Christian Experiences.

Christian experience cannot be ordered as one orders goods from a store, or writes a check on a bank. It comes as fruit. When we obey we know; then we believe and follow the Lord Jesus He gives the grace. It may be very quietly, but in reality, and with great comfort.—United Presbyterian.

A SIGNIFICANT LETTER.

New York City, Feb. 15, 1900.

My Dear Carlton:—I know it will please you to learn that my homeward journey from San Francisco was more than pleasant. One striking feature that added very much to my comfort was the dining car service on the Rio Grande Western and the Denver & Rio Grande. This is the finest service of this description I have ever seen anywhere, either in this country or abroad; the food and cooking was all that could be desired, and at very moderate prices. If you happen to know the Rio Grande Western people, I wish you would say to them that it will afford me the greatest pleasure at all times to bear testimony anywhere to the above facts.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. ADDISON BAKER, 2nd.

[Salt Lake Tribune.]

The Rio Grande Western Railway now operates through Pullman sleeping cars between San Francisco and Chicago, without change. The route via Salt Lake City is unequalled in attractiveness and wealth of novel interest. Free through trains daily. Write for information, rates, etc., to J. D. Marshall, General Agent, 253 Washington Street, Portland, Ore., or Geo. W. Heintz, General Passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

Raber—Becker always drinks imported wine, don't he?

Callan—Yes, poor fellow. He's trying to drown his domestic troubles.—Brooklyn Life.

A BRILLIANT JURIST.

Passed Away in the Death of Ex-Minister Phelps.

The recent death in New Haven, Conn., of Hon. Edward J. Phelps, ex-ambassador to the Court of St. James, has removed from the nation's public activities a brilliant jurist, an able orator, a keen politician and a gifted writer.

Mr. Phelps was a native of Vermont, where he was born, in 1822, at Middlebury. He was a graduate of Middle-

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bury College and for a time practiced law in his native town, subsequently removing to Burlington. Under President Fillmore he was second comptroller of the Treasury. In 1870 he was a delegate to the Vermont Constitutional Convention. In 1880 he was the unsuccessful candidate of the Democracy for Governor of Vermont, and the same year he was president of the American Bar Association. In 1881 he became professor of law in Yale University. From 1885 to 1889 he was minister to Great Britain, and in 1890 was the candidate of the Democrats of Vermont for a seat in the United States Senate—an ambition he failed to realize.

He was one of the Bering Sea Arbitration Commission, which settled the points at issue between the United States and Great Britain, thus removing a source of much friction between the two countries.

Prof. Phelps gained some distinction as a poet. His lectures on medical jurisprudence and other subjects were well received, and his articles on "the Constitution of the United States" were masterly productions. The Professor had a keen Yankee wit and was always in demand as a brilliant after-dinner speaker.

Uses of Weather Forecasts.

The weather forecasts are of value in a great many ways not thought of by most people. For example, they are most useful in the business of carrying fresh meats by rail, the temperature of the cars being regulated in accordance with the predictions. The same method is employed in carrying fruit, and, in case of a freeze advertised in advance, car loads of such perishable merchandise are apt to be detained in a southern latitude, even after they have started, rather than forward them northward under unfavorable conditions. Even the heating of large office buildings is managed nowadays with reference to the weather bureau's forecast. Fuel companies and ice companies find it to their interest to watch the predictions carefully, and growers of cranberries solicit and receive special warnings of cold waves.

Some very funny cranks write to the weather bureau from time to time. On one occasion Chief Moore received a letter from a rich but very ignorant old woman who had a notion that he could make it rain or not as he desired. She wanted to give a lawn party on a certain date, and wrote to ask if the weather could not be clear on that afternoon, so that her guests would enjoy themselves. To make her communication more impressive, she inclosed a list of the names of several prominent people whom she intended to invite.

"I entered into the humor of the thing," says Prof. Moore, "and sent her an answer to the effect that the afternoon she designated had already been bespoken by a poor washerwoman who wanted to obtain some rainwater with which to wash clothes, and that on this account I could not possibly make it clear on that date."

Snake Bite in India.

Fully twenty thousand of the population of India are annually killed by snake bites. The most deadly of all Indian reptiles appears to be the cobra di capello, which is greatly dreaded by the bare-legged Hindoos. With a view to reducing the mortality, the government tried the effect of offering a reward for snakes' heads; but, instead of diminishing the number of these reptiles, it only increased it, as it was discovered that the natives were breeding the snakes in order to secure the reward.

School for Scandal Closed.

Springfield, Mo., women have organized a "don't speak evil" society, each member signing this agreement: "I do hereby solemnly pledge my word to speak no evil of any woman, whether such report be true or not. Any violation of this pledge, however, does not release me from its subsequent obligations, which are to continue for all time to come." This is interpreted to mean: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Origin of Hurrah.

W. J. Spratley thinks there can be no doubt that the Egyptian soldiers in ancient times went into the battle to the inspiring cheer of the "Hoo Ra! Hoo Ra! Hoo Ro!" And if the average questioning man asks why, he replies with this: "Because Hoo Ra (in the tongue of the Thotmes and the Rameses) means 'the King! the King! the King!'"

When a man despises the community in which he lives, the community is not at fault, but there is something wrong with the man.

Living Day by Day.

Day by day man has his blessings from God. Day by day man has his work to do for God. God gives today no strength for tomorrow's needs. Why should man worry today over tomorrow's duties, or dangers, or lack? Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof—and the good.—S. S. Times.

From Private to Brigadier-General.

Gen. Caleb J. Dilworth, of Omaha, Neb., who died recently at the age of 70 years, sevred through the civil war, enlisting as a private from Illinois and being mustered out as a brigadier-general. He has been a resident of Nebraska since 1870 and was attorney general from 1878 to 1880.

An odd way of removing his glasses is practiced by Henry Clews, the New York banker. Instead of displacing them with his fingers, he gives a twist to his nose, and down the glasses drop to the limit of the string to which they are attached.

No Gloves Worn.

The wedding season has ushered in some changes for that ceremonious occasion. Gloves are not now worn by either bride or bridegroom. The bride's sleeves are made so long that they cover half the hand. The long lace sleeve, properly made, is fitted over the hand like a mitt and fastened around the fingers with silk cord.—Detroit Free Press.

Entirely Out of Place.

Prisoner—Yes, your honor, I admit I chased her around the house with a pistol.

Judge—Well, I give you three months in the workhouse and $100 fine for trying to introduce Kentucky politics into Indiana domestic life.—Indianapolis Journal.

More Convincing Than Science.

Amid all possible scientific hair splitting concerning the food properties of alcohol and the effect of alcoholic drinks upon the human constitution, a few facts of common record are most convincing. For example, of the indoor patients of the hospitals of Paris, 46 per cent are habitual drunkards.

For a Living.

There are thousands of men who are willing to do almost anything for a living except work.—Chicago Daily News.

Queen Victoria has her new boots worn a few times by one of her dressers, whose foot is the same size as her majesty's.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

Last year 18,677,920 pairs of shoes were made in Haverhill, Mass.

Lands in extensive areas are leased in Rhode Island to be overflowed for use for oyster beds.

More steel is used in the manufacture of pens than in all the sword and gun factories in the world.

A system of preventive inoculation against typhoid fever is under extensive trial in India and South Africa.

About one-half of the railroads in Japan are owned and run by the government. The profits last year amounted to $2,700,000.

While paring a corn John Murtha, of Little Rock, cut his toe. The chemicals from a dyed stocking caused blood poisoning and the man died.

Poetic Justice.

A Chicago man has killed a hold-up artist with the latter's own gun. It will be seen, therefore, says the Chicago Times-Herald, that peotic justice continues occasionally to find terminal facilities.

What They All Said.

Mr. Newman—You're a nice little boy, Tommy.

Tommy—That's what they all say when they first meet sister.—N. Y. Journal.

Time and Money.

Time may be money, but it is a difficult thing to convince a man who is serving time that such is the case.—Chicago Daily News.

Classified.

"He divides tailors into two classes."

"What are they?"

"Those whom he owes money, and those who wouldn't trust him."—Puck.

Plans are being prepared to increase the plant of the Boston Gold Copper Smelting Company in Colorado from its present 200 tons per day to 1,000 per day, making it one of the largest in the state. This smelter is independent of the trust.

A Horseless Age.

Brown (who has lost)—Let's try again and see if we can't make it horse and horse.

Robinson—Better leave it as it is. This is a horseless age, you know.—Boston Transcript.

A strong dislike to the oder of peppermint has been discovered in mice. Cotton soaked in peppermint oil caused them to go away for a considerable time, and after a second application they disappeared completely.

There are no fewer than 96 translations of Milton's "Paradise Lost" in the British museum. Apart from the great languages of the world, these translations are in Danish, Polish, Manx, Armenian, Icelandic, and Bohemian.

The efficacy of the serum treatment of diptheria has been again demonstrated in Austria, where the mortality, in cases treated last year, was only 15.89 per cent, while of those treated without serum 39.30 per cent died.

George A. Hibbard, the new postmaster of Boston, taking warning by the fate of his predecessor, who was broken down by the combined weight of official cares and social duties, has made a rule not to attend public dinners.

What Then.

Hibernian (newly landed)—Phwot in the wurruld do the bell be put on the cow for?

Jersey Farmer—To keep her from getin' lost.

"But suppose she do be deef, phwot thin?"—Judge.

Saloons Now Closed on Sunday.

South Australia was the only Australian colony allowing public houses to be open part of Sunday, unless closed by local vote; but its last liquor act has decreed Sunday closing throughout the colony.

A Thracian triumphal car has been dug up on the slope of Mount Rhodopus, near Philioppopolis, in Bulgaria. All the metallic fittings of the chariot, including bronze decorative figures, and the harness for one horse, were found together with human remains. The car belongs to the fourth century after Christ.

A strike at the Montreal Cotton Company's mill at Valley Field, Quebec, by which 2,000 operatives were affected, has been settled, the men getting an advance of 5 per cent.

James J. McNamara, of Baltimore, has made plans for a university of the Federation of Labor, of Baltimore, the object of which will be to educate members of the unions represented in the Federation of Labor.

Reading the Word.

If I desired to put myself in the most likely place for the Lord to meet with me, I should prefer the house of prayer, for it is in preaching that the Word is most blessed; but still I think I should equally desire the reading of the Scriptures for I might pause over every verse, and say: "Such a verse was blessed to so many souls; then, why not to me? I am at least in the pool of Bethesda; I am walking amongst its porches, and who can tell but that the angel will stir the pool of the Word, whilst I lie helplessly by the side of it, waiting for the blessing?"—Spurgeon.

The Ideal Man

There is much rivalry between the various colleges as to which will produce the ideal man. By this they mean a vigorous, honest, intellectual man, who will make the world better for having lived. Health will demand first consideration, for upon that depends brain and achievement. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will keep the bowels regular and the stomach healthy by curing all stomach disorders. It also prevents malaria, fever and ague. Try it.

The Parson Who Milked His Cow

A country pastor, who was very bright and original in his remarks, attracted the notice of a wealthy lady who was spending the summer in the vicinity. One evening she called at the parsonage just as the old minister, clad in overalls, was coming in from the stable, with a brimming pail of milk.

"Why, Mr. Smith!" exclaimed the lady, "do you milk a cow?"

"Certainly, madam" was the reply. "What would you have me milk."—Judge.

Sincerity.

A Yale student who attended the Moody memorial in New Haven, where a vast crowd was assembled, wrote to his mother: "I think we must change the old adage, 'Knowledge is power,' to 'Sincerity is power.'"

A copy of Queen Victoria's "Leaves From the Journal of Our Life in the Highlands," presented to her majesty by Charles Dickens, was sold at auction in London the other day for $500.

The Warning of Ease.

Nature is vocal with warnings. Pain is a warning of one kind, and ease is a warning of another kind. When work that is worth doing becomes very easy to us, we may generally conclude that we are not doing it as good as we might. Higher excellence is impossible when we are satisfied to do a thing easily. Only in the challenge of the difficult lies the possibility of progress. Herein we must turn and become as little children if we would enter the kingdom of Heaven. They enjoy the difficult.—S. S. Times.

About one-half of the residents in Brooklyn live in tenement houses. There are 31,687 tenement dwellings, giving shelter to 574,959 people—an average of 18 persons to each house.

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