refunded. Your druggist's got it or will get it. Write for the book—mailed free. THE STERLING REMEDY CO., Box 3, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind. Agents wanted.

SUNDAY MEDITATION.

A Study of the International Sunday-School Lesson Appointed for Aug. 19, 1894.

Subject: Sts. John, Andrew, Peter, and Nathanael Become Followers of Christ. St. John, 1:35-51.

[One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as indicated above.]

I. INTRODUCTION.

St. John's Gospel.

We are to have several lessons in the Fourth Gospel. It was written by St. John the Evangelist.

H. W. Beecher, in his sermon on St. John, 1:1-4, says:

"The vice of theology is an attempt to reduce things to definition: in such a sense to define God, that he shall be compressed, to our mind, within exact limits—the illimitable God, the infinite, made finite; Divine government framed into chapters and sections, as if the government of the universe could be likened to the imperial system of Rome, with its provinces, countries, and towns. Nowhere, perhaps, so much as in this book, the life of Christ by John, do we find the mysticism, the abandonment of the system of dots, angles, lines, and absoluteness. It is perpetually reaching out in unexpected directions, and it puzzles us to follow, and thereby it shows itself to be a truly inspired record."

St. John's was the last Gospel written. It is well we have a Gospel of such late date. Great errors had had time to spring up and develop, giving St. John, inspired, a splendid opportunity to check such heresies; e. g., the errors of Ebron and Cerinthus; also, the heresies of the Gnostic sects, to wit, those of Simon Magus, Valentinus, Basilides, Carpocrates, Menander. Such errors would have continued to molest the harmony of the Church much more seriously had not St. John, on the very start, dealt against them such heavy blows.

Eusebius tells us St. John wrote his Gospel to supply the omissions of St. Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Cyprian was converted through the reading of St. John's Gospel.

St. John Evangelist.

He was son of Zebedee and Salome, brother of St. James the Greater. Originally he was a fisherman, living on the northwest side of the Sea of Galilee, in vicinity of Capernaum. He was author of the Gospel known as that of St. John the Evangelist, of three Epistles, and of the Book of the Revelations. At about 30 years of age he became a minister of Christ, and thereafter devoted himself to that calling.

We are informed that about 12 years after the ascension of Christ the 12 Apostles separated and went into different parts of the world to preach the Gospel and to establish the Church. We are told St. John did his main work in Asia Minor. He established the churches at Smyrna, Thyatira, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Sardis, and Pergamos. He He lived principally at Ephesus as Metropolitan, St. Timothy being the Bishop. He there consecrated Polycarp.

St. John died a natural death at Ephesus about A. D. 100, aged nearly a century. No one knows anything of the present location of the remains of the deceased Apostle.

II. STS. JOHN, ANDREW, AND PETER BECOME FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.

1. *Data.*

St. John, 1:35-42. There is only this one account.

2. *Time and Place.*

We date March, A. D. 26, and locate at Bethabara, east of the Jordan, in Perea, 20 miles northeast from Jerusalem. By the "10th hour" (V. 39) we understand 4 o'clock p. m.

3. *Sts. John, Andrew, and Peter.*

The two, Sts. John and Andrew, were the first to ally themselves to Christ. They seemingly acted simultaneously. We cannot specify which was leader. No one can fault the following order: St. John, St. Andrew. Then St. Peter followed. They had all been disciples of St. John Baptist. St. John the Evangelist was son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of St. James. St. Peter was son of Jona and brother of Andrew. All three were fishermen from Capernaum, in Galilee.

4. *St. John Baptist.*

St. John Baptist was born at a little place named Juttah, in Judea, not far southeast from Hebron, about 20 miles from Jerusalem. He was son of the priest Zacharias. His mother's name was Elizabeth. The birth was a miracle. It took place six months before Christ was born. The name John means The God-giver.

5. *The Facts.*

Ignoring self, preferring Christ, St. John Baptist directed attention to Jesus as the Savior of sinners. The time has come to leave St. John Baptist and go over to Christ. Sts. John (Evangelist) and Andrew are convinced of his Messiahship. Andrew is so pleased and anxious about his brother Peter that he seeks him at once, and finds him ready to join the nucleus of the first Christian body.

We notice Christianity does not shrink from investigation. "Come and see!" is its frank invitation. There is nothing to hide. There is no esoteric circle. The Founder of our holy religion did not have a pious exterior for the public and looseness of morals in private.

There is something very modest in St. John's effort not to lug his name into the narration.

6. *Definitions and Explanations.*

1. Two of his disciples. V. 35. The John named in the verse was St. John Baptist. The pronoun "his" refers to said St. John. The two disciples are referred to also in verses 37 and 40. In the last verse the name of one is stated, to wit, Andrew, the brother of Peter. Who was the other? The current opinion is that we are to understand St. John the Evangelist, the writer of the account. So say Bengel, Meyer, Dr. James Strong, Dr. A. Clarke, Whedon.

2. Looking upon. V. 36. The language implies a more than usual penetration of look. St. John Baptist singled Christ out for observation, fixing his eyes on him intently. He looked in such a way as to suggest to others also to look toward Christ.

3. Lamb of God. 36. Cf. V. 29. In Temple service lambs had been sacrificed for centuries pointing to the death of Christ on Calvary. Then, a lamb is the symbol of meekness, innocence, purity, harmlessness, gentleness, submissiveness. In the New Testament Christ is styled The Lamb, and the followers of Christ are his lambs.

4. What seek ye? V. 38. This is the pedagogic interrogation. Christ knew what they sought. He only wanted to draw them out. There is also suggestiveness in this. Persons should know what they are about. If they follow Christ they should be able to assign reasons for so doing. As to Christ's knowledge of the intent of the two in following him, cf. V. 48. Then when two parties are coming into association it is well to have a good understanding of their purposes.

5. Rabbi. 38. That is a Hebrew word, and, since St. John wrote to the Greeks, he explained the word. Master is used somewhat in the sense of school-master, teacher. Cf. Vs. 41, 42.

6. Come and see. 39. Cf. V. 46; also Ps., 66:5. It is a cordial invitation. It indicates his willingness they should see him at home, or in his daily life, conduct, etc. He was not a mysterious character.

7. First. 41. One should begin in his own family, immediate neighborhood, town, and so work out.

8. Brought. 42. Led, guided, perhaps took him by hand or arm.

7. *Suggestions.*

1. Look to Christ; look at or on Christ. 36. Look intently. Keep your eye fixed on him. Be not diverted by other guides.

2. Anticipate the wishes of any to follow Christ. 37, 38. Our Savior discerned at once an anxiety on the part of Andrew and John to become acquainted with him.

3. Follow the Savior. Follow his examples and instructions and commands. He is our School-Master.

4. Be courteous. 38. Andrew and John gave an honorable title to Christ. They did not speak out rudely, curtly. They used the language of respect and courtesy.

5. Be solicitous to find out where Christ is. 38. Knowing, you can seek his company and advice and comfort and help.

6. Strive so to live that you will not be afraid to have persons come and see your acts and ways, and hear your words, at home. 39. 7. Having learned of Christ, look up others and tell them about the Messiah. V. 41.

8. Be firm Christians. V. 42. Let the rock symbolize your adherence to the Savior. Be steady in character. How can you be thus staid? Peter was not worthy the name (stone or rock) until the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the Pentecostal shower. Seek a baptism from on high, and you will be bold for Christ.

9. "Come and see," says Christ. (V. 39.) Everyone should investigate Christianity.

10. Prepare the way for Christ as St. John Baptist got persons and things ready for him.

11. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He takes away our sins. Go to him, then, if you be sinners.

12. Let us always direct attention from ourselves to Christ. Vs. 35, 36. "Behold the Lamb!" says St. John the Baptist; "not me, but Christ." Here is grand abnegation. No minister succeeds when people so admire him as to forget the Savior. The clergy are servants, and their duty is to introduce Christ.

13. Rejoice if you can say, "We have found the Messiah." Blessed discovery.

III. ST. PHILIP.

St. John, 1:43, 44, gives the account of the call of Philip to become a follower of Christ. He is conspicuous as having been the first person whom Christ called. It is to be noticed Sts. John, Andrew, and Peter went to Jesus at the suggestion of others than Christ. We must distinguish the Apostle Philip from the deacon mentioned in Acts, 6:5. The Apostle Philip was born in Bethsaida. Eusebius tells us the Apostle was married and had several daughters. Clemens Alexandrinus claims this Philip was the person who, when the Lord ordered him to follow him, replied: "Let me first go and bury my father." St. Mt., 8:21, 22. Theodoret states he preached in the two Phrygias. Eusebius says he was buried in Phrygia Pacatiana. Dr. Johnson preaching some sermons on the Apostles, in the old Cambridge meeting house (Mass.), referring to St. Philip, "spoke of his one peculiar characteristic as patience; a calm man, one to be depended upon in emergencies, one of the meek and quiet ones of earth who accomplish so much, and of whom so little is heard, one to whom confidence is a holy trust, and whose friendship is to a man better than the fine gold of Ophir, and finally as a man whose light shineth brighter and brighter even unto the perfect day." He labored successfully as far north as Scythia. When 87 years old he was martyred at Hierapolis, Phrygia, scourged, stoned, crucified. He and his sister were all through life mutually helpful. She aided St. Bartholomew in burying her brother.

IV. NATHANAEL.

1. *Data.*

The only account is that of St. John, 1:45-51.

2. *Facts.*

The Apostle Nathanael was also named Bartholomew. Lu., 6:14. He was of Cana in Galilee. John, 21:2. Andrew, Peter, James and John were probably of Bethsaida or Capernaum.

Nazareth was our Savior's home from two years of age up to 30. Mt., 2:23; Lu., 2:4. It was a place of no repute. No prominent character had ever hailed from that city. V. 46. Compare 7:41, 42, 52. The fact of having lived in Nazareth was not against Christ. National or local prejudices are as silly as erroneous. Every place has a chance. Merit, not the source, is the real question. Mistakes have often been made in this manner. Job came from the Idumeans. Abram resided in Ur of Chaldea. God can raise up children even from stones. The great philosopher Anacharsis was of the barbarous Scythian nation. Pindar sprung from the Bœotians, whom the Greeks judged to be a dull people. A similar slur is sometimes heard at certain trades, and yet many of our most eminent men came from shoe-benches, towpaths, tanneries, etc.

The following Old Testament Prophets (V. 45,) foretell Christ: Moses, David, Isaiah, Ezekial, Zechariah, Haggai, Malachi. E. g., read Isa., 53. The writings of these were the secret of the general expectation of the coming of the Messiah.

3. *Suggestions.*

1. Personally examine all the claims and proofs of Christianity. "Come and see," says Nathanael. V. 46. Do not take my word alone. Examine the evidences of Christianity, and test its power in experience. Come and see for yourselves. Above all, do not pronounce against it till you have thus proved it. Be not prejudiced; that is being small. Do not prejudge; that is being large. Little minds are goverened by whims. Egotists can pronounce opinion without the trouble of framing syllogisms. Some men are so smart that they need not belabor themselves with any research into the proofs of Christianity, but condemn it on sight; yea, in some cases, even on hearing, or by mere report. It is surely at least fair to come and see.

2. We have preparatory work to do in our day and places. Each should be a John Baptist, and so lay foundations for Christian prosperity. Good work can be done in the Sunday-school. The Church looks to the parish schools for its best workers. Christ went back to St. John, after a brief interval from his baptism, on purpose to secure some disciples who had been trained and were quite on the way religiously. Indeed, the special mission of that Elijah-like man was to prepare men for the reception of the Messiah. To-day when the Church wants Ministers of the Gospel it enters, in the large majority of cases, our Sunday-schools to select. Andrew, Peter, James, John, Philip and Nathanael became Christ's most eminent Apostles, and all these he secured at Bethabara. They were all former scholars of St. John Baptist.

3. Have you found Christ? It was with exultation Philip declared to Nathanael, "We have found Jesus." Archimedes cried out, "Eureka!" when he discovered the alloys in the crown of King Hiero. With much more enthusiasm, one can cry out, "I have found it!" when he learns how to secure the pure crown.

"Cold belief is not conviction;
Rules are impotent to move;
Let me see the Savior's beauty;
Let me learn his depths of love!
Let the light illume my darkness,
Which around the Apostles shone;
Let me gaze upon thy glory—
Change to flesh this heart of stone!"

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1350—A complete list. 1352—Curtain. (Act; Ruin.)

1351—
P
SAC
FIRAN
FELTRES
SILLYOAKS
PARTYJURIES
CAROUSERS
NEAREST
SKIRT
SES
S

1353—
P
PIP
FARIN
FORELED
PARAMECIA
FIREMASTERS
PILESTART
NECTARS
DIERS
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1354—Systematic.

1355—
A
ART
ARRAS
AMAIMON
ARAUCARIA
AFRICANTEAK
TAMANOIRS
SORTIES
NIERS
AAS
R

1356—Heart-less.

1357—
SCAPED
CURARE
ARARAT
PARADA
ERADICATES
DETACHMENT
AMHARA
TEAPOY
ENROBE
STAYED

1358—Deed; Deep.

Authors of word forms: Itami, J. E. W., Nypho, Arcanus.

NEW PUZZLES.—NO. 153.

NO. 1444—TRANSPOSITION.

When tasks are over for the day,
And recreative hours hold sway,
Some folks enjoy a ONE at whist;
But we who in the land of mist
Our revels hold, would rather spend
The evening hours as they wend,
In poring o'er ideal TWOS,
Such as our mystic knights diffuse.
—CEPHAS, Minden, Neb.

NO. 1445—TRANSADE.

PRIMAL is sweet,
Hours are fleet,
And SECOND arranges the matches,
THREE timid lover
Always will hover
Wher'er least danger attaches.
When faithless proves
One of his loves,
He covers his WHOLE heart with patches!
—ST. JULIEN, Utica, N. Y.

NO. 1446—SQUARE.

1. Seneca roots. 2. Wife of Julius Sabrinus; d. 78. 3. A bag in which to feed a horse. 4. To destroy. (Obs.) 5. French theologian; 1592-1671. 6. Duck-like. (Cent.) 7. Russian measures of length equal to about seven English feet.
—PHIL DOWN, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NO. 1447—CHARADE.

The FIRST is sometimes short and fat
But often tall and slender;
To please the ladies I will state
He's masculine in gender.

He wears the SECOND on his head,
And, for the best of reasons,
In varying styles, in straw or felt,
According to the seasons.

The THIRD is caused by Summer sun
Upon the cheek of beauty,
And is an honor to the man
Who gains it through his duty.

COMPLETE an island fair appears,
Whose fame is heard outside my story;
Upon her beach in glistening waves
Old ocean ever breaks in glory.
—Mrs. F. M. HOWARD, Audubon, Iowa.

NO. 1448—DOUBLE-WORD ENIGMA.

In "boisterous babble";
In "rancorous rabble";
In "moonlight" falling on the lake;
In "fastening fetter";
In "late-coming letter";
In "Richard's" love of lemon-cake.

The FIRST comes, perchance, in a bright yellow label;
We've seen it with strength—aye, wherewith it was able
To rise and walk 'round on the dining-room table!

The LAST is a word quite suggestive of "sawny";
The laddie who owns it is brave as he's brawny;
In the air of his Highlands he grows tough and tawny.

The WHOLE the said Richard, a greedy young glutton,
Prefers every time to his dish of cold mutton.
He *always* has room 'neath his green waistcoat button!
—CHARLIE DAVIS, Baltimore, Md.

NO. 1449—SQUARE.

1. Burnt sugar. 2. A shrub of southern Europe. 3. German theologian; 776-856. 4. One versed in the Arabic language. 5. The heroine of Otway's tragedy of "The Orphan." (Fict.) 6. Adroit escape. 7. French savant; 1538-1617.
—ROKEBY, Ridge, O.

NO. 1450—CURTAILMENT.

(*To Sphinx.*)

Our vessel FINALED slowly on its way
A silver ship upon a silver sea.
I stood and whispered all my love to thee
And watched the light upon the misty spray.

COMPLETE that deathless hour when first I took
Thy little hand in mine and held it tight?
That was the summit of my life's delight,
And I remember every word and look!
—BERCH NUT, Newburg, N. Y.

NO. 1451—TRANSPOSITION.

She was a gentle, lovely girl,
And PRIMAL was the name she bore;
Not one he'd seen in all life's whirl
Seemed half so fair before.

But when his rival took the prize
And he was left to mourn his lot,
He scarce could trust his very eyes,
That proved he was forgot.

When he had found she'd changed her mind
And was no more his own so true,
He thought if he could solace find
He'd like to bathe in TWO.
—AIDYL, Waite, Me.

NO. 1452—INVERTED PYRAMID.

Across: 1. R. O. Chester. 2. The quality of being eastern. 3. Any small entertainment between two greater ones. 4. A puzzler of Mt. Vernon, Ill. 5. Small, bitter, wild European plums. 6. Sat upon. 7. In R. O. Chester.

Down: 1. In R. O. Chester. 2. A stop. 3. A verb. 4. Runs. (Cent.) 5. An Indo-European people. 6. Leaves in writing. 7. P. O., Graham County, N. C. 8. A small village. 9. Redshanks. 10. A large lake in Niphon. (Worc.) 11. Violinist and composer, of Bruxelles; 1775-1845. 12. Nigh. 13. In R. O. Chester
—EUGENE, Chicago, Ill.

NO. 1453—CHARADE.

Some imitative poets of the LAST,
Taking a bright example as a model,
Whose style they ape, send verses thick and fast
To overwhelm the puzzle ed., whose noddle
Is not supposed to know much of the past,
Though always holding brains enough to coddle
By cunning chat, contributors of matter as
Profuse, and useless, as the sands on Hatteras.

Did some immortal poet write an ode,
A ne'er-to-be-forgotten song or sonnet;
Then comes the parodist, who, shows the road,
Just mounts his Pegasus, and lopes upon it;
Till Pegasus, disdaining such a load—
A common FIRST, with hornets in his bonnet—
Bucks like a bronco, flaps his wings with jolity
At getting rid of brains of such low quality.

"Peccavi!" cries the critic, "take advice
And what you teach us, kindly put in practice."
A single admonition will suffice
For one who realizes that he cracked is.
But, best intentions, both of men and mice
"Gang aft agley"—besides, the solemn fact is,
I TOTAL somehow when I shoot at folly
To wing myself—which makes me melancholy!
—PERCY VERE, Oakland, Cal.

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS.

While on a brief vacation, spent among friends and relatives, it cannot be expected of the puzzle editor that he furnish his readers what is surprisingly newsy or readable in the way of chat; nor should contributors wonder at finding their unforwarded letters unanswered; so be this our apology. Nevertheless, Puzzledom could not be forgotten during our respite from business cares, for the hearty handshake of such friends as Iron Mask, Ben Trovato, Zenith, Ellsworth, and