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THE HOME VISITATION.

"To visit every home, give a printed invitation to all the people, inviting them to attend a Sunday school, church or synagogue of their choice, and secure a record of the church preference of every individual, to be given to the pastor, priest, rabbi or organization preferred." This is the object of the home visitation to be held in Richmond next Tuesday afternoon.

Now the committee is eager to enlist enough workers to permit the enumeration to be taken in a single hour. Arrangements have been made whereby every one who desires can secure the leisure to aid, and the opportunity is waiting for men and women to help themselves by taking part.

The impressive spectacle of all creeds joining hands in a single effort for finer living is in itself a cause for pride. The results of this moment of heart-searching and invitation will be far-reaching. It is a practical attempt to find out what can be done to make the soul of the city waken to eternal needs.

"THE AYES HAVE IT."

The great need of constructive political leadership in Virginia, nowhere has been more clearly demonstrated than at the recent State Democratic Convention in Norfolk. No State issues of any importance were passed upon, and only a few trivial resolutions concerning national questions were adopted.

UNIVERSITY STUDY OF NEGRO.

The great universities of the country are more and more coming to recognize their duties in training men for handling the complex social problems of our times. With the new ideal of helping the whole people, they have begun to lay heavy stress upon the practical study of industrial, economic and governmental questions.

counsel and with the action of the Republican convention before it.

In fact, the attitude of the delegates as to all matters was voiced in the constant shouting of "The ayes have it" from all parts of the hall just when the clerk was beginning to read a resolution or when something else was up.

STILL THE BEST SELLER.

The ninety-sixth annual report of the board of managers of the American Bible Society, just published, shows that the Bible continues to be the "best seller, the indispensable book."

The total issues of the society for the ninety-six years of its existence amount to 94,219,165 volumes. Of the output for the year covered by the report, 1,827,356 volumes were the product of the Bible house in New York, and 1,852,845 of the society's agencies abroad.

In this connection it may be noted as an interesting coincidence that to the numerous translations of what Tañe in his "History of English Literature" pronounced the most widely read book in English, after the Bible, is to be added one in the Uganda language.

The paper, the plates and the printing of these editions were all of the cheapest and meanest description. Now "Pilgrim's Progress" is a religious classic. It affords, as one contemporary strikingly and truthfully remarks, "the only instance perhaps in which the educated minority has come to the opinion of the uneducated or common people."

MAN'S TRUE TREASURE IN GOD.

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to the investigators and to the colored race. It is a practical answer to the demand from other sections that we do something to learn the needs and give wise guidance to the negro race.

THE GOOD ROADS PROBLEM.

The good roads problem in the South has ceased to be a matter of showing the need for good roads and become a matter of educating people in the public spirit of co-operation that alone can produce results. The problem has become one of how to work out the details and raise the money and build the roads.

The second difficulty is the misconception of how the county money is to be spent. Every citizen looks upon himself as a stockholder of a corporation and expects a pro-rata share of dividends from the taxes paid.

A third danger lies in the belief that good roads are easy to build. The construction is entrusted to those who have no special training for the work, and who are often hampered by poor labor and need of machinery.

Among causes favoring the extension of good roads, Professor Strahan emphasizes the value of every mile of first-class road built as a concrete object lesson and model, and the influence of the automobile.

But most important of all agencies at work in the South has been the spread of the spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness between the towns and the country districts.

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BUSINESS KEYS GOOD.

Outsiders' Views of a Watchman on the "Power-A Prosperity President." A. M. Burp, a financial and commercial writer for the Ohio State Journal, expresses these optimistic views:

Business conditions by the reports of representative companies, are shown to be resting on a stable foundation upon which may be built the great future of the nation. The financial statements of railroads, public utilities and industrial concerns, the grave situation seems to be adequate facilities for handling the increasing trade.

Bible with equal frequency. The Lord is the "inheritance of His people," and His people are "the inheritance of the Lord." Whosoever loves God possesses Him in his life.

Therefore let us ask ourselves some plain questions. Do we ever think about God? There is only one way of getting God for our own, and that is by bringing Him into our lives by frequent meditation upon His life as manifested in His Blessed Son and upon the truths that we know about Him.

The only thing that is worth calling ours in this regard is a love of God that so brings Him into our life as to pass into it and saturate it like dye in cloth, and this is how God wishes to give Himself to us.

The presidential campaign is reaching the button stage. But the button makers are still in doubt as to who wants the button. They are waiting to find out what kind of button-balling the American people really desire.

The late Viscount Combermere, of the British peerage, was but little seen in society in consequence of the ostracism to which his wife was subjected by the great world in 1877.

"We trust the medical graduates are going in for life work." The Society Circus has its hat in the ring.

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THE SILVER LINING TO THE CLOUD

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Chairman McKinley (trying to console his friend): "The Ohio result is a great compliment to you, Mr. President. The State likes you so well that they want you to live at home."

LORD COMBERMERE IS NOW IN NEW YORK

Fourth Viscount of His Line, and Owner of Vast Estates.

BY LA MARQUESE DE FONSECA.

LORD COMBERMERE, who is staying in New York at the Belmont Hotel, is the fourth viscount of his line, twenty-five years of age, unmarried, owns about 14,900 acres of land, and makes his home at Chesham House, Rugby, having rented his chief seat, Combermere Abbey, to Catherine, dowager Duchess of Westminster.

Founded by Cistercian monks in the year 1120, the abbey secularized by Henry VIII, and converted to residential purposes, is one of the "stately homes of England" with 120 rooms, "Dewy pastures, dewy trees, All things in meadows and in order stored."

A handsome, well-made, and in order stored. A handsome, well-made, and in order stored. A handsome, well-made, and in order stored.

The flight of the couple caused a great sensation and resulted in a sensational divorce. For Mr. Stapleton Cotton's wife also made this the cause for a suit for divorce, while her husband lost no time in following Mrs. Stapleton Cotton's example.

It is difficult to describe the sensation that has been created throughout the British Empire by the action of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, in removing from the principal military command of the metropolitan district, Archduke Francis Saverio, the husband of Emperor Francis Joseph's youngest daughter, Archduchess Marie Valerie.

Man was made in God's image, the Scriptures declare! The Titanic bore witness God's likeness was there! JANE JOHN.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT ST. PAUL NORMAL SCHOOL

Bishop Randolph Presides and Address is Delivered by Dr. Floyd W. Thompkins, of Philadelphia. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lawrenceville, Va., May 25.—St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, the large and excellent institution here for the normal and industrial education of negro youth of both sexes, had its closing exercises this week.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Put Bryan in the Ring. Put Bryan in the ring, boys. That great and statesman Bryan; the laboring man with a smile, As sure as gun is iron.

If Taft or Teddy Roosevelt has the honor side has made, they had just as well take their sign boards down And lay them in the shade.

Bryan has been defeated, but defeat has made him stronger. Old Bryan laying on the shelf, We will hear that song no longer.

If we give Bryan the rule He will put the rich man down; The laboring man with a smile, The capitalist a frown.

He will give us postal savings banks And free silver for our needs; He will keep the U. S. in peace So we won't have to fight no more.

Now, boys, you know just what we want, A statesman, don't you see? Not a lion hunter, Like old Teddy T.

Nor a great big chunk like Taft, To do just like he please; To lay around in cushion chairs And laugh and take his ease.

The presidency is not the sport For old Teddy T. Down in the sea of Africa Is where he ought to be.

annual banquet of the alumni organization.

The graduating exercises were held Wednesday night at 8 P. M. out-of-doors on the lawn of Webster Hall. The attendance was unprecedented, over 1,000 people from various parts of the county and nearby towns being present.

The first and second prizes of \$10 and \$5 in gold, respectively, for the first and second best paper, essay oration on some academic or trade subject, were awarded; First prize to Jasper Davis, "Special A Class," second prize to Edmond Watson, Middle "A" Class.

The battalion competitive drill was won by Company B, Captain O. O. Morris. The prize was a handsome sword. The graduates were: Normal—Eunice F. Church, Warfield; Mary J. Boyd, Portsmouth; J. Bessie Brown, Berry; James D. Cypress, Surry; Leatun P. Logan, Lexington; William Sneed, Onancock; William A. Street, Victoria; Shirley M. West, Danville; Edward L. Standard, Richmond; all of Virginia, and James Hudley, Darion, Ga.; Charles F. Kennedy, Newbern, N. C.; and Arnold Spurlock, St. Albans, W. Va. Trade certificates—Alexander Allen, Hampton, Va.; William Taylor, Mechanicsville; Arnold Spurlock, St. Albans, W. Va.

PLANS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Fredericksburg College Not Affected by Adverse Action of Synod. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., May 25.—Notwithstanding the adverse action of the Presbytery of the General Assembly at Bristol this week, Fredericksburg College will continue, and plans are now being made for the next session. The college will be continued as usual, and there will be only a few changes in this faculty.

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