

PALMETTO CLEANINGS.

Minor Events of the Week in a Brief Form.

The Fleeting at Tirzah.

Rock Hill, Special.—Three thousand people is the estimated made in numbering the crowd at the big educational rally at Tirzah Wednesday. This has been one of the largest and most intelligent gatherings ever known to assemble at this celebrated encampment ground where have been heard the leaders of the political thought of South Carolina. Mr. Henry Massey, one of the prominent men of the Tirzah community, says that in one year only has the attendance been so good. For years these people have looked forward to these annual gatherings, and with the years has come experience in planning and managing everything that makes the occasion a source of real enjoyment and benefit. Every detail was carried out smoothly, the immense crowd was good humored and well behaved, the music was excellent, and 'tis not saying too much when it is stated that the speeches were inspiring. With such an audience it was impossible for the speakers to be heard by every one, but there were many attentive listeners.

Superintendent of Education John E. Carroll was master of ceremonies and presided in the most creditable manner. His introductory remarks were brief but pointed and suggestive. Many prominent speakers were present and the attention was good.

Palmetto News.

Son Williams, a Southern Railway colored ex-switchman, narrowly escaped being crushed to death under the wheels of engine No. 829 in Columbia Tuesday at noon at the union station. As the engine pulled out from the shed at a brisk pace Williams, in attempting to blithely hop up on the pilot in the presence of the on-lookers, caught his coat pocket in a projecting bolt, causing him to lose his footing. Suspended by his coat with his feet bobbing along in front of the wheels, the later gradually gaining ground as his coat began to give way under the strain, the fellow was dragged about 30 feet, when the engine was stopped just in time to save his life.

Mrs. Susanna Benton, living four miles from Columbia, Tuesday instituted claim and delivery proceedings before Magistrate Moorman of that city against Constable Osborne for recovery of her horse and wagon, which were seized and confiscated in Hurleyville on Saturday with three gallons of liquor aboard. Mrs. Benton claims that she loaned the team out on Friday and is in no way responsible for the presence of the liquor.

Governor Heyward has refused to remove Squire W. O. Bailes of Fort Mill township against whom a petition was presented some time ago. Bailes is a notary public and his residence has long been the assembling place of eloping lovers from his section, both from North and South Carolina. Some of the neighbors objected to this and presented a petition for his removal. Bailes presented a counter one for his retention.

The Cheraw and Bennettsville railroad is nearing completion, the trestles over Beaver Dam and Phill's creek have been put in, and a large force of hands are now at work in Crooked creek, near Bennettsville. The locomotive is running to within four miles of Bennettsville and by August 20th it is predicted the train will be making daily trips between the two Pee Dee towns.

Governor Heyward has received a letter from an attorney in Vienna, Austria, requesting him to look up the relatives and descendants of Johann Probst, who came over here in 1763 and settled in this State. The letter is written in English, but was evidently literally translated, as the wording is so vague that it is not exactly clear what is wanted with Probst's descendants.

A reward of \$100 was offered for the apprehension of the parties who burned Hollis Springs Baptist church near Walhalla in May. This was one of the oldest churches in the State.

The magazine rifles for the State militia have arrived in Columbia. A whole car load of armament came to that city Wednesday from the arsenal at Augusta and the adjutant general office will soon begin to send the rifles to the several companies in the State.

Lightning struck the barn of R. A. Hudson, a farmer of the Longtown section of Ridgeway county, Saturday afternoon, killing one mule and setting fire to the barn, which with 200 bushels of corn, 15 tons of hay, a wagon and a buggy were burned. The loss is at least \$750. There was no insurance.

Governor Heyward has offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest of Lee Green, white, who along with Toole and others, murdered a Jewish peddler named Abram Suresky in Aiken county last week.

Mrs. Nance, of Rock Hill, the aged mother of President Johnson, of Winthrop College, and who has been in Shelby, N. C., for two months, died at that place Sunday afternoon.

Early Tuesday morning State Constable Eubanks and another officer captured 53 gallons of illicit corn whiskey, a double-barreled shotgun, two men and a mule and wagon near Duncaus, in the Glassy Mountain section of Greenville county. The men were tried and sent up for thirty days each.

Gov. Heyward announced Tuesday that he had appointed W. H. Stallworth, of Greenwood, to be district chief constable to succeed Howie, resigned. Stallworth will have charge of the Beaufort squad.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS

Scattered Showers and Very Warm Weather the Past Week.

The week ending 8 a. m. Monday, August 10th, had a mean temperature of 80 degrees, which is also the normal for the week. There was no extreme of temperature, either of high during the days, or low at night. The sunshine was also about normal. Light winds prevailed generally, but local high and somewhat damaging wind storms occurred in Pickens, Greenville, Greenwood and Sumter counties.

Frequent showers occurred, especially in the central, with weekly amounts, ranging from nearly three inches to trace in a few places. In York county and parts of adjoining ones the need of rain is seriously felt, and rain is also needed in parts of Orangeburg, Berkeley, Williamsburg, Colleton and Hampton counties, and in parts of the extreme western ones. In parts of Greenville, Saluda and Fairfield counties there were heavy local rains that washed lands badly, and flooded bottom lands. With the exceptions just noted the moisture conditions were favorable.

There was a marked improvement in all crops where sufficient rain fell. The exceptions include but a comparatively small part of the State where it has been too dry for the best development of crops, and even there all but the staple crops show some improvement. Cultivation of field crops is not yet finished in the western counties, but will be in a short time.

The weather conditions were favorable for the development of cotton, except that on sandy lands it made little or no improvement. In a few places cotton has grown too much to weed, and is not well fruited, but generally it has fruited nicely, with comparatively little shedding, except on sandy lands where cotton is shedding both leaves and forms. Rust has appeared in a number of widely separated counties, and is spreading rapidly. Open bolls have been noted in Beaufort and Georgetown counties, with indications of early opening of bolls over the southeastern counties generally. Sea Island cotton has improved and is blooming profusely.

Tobacco curing continues in the central and western districts, but may be said to be practically finished. Rice is ripening in the coast districts.

Murder Most Foul.

Walterboro, Special.—Saturday between 12 and 1 o'clock one of the most brutal crimes ever known in this county was committed at Church Flat, about two miles from Rentowles station, on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Lizzie Aiken, a negro woman about 40 years old, killed two of her children by cutting their heads off with an axe. One of the children was 5 years old and the other 3. It is said their heads were severed completely from the body, not a nerve or vein or anything left to connect them.

The body of the older child was cut in other places, showing that the crazed mother met with some resistance in killing this one. Both children were girls. It seems that an effort was made to burn them after the bloody work of the axe, for a fire had been kindled around the body of the younger child. The woman was committed to jail by Thos. P. Potts, constable for Magistrate Behling, and from what he says the woman must have been crazy. He says she claimed that a dog came along and told her that the world would be destroyed unless she killed them in order to save the world. She admitted the killing to Magistrate Behling, but now denies it most strenuously.

An Important Case.

An important ruling has been handed down regarding collection of excess fare on railroads in South Carolina. Formerly a passenger boarding a train without a ticket was charged 25 cents additional, which, however, was refunded to him on presentation of the cash fare receipt at the point of destination. The railroad commission claims this amount brings the fare above the rate allowed by the State, and consequently its collection is in violation of the law, regardless of the refunding of it. The outcome of the matter will be watched with interest.

Palmetto Briefs.

Thursday afternoon a bolt of lightning struck the barn of Mrs. L. D. Childs, just below Columbia, and within an hour, so goes the report, the big building was level with the ground and all of its contents was consumed by the raging fire. In the barn, besides a great lot of corn and fodder, were 3,000 bales of hay. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000.

The first installment of the improved rifles received by General Frost included 2,528 magazine rifles, with calibre of .303, model of 1898 and model 1891 sight; an equal number of bayonets, scabbards, cartridges, belts and gun slings; 624 magazine cavalry carbines, calibre .303, model of 1899, with model 1901 sights sights, with a complement of cavalry cartridge belts and sight covers.

Nancy Smith, colored, was killed Friday by a negro of the same name at the navy yard at Charleston where he was engaged at work. The woman had just carried him his dinner when they had a quarrel and he pulled his pistol and shot her in the stomach, causing death almost immediately.

Furman Mayor, the young mill hand of Columbia, who was charged with striking Bessie Booker with a bobbin such as is used in the mills, was fined \$40 Thursday by Magistrate Holloway of that city. The case is an unusual one.

James Mason, a mulatto, shot a negro woman named Lizzie Crosby last Sunday a week ago at Yorkville. The shooting took place in the public road in Bethel township, about eight miles north of town. The ball entered the small of the back. Mason claims that the shooting was accidental.

A MOB CONFERENCE

Unique Gathering Discusses a Live Question of the Day

DEFENCE OF LYNCHING FOR RAPE

John Temple Graves Speaks on "The Mob Spirit in the South" and Defends His Section.

Chautauqua, N. Y., Special.—Unique among all summer gatherings is the "mob conference" now in progress here. The increase of mob spirit shown by feuds, lynchings, riots, assassinations and other lawless happenings gives great importance to this conference. Among Tuesday's speakers was John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Graves spoke on "The Mob Spirit of the South." He defended lynch law as a remedy for the crime of rape, holding that though lynching is a crime, it is justified by the crime which provokes it and will never be discontinued until that crime is eliminated. The remedy for lynching must be the elimination of the crime of rape and this, he maintains, could be done only by the separation of the two races in the United States.

"The problem of the hour is not how to prevent lynching in the South, but the larger question, 'How shall we destroy the crime which always has and always will provoke lynching?' The answer which the mob returns to this vital question is already known. The mob answers it with the rope, the bullet and sometimes, God save us, with the torch. And the mob is practical; its theory is effective to a large degree; the mob is today the sternest, the strongest and the most effective restraint that the age holds for the control of rape."

The lyncher does not exterminate the rapist. Mr. Graves contended, but he holds him mightily in check. As a sheer, cold, patent fact, he said, the mob stands today as the most potent bulwark between the women of the South and such a carnival of crime as would infuriate the world and precipitate the annihilation of the negro race. The masses of the negro, he held, are not afraid of death coming in a regular way. They love display and the spectacular element of a trial and execution appeal to their imaginations. Expediting the processes of the law would not be adequate to eliminate lynching. The repeal of the amendments and the establishment of the negroes' inferiority in society, declared Mr. Graves, though desirable, are not sufficient. "For the negro," he added, "is a thing of the senses, and with this race and with all similar races the desire of the senses must be restrained by the terror of the senses, if possible, under the law."

No influence of suppression so mighty and effective could be brought to bear as a law making amputation to the penalty for the crime of rape. But this, like curfew edicts, separate laws for white and black, or the treatment of the crime of rape as separate and outside of all other codes are but expedients, he maintained; there is no real remedy but one. No statute will permanently solve this problem. Religion does not solve it. Education complicates it. Politics complicates it.

"The truth which lies beyond and above all these temporizing expedients," he concluded, "is that separation is the logical, the inevitable, the only solution of this great problem of the races."

Discussing the subject of "Mental and Moral Contagion," Dr. J. M. Buckley, of New York, after speaking at some length of the various transient and permanent changes that take place under different physical and mental influences, in human personality, took up the question of crime and argued that all crime implied the existence of society and its attributes, that sin and vice could be committed by a person alone in the world, but not so crime. He showed the operation of this and how far through their natural causes epidemics might spread.

In conclusion, he declared that as laws of association bring on such general and feverish criminal tendencies, so the laws of association must be employed to antagonize them.

Will Be Convicted.

Wilmington, Special.—Testimony in the Register murder trial was completed Tuesday and argument by counsel to the jury has commenced. The general opinion prevails that a verdict of murder in the first degree will be returned as to the younger Register, and that his father will be convicted of accessory before the fact.

One Hundred Killed.

Paris, By Cable.—Eighty-four bodies have been recovered and the death list probably will exceed 100, in the underground railway disaster which occurred here Monday night. The accident, which occurred on the Metropolitan Electric Railway, assumed the proportions of an awful catastrophe during the early hours when more than four-score bodies of the burned and suffocated victims were removed from the subterranean passage. The work continues and indications are that the death list will perhaps exceed five-scores.

Child Killed By Train.

Newbern, N. C., Special.—News reaches here Tuesday night of the killing of a small white child at Tuscarora by a mail train on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. It is said that the cars passed over the legs of the little one and both were severed from its body. Owing to a severe electric storm it was impossible to ascertain how the accident happened, as there is only telephone connection with the place.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Herr Kubelik, the violinist, reached his twenty-third year a few days ago.

Senator Cockrell possesses a remarkable memory. He never forgets a face.

President Roosevelt has declined an invitation to attend the Frontier Association reunion at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Venetian friends of Pope Pius X. said that he looks ten years older than he did before his election to the Pontificate.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Dublin, Ireland, the sum of \$140,000 toward the erection of a free public library.

Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, President of the university, has sailed from San Francisco, Cal., for a two-year tour of the world.

"Kid" Lavigne is teaching Frenchmen how to box. He has many pupils at his school in Paris. Billy Lavigne, his brother, is running a club in Seattle.

Probably the oldest public officer in the Nation is Judge John Slaughter, assistant to the State librarian of Wyoming, who has just passed his ninety-fourth birthday.

King Charles I. of Roumania, who recently celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of his coronation, is described as "one of the wisest and most beloved monarchs of the time."

Charles Stevens, Secretary of the Anti-Vaccination League of Minneapolis, Minn., died from smallpox. He had frequently denounced vaccination as inefficacious and a barbarous practice.

Joseph Wingate Folk, who has been mentioned as a Presidential possibility on the Democratic ticket, is the young Circuit Attorney of St. Louis who successfully pushed the recent "boodle trials" of that city.

Mary E. Wilkins, (Freeman) made at one time the curious discovery that in writing to her intimate friends she unconsciously imitated the handwriting of the person she addressed. This is an unusual form of plagiarism.

LABOR WORLD.

A general strike seemed imminent among the German coal miners.

The Bricklayers' International Union has a membership of over 80,000.

Philadelphia textile works employ 6008 children under sixteen years of age.

Applications for three charters in Porto Rico have been received by the National Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Striking shoe operatives at Montreal, Can., have returned to work, their strike resulting in an ignominious defeat for the organization.

It is reported that the Western Union contemplates an advance to its operators which will average \$5 a month. About 5000 men will be affected.

A number of firms in Wheeling, W. Va., have refused to concede the demands of the union tinners. The latter's strike has been dragging on in consequence since April 1.

It is expected that it will be but a few months when a sufficient number of schoolteachers are organized in various parts of the country to warrant the formation of a national organization.

Carpenters at Toledo, Ohio, who were holding out for thirty-seven and one-half cents an hour, have compromised on thirty-five cents. This agreement lasts for a certain period, when the advanced scale goes into effect.

Under agreements signed by the Hotelkeepers' Association and the Waiters' Union at Chicago, 6000 employees receive a ten per cent. advance in wages and improved working conditions. The agreements run until August 1, 1905.

During 1902 labor disputes in the United Kingdom were fewer than in the preceding year, but they affected a greater number of workpeople than in the preceding five years. The time lost, however, was less than in 1901, and was below the average of the last five years.

Give No Quarter.

Solonica, Special.—It is reported that the Turkish troops on Monday bombarded and destroyed the village of Ekshisu, 28 miles south of Monastir. According to another rumore the insurgents who have occupied Krivosko, after repulsing two assaults by the Turkish troops, offered a conditional surrender. Instructions were asked from Constantinople and in reply the Turkish commander received orders to give no quarter.

Killed By Boiler Explosion.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Special.—The boiler of Tuscaloosa Light and Power Company exploded Wednesday evening, instantly killing Adolph Johnston and N. Johnston, negroes, severely bruising Manager McGhee and Engineer Crawford and wrecking the plant. The city is in darkness. The boiler was carried by blocks, on its way passing through three brick walls and landing in a department store 500 feet away. Several stores were badly damaged. Loss, \$50,000; partial insurance.

Two Freights Collide.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—A collision between two freight trains on Southern and the Carolina & North-western Railways, at Gastonia, Saturday night at 12:15 o'clock resulted in the serious injury of Fireman Sam Grier, of the Carolina & North-western, and painful injury of Engineer Walker, of the Southern. Half a dozen Southern freight cars are torn up, the engine is damaged and off the track and traffic will be blocked for several hours. The train of the smaller road also sustained material damage to the engine and several cars.

John Eliot's Indian Bible, of 1665, was on exhibition at the Woman's Board meeting, in Boston, having been loaned by the town of Nantick, by which it is owned. The book is an excellent state of preservation. Two other copies of this Bible are in existence, one in Connecticut, the other in Europe.

HER REAL STATUS.

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SERMON.

The Church Has Forgotten Her Proper Status in the World—A Touching Appeal.

New York City.—The Rev. Charles R. McNally, pastor of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, preached his first sermon in his new pulpit Sunday morning. His subject was "Present Day Incarnation." He took his text from First Corinthians xii:27: "We are the body of Christ and severally members thereof." Mr. McNally said:

Throughout the land, with somewhat of a wail, the question is being asked, "What ails the church? That she is sick seems to be a foregone conclusion. The religious periodicals and some others are quick to give the diagnosis of the case. It is because the pew has been elevated educationally. It is because the ministry has lost self-respect and prestige. It is because men everywhere are too busy to attend to the concerns of the soul, or because Christianity is so "other worldly" it is not sufficiently practical for the practical life of to-day. Many other reasons are given for why the church lacks power.

Is this charge against the church just? If statistics may be trusted, it is. The last religious returns for the nation disclose the sad fact that Christianity has made no gain that even her warmest friends can call proportionate to the increase of population and the mighty development of commercial interests. In the city as well as in the rural districts, the preachers of the gospel are finding it hard to get enough people to take a hold of church affairs to make the church live with a commanding influence in the community. The land is full of reports of man's great tricks of trade and other disregard of sacred obligations. Men are looking to the church to stem the tide of moral recklessness. It must be frankly conceded that the church has seemed to be powerless to arrest the drift. The masses of the people pass her doors or rarely enter. Her hold upon public morals does not seem to be very strong. Her ability to mold the ethical life of the world does not seem to be adequate to the needs of the condition in which they seem to be. If the church is really failing to enlighten the world by the ethical standards of Jesus Christ, something is surely wrong, and the church should quickly awaken to a realization of her real condition, and take measures to strengthen her hold upon the life of the nation.

Where does the difficulty lie? I believe in this: The church has too much forgotten what her real status in the world is. She has in her effort to solve the mighty problems that the last few generations have presented to her, gone away from the simple teaching and simple method of Christ, her founder. The ministry has too much insisted upon the work of education, of culture, of reform. The pew has too much demanded these things. The result is the hearts of men have been spiritually starved. Many who would have waited on the ministrations of the church have turned their backs to their spiritual nature were not satisfied and deprived. Education, esthetics and reform they could obtain from the schools and the papers of the day.

It must be remembered that Christ, while incarnate, gave Himself to none of these things. He devoted His entire ministry to lodging in the minds of His disciples the fact that He was in the world for one purpose and that to save men from sin. To the end that He might save the sinner, He gave all His energy, and sacrificed His life. The mission of Christ was primarily not a mission of education or reform, it was a mission of salvation. "Come to all sinners to repentance." "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." When the church will concentrate her efforts upon this one thing—the saving of sinful men and women—from the power of sin—the questions of education and reform will take care of themselves.

The status of the church in the world is pointed out by Paul in the words of our text, "Ye are the body of Christ," and severally members thereof. If Christ gave Himself while in the flesh to saving men from sin by manifesting to them the life of God, can that body—the church—in do better than to devote its undivided attention and energies to the salvation of men, by the manifestation of the life and will of God? The church is the body of Christ. In it He has incarnated Himself. What Christ was in the world while in the flesh that the church must be in the world to-day. What Christ did for the world while in the flesh that the church must do for the world to-day. "Ye," as a church and as individual members of the church, "are the body of Christ." Ye must be Christ to the world. Except the church as a body and the several members thereof as individuals live as Christ in the world, the world will never know Christ.

Paul, the master mind, could use such a figure with such potent power. Of all his figures there is perhaps no other more elaborately worked out or more carefully applied. The body is not one member, but many, and the many members only one body. So is it with the church, and the church is the body of Christ.

Observe that this figure permits of a detailed analysis. While the church is the body of Christ, it is only the body, that in which Christ has incarnated Himself.

I. Christ is the life of the church. He is the inner vitalizing spirit which animates and directs. The church which recognizes this has by this very recognition marvelously vitalized itself.

There are two kinds of churches—the man-led and the Christ-led. The man-led church gives itself to hero worship and leans on the arm of flesh. The Christ-led church gives itself to the worship of Christ and leans hard on the arm of God. You may be able from the history of your city to supply an illustration of the fact that there have been churches where the preacher has been the church. When the preacher has gone the church has gone. Mark such a church as one that has been man-led. The church has looked to its pastor for vitality and to lead it. What the heart is to the body that is Jesus Christ to His church. From Him through the agency of the Holy Spirit it receives the impulse of its life. The quickening, vitalizing power can no more be imparted to the heart of man by the visiting physician. Christ is that inner muscle at whose every pulsation the life blood of spiritual power is made to surge through the body. To it Christ and Christ only can give life, color and beauty. This should be a self-evident fact. The fact is, however, that it is not so self-evident as it ought to be.

Never has there been a time when the churches set so much store by the man, their leader, as to-day. Hero worship runs rampant. The church when it seeks a leader searches for the orator, the scholar, the man of executive parts, and upon these they depend. Many a church gets all these, but does not get any regeneration of its life. The reason is clear. They have looked to the wrong source for life-giving power. Christ alone can give it. Upon Christ, church and minister alike are dependent for their spiritual vitality. It is only as they are together animated by the warm impulse of His life that we have all the life of Christ in us. We must look to the life of Christ, then, and not unto them, will it thro' from head to foot with real life and power.

Not only is Christ the heart of the church, He is its head. We read that He was given to be head over all things to His church. He is the head of the spiritual body—the head is the governing or organizing power of the body. From the head

comes the purposes that give direction to the life. The will sways and directs all. The government and organization of a church are only the expression of the will of Him who leads and directs it. This suggests a criterion by which we may judge the church. Jesus Christ has made His will concerning the church as plain as the clear blue sky. The sole object for its existence is that through it His kingdom may be advanced; i. e., that through it men may be led to abandon the life of sin and cleave to the promise of salvation in and through Christ the Saviour. When this result is being accomplished here Christ has been directing the work and the members harmoniously doing His bidding.

This test must be applied to every organization connected with the church. Does it directly accomplish this end? Does it unify men and women in bringing to pass this desired result? If so it is of Christ and has a legitimate place in the church. The thing the church should do at all times in all its parts is to discover the thought of the head. That is the most perfect body which most perfectly responds to the direction of the head. That is the best church which sets its feet most assiduously to the thought and purpose of Christ, and which most promptly responds to that thought and purpose. No man, minister, deacon or any other has any authority to be the head of the church. Christ is the head. The chief business of the church is to know the mind of the Master.

Let a church recognize its vital connection with Jesus Christ as its heart, its head, its life giving and directing power, and its success as an agency for extending the kingdom of God is assured. Such a church will be found much in prayer seeking to know the will of its Lord at every point. It will not be content with seating itself in softly cushioned pews once a week with the feeling that it has fulfilled its religious obligations. On the contrary, you will find it seven days in every week out searching the highways and hedges trying to inculcate the life of the Lord into a sinning world. The superabounding life leaping through its veins, no more can a church, tinged with the superabounding spiritual life of Christ fail to give expression to its powers.

But that church has recognized only half the truth when it has come to know that Christ is the life of the church. The other half is that while Christ is the heart and the head we are the body.

II. The church is the body of Christ. If the church is to confine these spirits to ours in a material body we cannot know. The fact remains that the soul must work through the body to find expression. Why God was pleased to give expression to His spirit through the church or His body we cannot say. He has done it. We are the body of Christ. That organism through which He works, by means of which He sends His mission to the world, the church, is seated at the right hand of God, but Christ incarnate is in the world to-day. He lives in and works through His body the church. This should be a deeply solemn and impressive thought to every church of the Redeemer. God also manifested Himself in Christ, is manifested to-day only through the church His body. This is why the church fails in her mission and lacks power. She is formed to realize her mission in the world. She has not sufficient appreciation her responsibility and the divine dignity which is hers. Think of it! You are a hand to do His bidding, feet to fulfill His missions, eyes to look to His interests, ears to hear His truth, tongues to sound forth that truth and utter His praise. Christ has incarnated Himself in you. Through you men must come to know Him.

Except the church manifests the life of Christ it is no true church, except it performs His mission it is not a church of the Redeemer. As the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the church. The body of Christ—one though many, unity in diversity. All the members are necessary in order that the symmetry may be complete, and its usefulness unimpaired.

Independence is the cry of our time— independence of the nation, independence of the individual. This spirit sees everywhere and has found a large place in the church. Within limits this is well. Within limits, I say, for just as soon as individuality becomes obstructive or obstinate, it has passed the limit where it can be of the most use to the world. Within the church this is especially true. It is one body—it is Christ in the world, each part must be in closest union with every other part. More and more the church must work together, more and more the denominations must work as one, manifesting the life of God to the world in the transformation and salvation of men.

You have before now seen a couple of pups get a hold of an old rope and then, as though life depended on the process, one pull one way while the other tugged the other. I have seen a dog whose condition would not be unaptly illustrated by the dogs. Lack of unity in aim and effort is a great source of weakness to the church. The spirit of independence, good in itself, run riot, until concerted action to a definite end is impossible. When independence thus errs against unity it is a curse rather than a blessing. All the members of the body must work together, vitalized by the heart, directed by the head. One of the most beautiful things in the world is a symphony of human voices. One of the most beautiful sights to the spiritual eye is the body of Christ—the church—harmoniously responsive to His thought and purpose. In the light of Christ's mission while incarnate in the flesh the church can make no mistake as to her mission. She must save souls. In the light of this purpose every petty difference should drop out of sight and the whole Christian body become one mind in regard to the chief aim of their existence. The educator will take care of the education of the community, the aesthetic will look after the culture, the reformer will lead reforms, but the church must save men from sin and manifest the life of God to the world.

I have seen in one of the great mills of our country two great wheels. Note one point, the weaknesses in order to accomplish union. If a single point be broken the wheel spins and the whole network of machinery is helpless. Each member of the church has his place. If he fails the body is hampered in its efficiency. But while there is to be union in diversity there is also to be diversity in unity. Individuality is not effaced out of existence. This gives the Christian body some of the churches' ties which may be included within the church. There is a place of usefulness for all. Each one is to find his or her place and then in union with the whole body work for its highest efficiency.

When the church of Christ awakens to a full consciousness of its status in the world, no longer will men call her sick. Within her borders there will be ones of joy over many sinners that have repented and tested the power of Christ to save. This church will realize her highest usefulness when she writes over her activities, "We are the body of Christ—Christ incarnate in the present day—and severally we are members thereof."

Weakness and Strength.

It becomes us to know our weakness as well as our strength. The man who feels that he can do more than he has the strength to do often fails. So we see the necessity of preparing ourselves in our special weaknesses in order to accomplish anything in life we must exert our strength, but we must not overestimate it. We must be true to ourselves to accomplish all the tasks before us.—The Rev. G. F. Miller.

Parental Love.

God loves you not because you are clever, not because you are good, but because He is your Father.—Andrew Murray.