

A TALK ABOUT "SIN."

BROAD-STREET AGAIN CROWDED TO HEAR MR. STUART.

BEGAN WITH GARDEN OF EDEN.

The Temptation, the Fall, and God's Pardoning Power—Aimed at the Boy's Head, "Which is as High as the Father's Heart."

"We are going to deal with that gambling business next Sunday afternoon at the Academy of Music. I want to tell you that we could get it all out of this old town, if we had the right sort of dogs on the trail."

Rev. George Stuart spoke about "Sin" last night at the Broad-Street Methodist church to as big a crowd as has gathered in the building since his meetings commenced. There seems to be no lessening of interest on the part of his hearers, for standing room was at a premium, and after the regular service was over a large crowd waited for the special prayer service that is regularly held. He called upon the ministers who were on the platform to come down in the congregation and work amongst the people, to get the unconverted to give some public expression of a desire for a new life. The ministers responded, and many came forward to the mourners' bench, while a large number stood up on the main floor and in the galleries with requests for the evangelists' prayers.

"I am going to talk about the first sin, the first sinner that first sinned, and God's search for the first sinner. I'm going to talk straight at you. I'm going to talk right at the boys' heads, and that's about high enough to hit the father's heart."

IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN. He found his theme in the story of the Garden of Eden—Eve's temptation, the fall, and the pardoning power. His remarks on local gambling were few, suggested by the story he told of a boy who came under his observation, who had lost his father's money in a poker room. Speaking of this boy, he said: "God pity mother's boy when he gets into society. I don't mean the society that refines and elevates, but this high society that leads to everything that the pride and lust of flesh leads to."

DR. HANNON'S RESPONSE. "Amen! hallelujah!" said Rev. John Hannon. "It's the nature of sin to hide. One Saturday a good lady went out calling on her neighbors. She had made some cherry pie, and the more he thought about it, why, bless your soul, the more he wanted it. It was one of them covered pies. You know, down in Atlanta there's an old darkey woman who sells famous pies. A stranger asked her what kind of pies she had. 'Well, boss, dere ain't but three kind of pies—Kivered, unklivered, and cross klivered.'"

"Listen. This cherry pie was a 'kivered' pie. Willie went to that cupboard. He looked at that pie. Now, my friends, there's more to be learned from this simple story than you can get from the deepest discussion of the most difficult problem in theology. Don't lose sight of the truth in it because you think there's some sin in it. Sticking out the top of that pie was a cherry, and on top of that cherry there was a little piece of sugar."

LITTLE WILLIE'S DOWNFALL. "Willie just reached up and pinched that little piece of sugar off the top of that cherry, and ate it. Why, bless your soul, that was the sweetest sugar the boy ever ate in his life. 'Tain't no harm to eat that little piece of sugar, thought Willie. And then he saw that cherry sticking out of the crust. 'I think I'll just eat that cherry anyhow.' And he ate it, and another cherry slipped right into the hole where the first cherry had been. And Willie ate that one, too, and it tasted so good that he cut a little slice out of the pie and ate it, and when he saw what he had done, he said, 'Well, I know I'm going to get a whipping sure now, and I'll just eat the whole pie up.'"

"Then, what did he do? Why, he crawled under the porch and hid. Listen. It's the nature of sin to hide. And soon mother came home, and she called out, 'Willie, oh, Willie! And a weak, guilty little voice said 'Yes'm, I'm coming.' And Willie, covered with dirt, with his head hung down, and guilt all over him, came up crying and rubbing his dirty little hands in his eyes until there were two big rings of dirt on his little face, and mother said to him: 'Tell me what you have done, Willie! Tell me the truth and I won't whip you.' And he confessed and was forgiven."

DROPPING "PUNKIN" SEED. "I was raised on a farm, and when I went to bed at night I was mighty tired, and the bed was mighty good. I just used to wish it was molasses, so I could

Woman's Nature

Is to love children, and no home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold."

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SOFT COAL IN STOVES.

An Answer to Inquiries Received by the Local Coal Dealers.

A number of inquiries have been received at the local offices of coal companies in this city, asking for information about the use of soft coal in stoves and ranges, in view of the shortage in the supply of anthracite coal here. Manager William Sands, of the Smokeless Fuel Company, has given many inquiries on this point. Speaking of the use of soft coal, Mr. Sands quoted from the Coal Trade Journal as follows: "As a substitute for anthracite coal, coke or soft coal can be burned successfully."

"When a fire is started with bituminous coal in the ordinary cooking stove, all the dampers must be open. The coal will then kindle quickly. Put the coal in small quantities or the fire will be smothered. Keep the fire box pretty well filled and free from ashes. "In a range be careful in starting a fire not to fill the box too full, as the bituminous coal will swell or expand and raise the lids. Coke can be burned in precisely the same manner."

"In fixing the fires for the night in a stove or heater observe the following rules: "First. Have a good strong fire. "Second. Put on fresh coal. "Third. Let the draft on long enough to burn off the gas. This requires but a few minutes. "Fourth. Close all the dampers or in other words, take off all the draft. "In the morning stir up the fire well with a poker, put on the draft, and a good quick fire will soon be secured. The smoke pipe in a range should not be less than six or seven inches in diameter. When less than that the fire is apt to be sluggish. "The flues, smokepipes, and chimneys must be cleaned from time to time, and the soot removed. The accumulation of soot in a stove or heater where soft coal is used is much greater than when anthracite is used."

"Experiments have shown," said Mr. Erick, "that soft coal can be used as successfully as anthracite and at a less cost." It is not likely that coke will be used for domestic purposes on account of its high price at present. It was quoted in the city yesterday at \$9 per ton, against a price of \$4.50 this last year.

Miss Elizabeth Borst Dead. CULPEPPER, Va., September 25.—(Special)—Miss Elizabeth Borst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manning Borst, and granddaughter of Hon. Peter B. Borst, of Luray, died Wednesday at "Highland," in Culpepper county. Her demise was caused by typhoid-fever. She was 15 years of age.

A White Gate Marriage. WHITE GATE, Va., September 25.—(Special)—At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Miss Sallie Bane, daughter of Captain E. H. Bane, was married to T. B. Francis at the home of the bride, Rev. B. Hobson officiating. The couple immediately left for Washington and other cities.

The testimony brought out yesterday leads to the belief that a number of other witnesses may be called. The summoning of the telephone men may indicate also that others are to be called.

Manchester and Chesterfield.

At a meeting of the School Board last night the following resolutions were adopted: The resignation and departure from the city of Mr. J. J. Bailey, former chairman of the board:

Whereas, Mr. John J. Bailey, our most worthy and esteemed fellow-citizen and the efficient president of this board, has removed his residence from this city, and his resignation from the presidency of this board; therefore, be it resolved, that we, the members of this board, do declare our regret that he should find it necessary to sever his connection with us, and the board, which has been so pleasant, and has elicited from him services most valuable and worthy, and which we have with pleasure and honor have received the commendation of all.

That we also declare our regret that he has left our city, where he has made so many strong friends and won the esteem and affection of a large circle of acquaintances and associates by his higher, courteous manners, and excellent reputation. And that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this board, and a copy thereof be neatly engrossed and sent to him as a testimonial of our esteem and friendship.

Reports of the Grade, Finance, and Building and Land Committees were received. The Grade Committee was instructed to appear before the Board of Aldermen and ask their concurrence in the action of the Assembly, granting the \$1000 loan. Dr. Rucker was appointed chairman of the Grade Committee by President Shotwell. Miss Fahr was elected teacher.

PROGRESS IS SLOW. The registration of Winchester voters under the new Constitution is progressing slowly—very slowly. Only four were registered in the Fourth Ward nine applicants were successful in having their names put on the registration books.

Those who are worthy of exercising the right of suffrage are not to be counted as no little worry. Yesterday was the tenth day of the registrars sitting, and unless there is a general clearing up of voters in the remaining five days, the poll will show a deplorable falling off in the number registered. Various reasons are given for this lack of interest. Some seem to think that if their names are not on the poll books they are immune from the duty of voting. The examination of the judges. It may be said, for the benefit of this latter class, that it is about the easiest thing imaginable for a worthy citizen to get his name on the book.

In the Third Ward the Jackson Ward of 34 colored, thirty negroes have registered, quite a number have been turned away—not having satisfied the judges as to their qualifications. The judges are understanding clause. Some of the replies of the Africans to questions asked by the judges are so funny and are extremely ridiculous. One darkey, being asked: "What is a notary public?" replied: "A man that takes your money and 'akes up' 'stainment furniture wat you don't pay for!"

The registration to date is: White. Colored. First Ward 171 6 4 Second Ward 115 20 4 Third Ward 151 9 9 Fourth Ward 181 9 9

DEATH OF GRACE HEY. Lillie Grace, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Hey, died at the home of her parents yesterday at 10 o'clock. Funeral arrangements will be announced to-day.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HAMLETT. The funeral of Mrs. Ernestina Merritt Hamlett, wife of Mr. George Hamlett, of Richmond, was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist church at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. R. M. Maxey officiating. She was buried in the city and only seven months, and was buried in her wedding gown. She was formerly a resident of this city, and her sudden death came as a great shock to her many friends, and her grief-stricken husband has the sympathy of all.

POLICE NEWS. Duck Mosby and Clarence Quandy, both colored, told Mayor Maurice yesterday how they happened to bounce rocks off the anatomy of Vivian Brooks and Holt Lloyd, two white boys, who were each other, a rock, or the two white boys, but the Mayor thought Duck had better give security for thirty days, which he couldn't, or fined Quandy \$2.50, which he paid. Eugene Crawley was acquitted on the charge of unlawfully "riding" \$13.50 worth of railroad brasses belonging to the Southern Railway. As soon as they can be traced, the brasses will be returned. Mr. Walthall will be asked what they know about the "find."

WALTHALL-GREEN. After the ceremony had been performed at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. A. S. Driscoll, of St. Francis, the popular Mr. Henry R. Walthall and his bride, Miss Cora R. Green, were tendered a reception at their new home, 104 west Fifth street. Mr. William Everett Smith and Miss Susan Smith were married last night at the home of the bride, 104 west Fifth street.

GOLD PIN LOST. Miss Hattie Morrisette, of Swansboro, reports the loss of a gold college pin, bearing the initials W. K. F. Monday night, somewhere between her home and the Masonic Temple in Manchester.

BON AIR MARRIAGE. Miss Lula J. Woodcock and Mr. Lucas J. Woodcock, of Chesterfield county, were married Wednesday at the Methodist church at Bon Air. Rev. Porter Hardy, pastor of the church, officiating. Mr. Woodcock is a resident of Hopewell, and is a justice of the peace.

A LOURDES MIRACLE.

A Wonderful Cure Just Experienced by an English Woman. LONDON, September 26.—(Special)—An astounding cure, and what the Continent is proclaiming a miracle, is reported by Father E. H. Francis, of St. Francis, and verified by doctors and the woman in question.

Mrs. Notterman, of Notting Hill, who for years suffered from malignant cancer, was taken on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. "Two or three days before the woman was dying. She has just returned completely cured and without a sign of cancer. Yesterday Mrs. Notterman was house-cleaning. She had just been visited by a doctor from a cancer hospital, who, after examination, certified her cured. Doctors and all who know her or have heard of the case are astounded. "I had annointed and prepared her for death," says Father Esdrige. "Doctors had completely given her up."

Mrs. Notterman's father and mother died of cancer, and she has been suffering from it for fifteen years. She has undergone two operations, and twice has been at the point of death. She was told at the Little Sister's Hospital about Lourdes. She decided to go. She arrived at Lourdes on a Friday in a prosaic condition. "I bathed that day," she says, "but it had no effect. On Saturday I got up at 5 o'clock and went to holy communion. At 7 I arrived at the baths. I was very reluctant to enter, but prayed to Heaven and entered in. A terrible sensation overcame me. I thought death was at hand. I accepted it. I suffered dreadfully. "Oh, God," I cried, "I would rather die at this moment than go back, not cured."

"Immediately I made this act of resignation, all pain left me. When the sister took me from the bath I said, 'Sister, I am cured. The belt I had been wearing over the growth was no longer needed. After the bath it felt off my neck. "The sister said, before going to the doctor, go to the spot where our Blessed Lady appeared, and see whether you are capable of kneeling down." "I knelt quite easily, and felt no more pain. The cancer had disappeared." The next day Mrs. Notterman made the fatiguing "Way of the Cross" on a precipitous mountain side. "This does not give me the least pain," she exclaimed. "I could not bear the slightest shock." Thousands are visiting the woman.

The Great Gold Cash Profit-Sharing Contest. \$3,000 IN CASH PRIZES \$3,000

First Prize \$500; Second Prize, \$250; Other Prizes, \$2,250.

A plain profit-sharing contest, whereby the readers of the Richmond Dispatch, the Weekly Dispatch, and the Richmond News may receive a portion of the money taken in from subscriptions, which would ordinarily be paid to travelling men and for travelling expenses. By offering prizes based on estimates of the Bank Clearings of Richmond at the close of business December 31, 1902, for the year 1902, we propose to divide the handsome sum of \$3,000 in cash among our readers.

Conditions of the Great Contest.

The subscription price will not be changed. The contest will close at 12 o'clock midnight December 31, 1902. For every 25 cents received by us for subscription one estimate will be allowed by us. The subscription price of the Daily Dispatch, delivered by carrier in Richmond, is 50 cents a month; out-of-town, by mail, 25 cents a month and two estimates; \$1.00 four estimates; and so on. A remittance of 50 cents for either paper will entitle the sender to the paper for the period called for in our rates and two estimates; \$1.00 four estimates; and so on. Present subscribers, who have paid in advance, may, upon further payment, participate in this contest, and have their subscriptions extended according to the amount paid. No estimate will be entered on our books except when accompanied by cash. Estimate and cash must reach us in the SAME ENVELOPE, or be delivered by the SAME PERSON at the SAME TIME. Upon receipt at our office the estimates will be entered upon books kept for that purpose, and the paper promptly sent to the address given. No change of estimates will be allowed after they are once entered on our books. No stockholder, officer, or employee of either the Daily Dispatch, Weekly Dispatch, or Richmond News will be permitted to make estimates or in any way share in this contest. CAUTION:—Send money by check or post-office or express money order. This is the only safe way. Be sure to enclose in same envelope your estimate in dollars and cents as to what will be the total BANK CLEARINGS OF RICHMOND FOR 1902, AS CERTIFIED BY THE CLEARING-HOUSE JANUARY 1, 1903. Should there be a tie for any prize, the amount will be divided equally between those so tied. Write your name and address, and particularly the figures of your estimate, very plainly in order that no error may occur.

LIST OF THE PRIZES.

Table listing prizes: To the nearest correct estimate \$500.00, To the second nearest correct estimate 250.00, To the third nearest correct estimate 100.00, To the fourth nearest correct estimate 75.00, To the fifth nearest correct estimate 50.00, To the sixth nearest correct estimate 25.00, To the next 50 nearest correct estimates, \$10 each 500.00, To the next 100 nearest correct estimates, \$5 each 500.00, To the next 200 nearest correct estimates, \$2 each 400.00, To the next 300 nearest correct estimates, \$1 each 300.00. Total \$2,700.00

These Additional Prizes Will Also Be Paid.

Table listing additional prizes: For the nearest correct estimate received before September 15, 1902 \$100.00, For the nearest correct estimate received before October 1, 1902 75.00, For the nearest correct estimate received before October 15, 1902 50.00, For the nearest correct estimate received before November 1, 1902 35.00, For the nearest correct estimate received before November 15, 1902 25.00, For the nearest correct estimate received before December 1, 1902 15.00. Total 662 prizes, amounting to \$3,000.00

HERE IS THE QUESTION: "What Will Be the Total Bank Clearings in Dollars and Cents of Richmond, Va., for the Year 1902?"

On January 1, 1903, the Richmond Clearing-House will certify the amount. That certificate will decide the question.

Table showing total bank clearings of Richmond for 1892 to 1902. Richmond for 1892 were \$126,080,177 73, Richmond for 1893 were 114,957,211 89, Richmond for 1894 were 113,327,889 23, Richmond for 1895 were 121,960,869 39, Richmond for 1896 were 114,378,841 66, Richmond for 1897 were 116,338,731 01, Richmond for 1898 were 133,618,376 10, Richmond for 1899 were 165,901,087 14, Richmond for 1900 were 175,537,475 61, Richmond for 1901 were 198,091,536 10, Richmond for 1902 were ...

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