## WHAT WOMEN HAVE DONE.

Comedy, Tragedy, Romance and Mishaps in Which They Have Acted Their Part.

PAID A DIME FOR A PAIR OF DIMPLES.

A 'Frisco Girl Wanted to See Life and Became a Bootblack-Fortune for a Typewriter.

"Can I get something to do here," said a youthful looking person lately to the proprietor of the Alcazar barbershop adjoining the San Francisco theater of the same name, says the Chronicle. "Yes," responded the proprietor, "we will give you a trial. What

is your name?"
"Edward Wilson, sir," said the youth. So Edward came and went, cleaned up th shop, brushed customers' clothes and learned o "shine" shoes in a way that would have done honor to a professional. The cleanliness and adaptability of the new band was much noticed, not only in the matter of work, but in dress.

"What a handsome boy," said many a customer. A visitor would always take a second look at him, his appearance was so striking About medium height and inclined to be plump, the bootblack had a round, open, pleasant face, two large black eyes, a medium sized nose, a very pretty, expressive mouth, and the whole over-topped with a wealth of short, rich brown hair. Both feet and hands were small, and showed no signs of laber. His age was not over tweaty. One fact in particular was more than once re-marked—the bootblack's usually well-

developed hips.

Always pleasant spoken but retiring, the young man made many friends. No work was neglected and Edward was always punctual. Barber Enkle began to think he had found a treasure in the line of trustworthy help.

help.
One day toward the end of last week a customer came in. He looked startled as his eye fell on the figure of the young bootblack, and acted in an uneasy manner all the time he was being shaved. As he was about to leave he called the boy to him and the two conversed in a low tone for a few minutes. Next morning the boy was on hand as usual. He gave notice, however, of leaving, and was

During the morning the customer of the previous day stepped into the shop and in-quired for the boy. Upon being told he had gone, he smiled and said: "That was a young lady in disguise. Is it possible that none of you here discovered that fact?" All his hearers looked astonished, and so they were. No further information would the

It is believed that the young woman is well It is believed that the young woman is well connected in this city, and being rather wild, curious and venturesome, has gone into the ways of men to see what she could find out. When last seen the pseudo boy was plainly but neatly dressed in a pair of dark-blue pantaloons, brown shirt with a handkerchief knotted at the throat sailor fashion; dark coat and black derby hat.

Lucky it Was a Girl.

A young Brooklyn Benedict sauntered down Nassau street several months ago in a reverie, says the New York Sun. He was thinking of his home across the bridge. An interesting event was soon to happen there, and he was on his way to a fruit store to buy some dainties for his young wife. His face beamed with happy anticipation of the thanks of the little woman who awaited his return. He pushed through the crowd of pedestrians without heeding anything or having the train of pleasant fancies diverted, until he passed a young Italian image peddler. The Italian's stock of plaster work was displayed in a high doorway out of the way of the busy throng. The sunbeams lighted up the statuettes. The Benedict looked down at them, walked on a few steps, then turned back. Two tiny busts had attracted his attention. One represented a boy crying, with his cap pulled away over his right eye. The other was a dimple-cheeked girl, laughing. They captivated the young benedict's fancy. "How much are they?" he asked the

"Tena centa," replied the peddler, his face lighting up gaily at the prospect of a pur-

"All right. I'll take 'em." the Brooklynite said, and when the peddler had wrapped them in an old newspaper he tucked them in his overcoat pocket and continued on his way to the fruit store. He hid the images way to the iruit store. He hid the images when he got home, and without his wife's knowledge placed them upon the mantel in the dining room, where she would see them the first thing in the morning. "It will be a little supprise," he thought. The plan worked to perfection. The mistress of the household gave a little cry of delight as she caught sight of the gar's head.

sight of the gril's head.
"What pretty dimples," she said, when
the young Benedict came down to breakfast. "Yes, rather pretty for the price, I thought you'd like 'em," the husband re-

In two months time the happy event that the household had been looking forward to anxiously had happened. A good-natured girl baby had come to further distract the benedicts mind from the dry details of business. He had weeks before forgotten the trifling purchase from the humble Nassau

street art purveyor.

A week later the healthy infant looked up at the ceiling and smiled. Her fat cheeks creased into two unmistakable dimples. The Benedict laughed. He was immensely tickled. The dimples looked as pretty as could be, and he was proud of the fact.

"But, where on earth did the dimples come from!" he said. There have int been any in our families."

"Ah ppy whim of nature, I suppose," said the young mother, and she kissed each dim-

ple severa times.

The benedict went down to dinner alone half an hour later. His eye chanced to scan the mantel and rested on the five-cent bust of "By George!" he fairly shouted, "there are those dimples now—the very ones. Well, I call that about the best investment of a

dime I ever made.

It was another illustration of the whims of nature. The dimples had captivated the young wife. She saw them daily. They had made a lasting and pleasing impression upon her mind, and, as often happens, what the mother most admired had been reproduced in her child.

"it's lucky it wasn't a boy," said the bene-dict philosophically. "It might have been a crier of the worst description."

Love Everywhere.

Only love is everywhere-In our laughing and our tears, In our confidence and fears. Love—capricious love appears. Fleeting joys and fleeting woes-These the sum of love co Take away its bliss and pains-Nothing else in life remains.

## On the Threshold.

A letter came to the Fargo, S. D., postof-fice the other day addressed to "Mr. Paul —, Merchant's hotel." On the envelope

—, Merchant's hotel." On the envelope was written this request: "Should he not be there would the postmaster please open and do the best he can in regard to this." Paul was not there and the postmaster caused the letter to be published in the hope that it may meet Paul's eye and move him to a response. Here is the letter:

N. Y., Jan. 23.—Mr.

Dear Sir: It becomes my painful duty to inform you Sue is dying of hemorrhage of the lungs. The reason of my writing of this is, in going through her things to her friends, which she did a little time ago, she said nothing in regard to the rings she wore until today. She said: "If Paul ever comes, give him this ring and my bible, and tell him to meet me up there." Inside of the bible we found a letter dated two years back, and for the first time we found the reason she had never married. It looks as if she had had never married. It looks as if she had carried a sad heart with a smiling face. Now if you are still free, do not lose one minute in writing her; say nothing of your receiving this; only tell her you heard she was sick. She may live until it reaches her; if so, I

will write you for her, also write you how she received it. I have been for weeks her constant attendant, and it is a very sad picture before me to paint you—athin, wan face and long brown bair resting on the pilever seen. It is at least the nearest heaven we will ever see here, and you can only im-

ow. It seems to me the sweetest face I have agine the prayers that are going up for her recovery, but she only says, "Pray that I may rest." Sincerely yours,

Perhaps Not. Philadelphia Times.
Lift her up tenderly.
Treat her with care;
The banana-peel tripped her,
And you know she can't swear.

Found Her Father. Hattie Trip, a comely young lady of eighteen, of Springport, Mich., has found her father after having considered him dead ever since she was old enough to consider anything. This is the way of it: Hattie was born at Stanley, her mother dying when she was six months old. Her relatives took her to bring her anything later was larger than the stanley. her to bring her up, and her father was lost track of. But Miss Trip, as she grew older, was told about it, and as soon as she learned to write, sent letters all about the state and waited for answers that never came. A hort time ago she heard that nor father was in the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids. She wrote a letter there and found him. He has lots of money and came on the first train,

and two hearts are now happy. "Needles and Pins." Mrs. Valentine Adams in Harper's Young People. When Netta of Napoli came to this shore, She knew but two words-"needles, pins"-

Until a street Arab, uncultured and wight, Did something I cannot consider as right. And taught her to add to the 'needles and

and no more.

"When a man's married his trouble begins."

But Netta of Napoli noted erelang By looking at ladies who'd list to her song, That this was a sentence exceedingly wrong. And being a poetess after her way, Bethought her of something more fitting to

So that now her refrain is still "Needles and When a man's married, a treasure he wins! Which is why the good housewives, at least in our block, When Netta appears, all select from her

A Brave Woman.

From an interesting account of a recent visit made by Arthur McEwen to the Stockton, Cal., insane asylum and published in the San Francisco Examiner, comes this remarkable story: "I am going to introduce you to a peculiar case," said the doctor, and he pre-sented me to a bright-faced young weman in sented me to a bright-faced young woman in her early twenties, becomingly dressed, and about whose rooms books and periodicals were to be seen. This young lady has volun-tarily immured herself. She is sane, but at intervals illusions follow sleeplessness, and then she is dangerous. The daughter of a professional man, she is educated, has had some success as a writer for newspapers and managines. I found he, later on the stage of magazines. I found her later on the stage of the asylum theater playing the piano, and playing well. Her manner is engagingly cheerful and unaffected. She is a strenuous sort of girl and has been a hard student. "Whenever I meet with any success in my writings, or otherwise," she said, "I become so exultant and hopeful that I can't sleep for happiness, thinking of the future, and then I lose my head. Most people go down under adversity," she added with a good-humored smile, "but it seems I'm the other way and

an't stand prosperity,"
When insane she does not lose her sense of identity, but her real surroundings disappear and are replaced by wholly imaginary ones. "The last time," she said, "I believed I was in France and taking part in a fight at the barricades. I had been reading about the French revolution, you see, and I suppose, when I am not myself my mind is dominated by most recent strong impressions. If I can go six months here without a return of my trouble I shall be very happy, and if a whole year passes I shall feel that I am cured."

And she is going to stay until she is cured, however long it may take. She has strength of will, a stout heart, and keeps her mind and hands employed steadily. "For I must and hands employed steadily. "For I must not think about myself, or permit the blues to get hold of me. I am educating myself in patience," Her smile was brave and resolute.

Lucky Type Writer.

When George C. Randall, the well-known
San Francisco druggist, died a short time
ago, few, if any, of his friends had the least
idea that a romance was woven into the last
few months of his life. Yet such was the
fact, which mexpectedly care to fact, which unexpectedly, came to light through the filing of his will.

That showed that while the testator was possessed of considerable property a very small fragment of it was left to his relatives, and after a few minor bequests the bulk of residue of his estate was left to his intended residue of his estate was left to his intended wife, Miss Bert Wallace. According to the Call a man who knew Randall intimately thus outlined the romance: "Randall, poor fel-low, was of a sentimental nature, though one not knowing the man would hardly think so. He was thoroughly infatuated with Miss He was thoroughly infatuated with Miss Wallace, the stenographer and type writer for an insurance company. She, however, esteeming him as a friend gave no encouragement to his advances. In fact, I believe her heart was elsewhere, and that, woman like, she practically threw away the prospect of wealth and station to love the man of her choice. His rejection—if he was rejected, for I do not know that that unpleasant formality actually happened—burt him health mality actually happened-hurt him badly. Yet, though he knew his love was not returned, he sat down and made an heiress of the woman who refused him. I believe that his heart was broken, and that his sudden death was due entirely to the disappoint-

A reporter visited the office where Miss Wallace is engaged. The young lady was busily employed getting out the correspondence and promptly but very politely declined to say anything in connection with her

egacy.
From her co-laborers and officials of the office it was learned that she is a lady of re-finement, educated and of a charming disposition. They say that after the announce-ment of Mr. Randall's death she felt his sud-den ead so keenly and was in such evident defined so keenly and was in such evident distress that the company excused her from her duties. She remained away from busi-ness and has donned mourning attire. In other respects she is unchanged in manner, the fact that she has been unexpectedly pre-sented with a considerable fortune making no difference whatever in her strict attention to her office duties. She is a native of Santa

Cruz, where her mother resides, and where her brother, who is also a beneficiary under the will, is engaged in the drug business.

A friend of the druggist said that the estimate placed on the estate in the petition for probate of the will was far below its actual value. "Why "said he "e week here he value. "Why," said he, "a week before he died he was negotiating for a piece of real estate here and made a bid of \$75,000 for it in cash. Fill stake my reputation that the estate is worth close upon \$300,000, and that if the will stands Miss Wallace will come in for fully \$250,000

"Lucky girl! Well, I should say so!"

Dress Like Savages. Just before Explorer Stanley left New York he was tendered a reception at which were displayed a more than unusually startling array of low-necked dresses. Observing the great traveler scrutinizing one particular specimen of ebb-tide corsage, a friend said:
"Not been used to that sort of costume of late, ch. Stanley !"

"On the contrary, said the African authority, cheerfully, "it makes me feel quite at home. But you should see the Uynayembes, my dear boy—you should see the Uynayem-bes!"

Worse Than Cloves. A Boston confectioner, talking about the use of brandy in making chocolates and other sweets, said: "I never knew of any one becoming intoxicated by this means, but 1 know of a case where a young lady was induced to drink some liquor, and knowing that the fact would be detected when she got home, went into a confectioner's and bought and ate some brandy chocolates, to which she laid the blame for her very suspicious breath when she returned to her parents. I have no doubt there are many other cases of the kind, too."

Unfinished. Week's Sport: Dashaway—Have you heard Robinson's new story! He started to tell it to me when we went down to the races together the other day, but didn't have time

Cleverton-Whyl didn't you return with Dashaway (sadly)-No. He rode back

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MASS.

Manner and Meaning of This Most Ancient Form of Worship.

HISTORY OF THE EARLIER CELEBRATIONS.

Pastors in the Drouth Districts in Dire Distress-Work of Local Pastors and Their People.

The following article, the first of a series upon "The Mass," has been prepared especially for THE BEE by Rev. Patrick F. Mc-Carthy of the Philomena Catholic cathedral. The Catholic church is rich in historical interest. From it sprang all the Christian denominations and to it the world must turn when in search of interesting facts concerning the early struggles with idolatry.

People who wish to be well informed upon the subject of early Christianity cannot afford

to neglect a very careful study of the rites and ceremonies of the Catholic church and its many beautiful church services. Writers do not agree, writes the reverend father, with regard to the origin of the word "mass." Some say it comes from the Hebrew word massah, a debt; others that it is the Greek myesis, invitation; others that it comes from an old word common in northern Ferres means word common in northern Europe, mes or messe, a feast or banguet. From this word come the English words Christmas, Michael-mas and many others, used to describe the old feasts of the English church before the reformation. Many good authorities agree that the word mass comes from the custom that prevailed in the church in the early centuries of dismissing the catechumens, the Jews, gentiles and strangers before the consecration. These were permitted to be pres-ent till the effectory when a deacon would

ent till the effectory when a deacon would cry out: "If a catechumen be present, let him go out." The people were dismissed at the end of the service by the deacon singing: "Go, the dismissal is at hand." The word "Go, the dismissal is at hand." The word dismissal in Latin was "Missa," and as in the early ages of the church the people kept all their services secret, they used to say: "Is the Missa said yet;" that is to say: Have the people been sent away yet! In time they became accustomed to call the great sacrifice the "Missa." From this expression came the latin word "missa" and the English "mass." The Greek fathers of the durch 'mass.' The Greek fathers of the church called it differently; The Mystagogia, the Synoxis, the Anaphora, the Eulogia, the Hierurgia, the Mysterion, the Deipuon, the Teleion, the Agathon, the Prosphora and the

In the Catholic church, Latin and Oriental, the mass is held and believed to be the continuation and application in a symbolical and mystic manner of the sacrifice on the cross. At the present day the mass is cele-brated in nine different languages, viz.: in Latin. Greek, Syriac, Chaldaic, Schavonic, Wallachian, Armenian, Coptic and Ethiopic. Latin is the language of the mass in the en-tire west and in a few places in the east and has been so without change from the beginning of the western churcu.

Greek is the language used in the mass by the Uriat or Melchite catholics of the east. These catholics are to be found in Syria, Jerusalem, Russia, in the Kingdom of Greece, in Italy, and in several places of Europe. They comprise the Mingrelians, Georgians, Bulgarians, Muscovites and others. Mass is said in Syriae by the Maronites of Mount Lebanon and the Syrian Melchites of the east. It is the liturgical language of all the places where the liturgy of St. James is used as the norma.

Chaldiac is the language of the mass with the Babylonian Catholics, who are chiefly converts from Nestoranism. These people inhabit principally Mesopotamia, Ar-menia and Kurdistan. Sclavonic is the mass language of the Catholics of Istria, Liburnia and the coast of

ancient Dalmatia. It is the liturgical language of all in union with Rome who belong to the Sclavonic nation. Wallachian has been in use in the mass by the Wallachians since the seventeenth century. Armenian is the liturgical language of all who are called by that name in the east today. They inhabit Armenia proper, or the modern Turkoman, who are found also throughout Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Turkey, Georgia, Greece, Africa, Italy and Russia. Coptic is the language used at mass by the Christians along the Nile. Ethiopic is the liturgical language of the modern Abyssinians. None of these liturgical languages is the vernacular of the people who use it. In avery case the people who use it. In every case the lan-It was found necessary in the the people. It was found necessary in the case of the Coptic language used in the liturgy to print it in Arabic characters so that it might be pronounced by the clergy.

A very interesting study is that of the A very interesting study is that of the obes or vestments worn by a priest when he celebrates mass. They are almost all relies or reproductions of the apparel in common use when Christianity first appeared in the Roman world. Each vestment also conveys to the devout and instructed Catholic a meaning and reference to some doctrine or act in the life of the Savior. Besides the cassock, the priest in celebrating mass wears six vestments, viz., the amice, the alb the rirdle, the maniple, the stole and the chasu-

The amice, so-called from the Latin "amic-The amice, so-called from the Latin "amicire," to clothe or cover, is a rectangular piece of linen about three feet long and two feet wide. It has a string at each of its two upper corners, by which to fasten it on the shoulders of the wearer. In early days the amice served as a covering for the head and neck. In the tenth Christian century it gave place to the exclusivative or or gave place to the ecclesiastical cap, or beretta. The mystical meaning of the amice may be gathered from the prayer which the priest recites when putting it on. "Place upon my head, O Lord! the helmet of salva-tion for repelling the attacks of the lyie one."

The second vestment is the alb, so-called from its white color. It is a loosely-fitting garment of pure linen, entirely enveloping the body and fastened at the neck by means the body and fastened at the neck by means of a string. Priests of the Latin church put on the alb with the prayer, "Purify me, O Lord! and make clean my heart, that washed in the blood of the Lamb, I may possess eternal joy." In the Russian church the prayer is, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, Who clothed me in the garment of salvation."

The cincture is the third vestment used. It is of as high antiquity as the alb, which it

is of as high antiquity as the alb, which it always accompanies, its chief, in fact, its only office, being to keep that garment in its pro per place on the person of the wearer. The prayer used in putting it on is, "Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and extin-guish in my loins the heat of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide in me.

The maniple is the fourth article which

the priest vests himself with. It is a small strip of precious cloth of the same material as the stole and chasuble, having the crosses embroidered upon it—one in the middle and one at each end of its extremities. It is worn over the left wrist, to which it is fast-ened either by a pin or a string. Its whole length is generally about two feet and its breadth about four inches. When fastened on it nangs equally on both sides. Originally it was intended solely for wiping the perspi-ration from the face of the wearer and drying the hands so that the sacred vestments might not be soiled. In fact, it served in every way as a handkerchief, as we see from what the ancients have written about it. Thus Alcuin in the ninth century speass of it as follows: "The little handkerchief which is worn on the left hand, wherewith we wipe off the moisture of the eyes and nose, designates the present life, in which we suffer from superflows humors." The maniple is put on with the following prayer. "May I put on with the following prayer, "May I deserve, O Lord! to bear the maniple of weeping and sorrow, in order that I may joy-fully reap the reward of my labors." The mystical meaning, then, of the maniple is that it reminds the priest of the trials and troubles of this life, and the reward that awaits him if he bears them in a Christian-like manner.

like manner.

The stole ranks fifth amongst the vestments, It is a long band of cloth, of the same width as the maniple, but about three times its length. It is worn around the neck and

its length. It is worn around the neck and crossed on the breast, in which position it is kept by the "cincture." It is universally admitted that originally the stole was very similar to the acb, and covered the entire person. The prayer used in vesting with the stole is as follows: "Restore to me, O Lord! the stole of immortality which I lost through the transgression of my first parents and though transgression of my first parents, and though I approach unworthily to celebrate Thy sacred mystery, may I merit nevertheless eternal

Many of the Angle-Saxon stoles and mani ples had little bells of sliver and gold attached to them, which made a most agreeable, deli-

cate sound whenever the sacred minister

The chasuble, so called from the Latin The chasuble, so called from the Latin "casula," a little house, is the last in the catalogue of sacred vestments. According to its ancient form it enveloped the entire person of the priest, leaving nothing but the head visible. Hence, the word "chasuble," a little house. In its present disposition it is open at both sides, and as it rests on the priest it reaches down in front to about the knees, and a few inches further behind

Its material must be of precious cloth, such as brocade, silk or the like; and its color one of the five mentioned in the rubrics, viz: White, red, violet, green or black. The prayer used in the vesting with the chasuble is as follows: "O Levi, who hast said My yoke is sweet and My burden light, grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace." In its figurative signification the chasuble is emblematic of charity on account of its cover-ing the entire -person, as charity ought to cover the soul The mass, which is the most ancient form

of Christian worship and the form followed by the vast majority of Christians, east and west, at the present day offers many points of interest to the curious student. It abounds in antique ceremonies and

dramatic episodes. It is in fact a dramatic representation of the death of the Savior on the cross.

Pastors in Sore Distress. Many of the Christian ministers laboring in the drouth-distressed portions of the west are just now undergoing the most severe trial of their lives thus far. Some of the churches in eastern Nebraska began some months since to provide the means of sup-port for those pastors whose people are left destitute by reason of crop failure. So long as the contributions were sent to the drouth stricken regions by the churches and general donations, the pastors who were in need were free to receive a reasonable share of the pro-visions, but since the support has begun to be mostly supplied by the state, the ministers do not feel like asking for a por-tion of the assistance thus furnished, and many of them are looking full in the face of actual want. Here seems to be an opportunity for some very practical home missionary work and church people in east-ern Nebraska and in other states where there is plenty are beginning to awaken to the gravity and importance of the situation. Many of these pasters could pick up and leave the country until the earth again re-sponds to the tell of the husbandman, but it sponds to the toil of the hisbandman, but it would be a very great privation for the people who have been left destitute by the drouth to be deprived of hearing the gospel during the long, gloomy months of waiting for better times. The faithful, courageous minister of the gospel will not forsake his people so long as he can get a crust of bread and clothing enough to protect him from the nipping freets of winter. The him from the nipping frosts of winter. The Methodist church, which is always pushing out along the frontier of civilizatian, has out along the frontier of civilizatian, has many ministers in western Nebraska just now in great need of the most ordinary comforts of life, and a special appeal will be made to many of the churches in eastern Nebraska for assistance which must be supplied very soon or many of the pastors on the frontier will be obliged to leave their fields of labor in order to provide for themselves and their families.

Church Notes.

families.

Rev. C. W. Merrill of Michigan, formerly superintendent of missions in the Congregaonal churches of Nebraska, began a series of revival meetings in York to continue two weeks. He will hold similar meetings at Ashland, Fremont and Kearney, staying two weeks at each place.

The Congregational churches of Omaha will hold a union communion service on Good Friday. This is the first meeting of the kind ever held by the Congregational churches of

The Young Peoples' Social club of St. Mary's avenue Congregational church held two special Ash Wednesday services last Thursday and Friday evenings and the meetings will probably be continued this week Mrs. E. B. Haynes has returned from Chicago where she spent last week inspecting the Methodist deaconess hospital with a view of getting approved ideas for a similar in-stitution to be established here next month. In Chicago the lady was the guest of Mr. and

Mrs. Thomas J. Staley of La Salle avenue, former residents of Omahae former residents of Omaha.

The entertainment at the First Methodist church last Tuesday night was a decided success. The address by Bishop Newman upon Japan was brief but very interesting. Rev. Merrill also spoke earnestly and entertainingly. The exhibition illustrating the manners, customs and costumes of the Japanese was excellent. The programme of the evening was closed by the serving of refreshments. This part of the entertainment was especially pleasing by reason of the fact that the young ladies who served were Japanese costumes.

Japanese costumes, It will be eight years tomorrow since Rev Willard Scott began the work of the pastorate at the St. Mary's avenue Congregational church. The church began with nothing at the time Rev. Scott came, and it is now the largest Congregational church in point of membership in the state. It has 366 members. membership in the state. It has 366 members. There are but two other pastors in Omaha who have been here as long as Rev. Scott. They are Rev. W. J. Harsha and Rev. Williams. In the Congregational church there are but two who have been in the work at one place longer than Rev. Willard Scott. They are Rev. Louis Gregory of Lincoln and Rev. M. P. Harrison of Scribner.

The last monthly report of General Secre-tary Hazelton of the Omana Young Men's Christian association contained some very encouraging features. There has been a couraging features. There has been a rapid increase in the attendance upon the Sunday afternoon meetings. The average for December and January was 212, being double the number of the corresponding months of last year. The month of Janu ary alone showed an average of 256, which was the highest in the history of the association with the exception of one month when Evangelist Bitler was in Omaha. There were 115 additions to the association during the months of December and January. This speaks well for the work of Mr. Heisenbuttle, the membership secretary.

The general secretarys' conference at Nebraska City last Friday was well attended. Messrs. Heisenbuttle, Brookner and Hazleton went from the Omaha association.

John R. Hague of the international committee will arrive in Omaha within a week or two for the purpose of assisting in raising the indebtedness on the Omaha Young Men's Christian association.

There was a very enjoyable concert at the United Presbyterian church in Kountze place last Friday night. The chorus class of the church, assisted by Miss Clarkson and Dr. and Mrs. Eddy, sang the well-known production, "Under the Palm," in a very creditable manner. roaditable manner.

Rev. Charles G. Sterling, who has! been doing missionary work at Pine Ridge agency, S. D., has been called to the pastorate of the Lowe avenue Presbyterian church. Rev.

Sterling is said to be a young man of excellent ability and of much spiritual zeal and en-ergy. Prof. A. C. Ong has been elected as chorister.

The Woman's Board of Missions of the In-

terior, an organization connected with the Congregational church, is making a strong effort to induce the congress of the United States to take some actions toward prohibiting the exportation of intoxicating liquors to uncivilized foreign countries. A committee has been sent to Washington to petition con-gress with regard to the matter. At a meet-ing of the board held at Kansas City a series of resolutions were adopted reciting the de-plorable effects of liquor drinking in the half civilized countries and islands of the sea and beseeching congress to consider ways and means by which the United States might prevent the exportation of liquor to the half civilized countries beyond and the islands in the midst of the sea. The meeting to be hild in the First Presby-terian church of this city next Tuesday by the leading ministers of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and Dakota will be of much

Kansas, Colorade and Dakota will be of much importance, not only to the Presbyterian church but to Omaha. The object is to consider the advisability of planting a theological seminary in Omaha. The institution if established here will be the leading school of the kind west of Chicago. The Presbyterian church has a school in Chicago, the McCormick seminary, which has property worth \$2,000,000. The school to be established here will be the only great seminary established by the Presbyterian church west of Chicago and will draw to its support from a very wide scope of territory. It is understood that valuable donations of lands have already been offered for the site ands have already been offered for the site of the seminary, and a good deal of work has been done on the quiet which will be brought to the surface when the ministers meet next week. The college element is lacking in Omaha, and the establishment of a few good educational institutions here would be of in-calculable benefit to every grade of society, and give the city a good standing abroad.

TRAVELS BY LAND AND SEA.

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Evangelist Moody says that those who say they will forgive but can't forge an injury simply bury the hatchet while they leave the handle out, ready for immediate use. Canon Scott Robertson has figured up the

money given and bequeathed to foreign mis-sions in the British islands during the year 1889, and finds the sum to be \$6,506,530. The Protestant Episcopal church has 4,163 clergy, 299 candidates for orders, 2,330 parishes and missions and 508,292 communications. cants. The number of baptisms last year was 61,665, of which nearly 47,000 were in-fants. The contributions for the year were

The Methodist Episcopal church, south, has adopted the Epworth league as its denominational young people's society. The young people of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist church of Canada and Methodist Episcopal church, south, are now enlisted under one denominational banner. Rev. Henry C. Swentzel, rector of St Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Scran

ton, Pa., has been named by the house of bishops of the church as missionary bishop to Japan. If Mr. Swentzel accepts the call he will be required to five in Toxio. He is a young man and has been rector of St. Luke's for five years. The returns of the vote of the presbyteries in answer to the overture for the general as sembly, establishing the office of deacones in the churches, come in slowly. At present the majority of the presbytenes voting have declared in favor of the deaconess. But im-

portant presbyteries have voted very de-cidedly in the negative, After hesitating more than a year the vestry of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church of Pittsburg, Pa., decided to accept the legacy of \$1,000,000 bequeathed it by the late John H. Schoenberger of New York, who gied leaving an estate worth several millions He made the bequest conditional that Trin-ity's pews be free and prayer service be held twice daily within her walls.

Bishop Ignacio Montes de Oca, the probable successor of Archbishop Lubastida of Mexico, just deceased, was another friend of the unfortunate Emperor Maximilian, who appointed him honorary chaplain in 1896. He is a Mexican by birth, was educated in England and Mexico, served in his priestly capacity in an English purish for a short period and is widely known in Europe for his scholarship. He is about fifty years old.

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Lawyer M. V. Gannon received by express from Minden, Ia., on Tuesday last, a hand-some English mastiff in Ben Butler, A. K. C. The kennel club was wise in its selection of its presiding officer at their last meeting, inasmuch as he was a newspaper mane, and his name is Barney Gordon, alias the GenUNDAY TO-NIGHT ONLY SUNDAY J. C. STEWART'S Enmous, Funny Comedy Concelt,

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