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CLOSING OUT SALE!

Other interests have induced us to close out our business in Clarendon. We wish to close out our entire stock by next Jan. 1st. To enable us to do this, we offer all goods in the house at a great sacrifice. Following are a few prices: Any and everything in the house will be sold at the same proportionat sacrificial price;

One-fourth of the price of all of our clothing. We have the finest line of clothing in town for men and boys. Suits and Odd pants. All at 25 per cent. discount.

"Par Excellence" \$15.00 suits at \$11.25
 All our men's 13.50 do 9.40
 do 10.50 do 7.50
 do 8.50 do 6.40
 do 6.00 do 4.50
 All our boys 5.00 do 3.75
 do 4.00 do 3.00
 do 3.50 do 2.65
 do 2.50 do 1.90
 do 1.50 do 1.15
 All calicos 5c, 6c, and 7c qualities at 4c a yard.

All odd pants at the same figures. Large Double Breasted all wool ulster overcoats, cheap at \$10.00 for \$7.50. All other overcoats in the same proportion.

Florsheim's \$5 shoes at \$4.15,
 Sewab Bros \$4 shoes at \$3.20.

All our \$3.50 Shoes, men and ladies at \$2.80
 do 300 do do 235
 do 250 do do 195
 do 200 do do 155
 do 175 do do 140
 do 150 do do 120
 do 125 do do 105
 do 175 Shoes, children's 140
 do 150 do do 120
 do 125 do do 105
 do 100 do do 80
 do 75 do do 55
 do 60 do do 45

Selz best hand-made Boots \$6 values at \$4.85
 do Texas steer Boots \$5 do 4.15
 Morocco Top do \$4 do 3.20
 All our \$3.50 Boots at 2.80
 do 3.00 do 2.35
 do 2.50 do 1.95
 do 1.50 do 1.20

Full stock of Men's dress shirts; over-shirts, Negligee shirts, neckwear, gloves, hosiery, blankets quilts, trunks, valices all will go at the closing out price.

Wright's Health underwear for men, the best \$1.25 value at \$1.
 Wool Fleece underwear \$1.00 values at 80cts
 Heavy do do 75cts do 55cts
 All wool do do \$1.25 do \$1.00
 Natural do do \$1.00 do 80cts
 do do 75cts do 55cts

All slippers at half price, All summer underwear at half price.

Ladies Union suits \$1.00 values at 80cts
 do do 75cts do 55cts
 do do 50cts do 35cts
 do Fleece vests 75cts do 55cts
 do do 50cts do 35cts
 do do 35cts do 25cts

All summer vests half price

Ladies capes, dress skirts and under-skirts all go at one-fourth off.
 Values \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25
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OUR WORST ENEMY.

A Sad Story.

It was while I was on my second charge as a minister that I got acquainted with an old man who related the following incident in his life to me:

He said, "I easily learned to drink by keeping company with young men of bad habits. At first I thought it smart and genteel and occasionally I would get on a spree, but," said he, "I still felt no alarm as to my becoming a drunkard. I afterwards fell in love with a young lady and of course I sobered up and quit my bad habits and my friends and the young lady thought I was a changed man. Soon we were married and for a time all went well, I bought me a small farm near the town of V—and for a while I made money but I soon fell in with the drinking crowd and drifted back in the same old rut, only that I went from bad to worse. At the end of thirteen long weary years I had broken the heart of my poor wife, alienated all my friends, and had lost the confidence and respect of all. We now had 4 children and my wife with the assistance of the two elder children had to make the most of the living, while I spent my time in town at the saloon. She and the children with the assistance of a kind neighbor this year had managed to plant twelve acres in cotton and assisted by the children and neighbors had managed to cultivate the same. As it happened cotton did well that year and sold for a good price, and, it was with high hopes wife and the children

had picked out three bales by Dec. 15. I borrowed a wagon and team and told my wife I would take it to Fort Worth and sell it and bring back some provisions and clothes for the winter, and I said I will bring back some Christmas presents and shoes for the Children." He said, "I shall never forget the pitiful picture as I was ready to start, it was a cold morning, wife was thinly clad and the little bare feet of the children were blue with cold and wife said as she told me good by, 'Robert hurry back and don't get the things for the children and don't'—here her eyes filled with tears and she could say no more. I left determined to do all I had promised and return a sober man, I reached Ft. Worth next evening and drove on the square and soon sold the cotton but I was cold and thought I would take just one drink as a saloon stood near. I then drove to the wagon yard put up my team and started up town to purchase the things. I passed a saloon and took another dram, and to make a long story short, I was soon drunk and knew nothing more until I awoke next morning without a cent. I went down and told my story to the wagon yard master and he allowed me my wagon and team and so I started home. As I neared home my heart got heavy. How could I meet my disappointed wife and children, but soon I came in sight and I saw the children coming to meet me, all but my oldest daughter who had taken sick the day I left. As they drew near with their bare feet that cold frosty morning it was more than I could bear and I fell back in the wagon and wept. In a few words I soon told them all. I shall never forget that hour.

My little sick girl wept bitterly. Next morning she was dilerious and continued to talk of my return and the presents. She lin-airs, and were well died. I taking in \$37. "w" to those dark days," said he "without an awful shudder. My little boy soon fell sick from exposure and followed his sister." Here his voice changed and he could say no more, and his wife said: "Husband, one thing, you have never been drunk since." "No," said he, "and by the grace of God, I never shall, but," said he "wife those two little graves on the hillside will haunt me as long as I live." I often visited their home and this man would say to me, "Brother fight the saloon and whiskey as long as you live.

Strong Utterances.

The Christian world is United against the greatest evil of earth. We give below from the New Voice a few of the resolutions of some of these bodies.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 24.—At the recent session of the Iowa Synod of the Presbyterian church the following strong utterance upon the liquor question was adopted:

In view of the silence of the pulpit, the press and the political party platforms on the subject of temperance; the apathy of the Christian public; the tremendous effort of the saloon power to obtain hold on the state, the church and the home; the contemptuous defiance of Christian sentiment as evidenced in the treatment accorded our hundred of petitions sent to legislative and executive officers, and the insult offered to the intelligence of the Christian public involved in candidacy for the high office of

United States senator of two men, one or other of whom seems to be regarded as sure of election, and one of whom once betrayed his own party in order to compass the destruction of the prohibition law, and the other has always been closely identified with the liquor interests; therefore,

"Resolved, that all our pulpits thunder against this iniquity. That all our people should refuse to line up among the friends of the saloon. That we urge the people of our synod to use all lawful endeavor, both by word and deed, both at the primary and ballot box, to transform Christian government. That we hereby serve notice on all officers who fail to give account to the Christian public as well as to the saloon power."

Grant Park, Ill. Oct. 30.—In publishing the numerous resolutions of conferences and synods upon the liquor question, the utterances of the Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church should not be forgotten. In addition to the hearty endorsement of the strong stand of that in other years, the conference passed the following: "That we will, as servants of God and enemies of sin, conscientiously vote against the saloon.

"That, believing the saloon can never legally exist without sin, we hereby pledge that in future we will refuse to support candidates and political parties who do not place themselves on record against the liquor traffic, or who compromise with the terrible evil for revenue. "That we hereby authorize the Presiding Bishop of this Conference, in its behalf, to appeal to president McKinley to carry Section 17 of "Army reorganization Law" in-

to full force and effect, in accordance with its natural meaning and the intent of Congress, by issuing an order." Commanded in chief of the army and navy suppressing all liquor selling on all premises used for military purposes by the United States, at least until the opinion of the Attorney General can be finally tested by the courts."

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 27.—At the great Jubilee convention of the Disciples of Christ, recently held in this city, at which there was an attendance of about 20,000, resolutions were passed declaring the continued relentless hostility of that church to the liquor traffic and advocating Prohibition. The canteen was also severely denounced. These resolutions passed unanimously, and arrangements were made to have them transmitted to the proper authorities. Their reading was greeted with loud applause, and the delegates seemed to be tremendously in earnest. A great many of the ministers in this church are strong, voting Prohibitionists, especially the younger ones. Two of our candidates for vice-president have belonged to it, John A. Brooks and Hole Jonson. Also the indomitable and hustling O. W. Stewart is one of its preachers.

Arlington, Iowa, Oct. 26.—The Iowa Conference of the United Brethren Church recently held in this city was strong in its condemnation of the glaring subserviency of President McKinley's administration to the liquor traffic and denounced the army saloon in ringing terms. The following are portions of its resolutions:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this body that an awakening is most urgently needed in this (Continued on 4th page.)

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A Champion Liar.

Many of our readers, at first, will not be in a position to appreciate this article, but it explains itself.

A few weeks ago the editor of the Hall County Herald published a short article in which he thought to injure both this paper and myself. We replied to the article in some plain words and he now devotes considerable space in another article to which this is a reply. Many may think this language hard, but if they knew the character of the man with whom we are dealing they would change their minds.

The first article contained two malicious falsehoods, but we will number them in the last.

He says the "article was a news item only." This is lie (No. 1.) Those who read the article knows that after making the slanderous statements he proceeded to comment on both myself and the Agitator.

In reply to his writing us up and refusing to send us a copy which any gentleman would have done, he says, "The Agitator has persistently tried to exchange with the Herald since it started but we have absolutely refused. This is (lie No. 2.)

We here quote from the 4th number of the Agitator which shows on the contrary that we refused and the Herald wrote us up for it: "We appreciate the many compliments given the Agitator by our exchanges but we have been shown one exception. A little two-bit arrangement is mad because we did not exchange. We beg pardon. We were not aware that the thing was in print, and as to the dirty fling made at the Agitator, we must say please excuse us as we can't afford to chnck every dog that barks at us, neither is it our custom to throw at skunks." Now, this was this same contemptible our complaining that we would not exchange, and yet, in the face of the facts he says he refused. Next he says, "There has never been an issue of the Herald in the past eight years that has not advocated pure democracy." (Lie No. 3.) He has always stood in where he could get the most money. He advocated and supported the populist ticket in the last election and all his readers know it.

He says this preacher endorsed his principles and position in political matters." Lie (No. 4.) We did nothing of the kind. If a man is a democrat let him be one; if a populist, then support the ticket. We despise a turn coat and coward. All the men elected may be good men for ought we know but the one we commended is a populist while this liar claims to be a democrat.

As to endorsing his principles he has none; he is as destitute of principle as a suck-egg hound.

Again he says, "We have stood for honesty, morality and the upbuilding of schools (Lie



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JOHN T. SIMS.

No. 5.) When? Where? Produce the article. No sooner did the Agitator begin its fight against saloons than this vulture began to spew out epithets against us, and when he wrote this last article he sent sample copies to the enemies of religion in this town and to the saloons. This is she way he upholds more als.

We were told by a Baptist minister that during the Baptist association at Memphis a collection was taken for the Buckner Orphans Home, and that this brute stood on the street corners and bitterly condemned this noble institution. Hear this you Baptists.

"The Agitator, no such a name would ever have been suggested by an American citizen. (Lie No. 6.) One of the best papers in the United States is the Wisconsin Agitator. It is a Prohibition paper, that's the treuble, but as to our citizenship we were born and raised in Texas. We are not of that Mongrel breed in which this razor back hog is listed. No wonder this varmint objects to Agitation it shows up just such things as he is. He objects to turning on the light of course.

He refer to a matter we wrote up which happened here some time ago and says it was us that heard and saw through the key hole, etc. (Lie No. 7.) We heard and saw nothing of the kind as every one here knows. We bitterly condemned those concerned. We suppose this dirty coward supposed we were made of the same kind of material as himself. We have no doubt but he could listen to the cries of innocency and never reach out a hand to help. He can lie on preachers and would slander an Arch Angel if he had a chance.

He also tries to advise the Methodist church. When the Methodist church needs a guardian we want one that's white.

He slurs the church with this language: "The Methodist sewer gas at Clarendon." Hear that, you Methodists who take this filthy sheet, and this is not the only slur he makes at the church. A true Christian should never allow the dirty thing to enter his home again. There

was no cause for this but the devil possessed him, so he could not keep it back.

He then tries to compare himself with others. We must beg the pardon of the public for the notoriety we have given this skunk. We have had several controversies through the paper, but heretofore it has been with gentlemen, this is the first time with a razor back hog, but the thing had to be did.

Our Hog Again.

The editor of the Hall county Herald rejoices that he has assisted in his count in "dethroning a gang of toughs, who might bankrupt the county." This is hard language. We wonder what the people of Hall county think of this statement. Some of these men referred to we know, such as T. B. Gardner, and others. We know them to be gentlemen and the above to be another one of Johnson's lies (No. 8.) Not a one of these men referred to as toughs and treasury looters," is capable of telling eight lies in as short an article as he did.

Our Razor Back Again.

"Considerable stir has been raised in Clarendon for several months by a skunk getting into the Southern Methodist pulpit ***** until they have had to forego attending church in that place. The whole town has been trying to get rid of the pole cat, etc.

The above, taken from the Hall County Herald will give the people some idea of our reason for writing the article headed "The Champion Liar." This depraved wretch would not dare make such a statement in Clarendon unless in the saloon where he sends his paper.

If the Herald man had the same reputation for truth and veracity away from home that he has at home, it would be unnecessary for us to make any reply to his statements, but as he is not so well known we are compelled to say that this statement, like all his other statements, is a lie, (No. 8.)

All this write-up is because we oppose saloons, gambling, and its attendant evils. We

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LOCAL NEWS.

Builder's material at Anderson's

J. L. Oliver of Whitefish is off on a business trip to Texarkana.

Robt. Sawyer is having a brick foundation put under his residence.

See those durable Haviland sets at Nelson & Co's.

Claude Ayers last week moved his dwelling from the north side to lots just in front of the district parsonage.

All kinds of second hand goods bought and sold at Hill & Decker.

Luther Hall of Wheeler county was visiting friends in Clarendon this week.

Second hand stoves at Hill & Decker's, anything from a rusty nail to a highly polished parlor stove.

M. W. Boyd has sold his residence to J. L. Smedes. Mr. Boyd will continue to occupy it however.

Oil paintings and all kinds of pictures framed to order at Hill & Decker's.

The Woman's Home Mission society will hold a business meeting at the church next Friday evening at 4 p. m.

If you believe in patronizing home people, why not place your life and accident insurance with home instead of traveling agents who represent the same companies.

Mr. Arch Ward and Master Joe returned last week from a 3 weeks visit to relative in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

Second-hand goods as good as new and cheaper than at Hill & Decker's.

P. A. Buntin has purchased the interest of his partner, V. S. Terry, in the Clarendon Livery Stable for \$2200.

The storm season is here. A. M. Beville writes Tornado Insurance.

Leave your order for Star Bread at Anderson's

Mrs. Crawford, late of Tarrant county will this week occupy the dwelling she recently purchased in the south part of town.

Star Bread fresh every morning at six o'clock at Anderson's.

W. T. White returned last Saturday from a two month's trip covering northwest part of the Panhandle, part of New Mexico and part of Oklahoma.

Accidents do happen. If you want accident insurance see A. M. Beville.

Mrs. S. P. Gray left last Thursday night for Colorado City, Colo., where her husband is employed on the Colorado Southern railway.

We have our Dry Goods and Shoes arranged so that we can show them. We give a cordial invitation to one and all to call and inspect our stock. No trouble to show goods.

Hoffer & Noland.

Someone has circulated the report in a certain community in Donley county that the Epworth League in Clarendon had solemnly resolved that young people ought to dance more. Of course this lie was conceived for a purpose, but some will believe it and others will continue to circulate it for effect.

Mrs. R. D. Doak and son, Master Hugh, of Washburn spent part of last week here visiting her brother. T. J. Noland and family and her son and daughter who are students at Clarendon College.

Rev. C. S. McCarver of Amarillo attended the quarterly entertainment at Clarendon College last Friday night and spent Saturday visiting his daughter, Miss Irene a student at Clarendon college.

We have moved into our new building on the corner of First and Kearney streets and are filled up with furniture and china-ware. We have the largest stock of new and substantial furniture, in new designs, natural wood, walnut and ash, and the nicest most complete stock of china-ware in Clarendon. Our new building will soon be completed, and will have one of the most roomy and nicely arranged buildings in town. Come and see us, our prices are right.

Nelson & Co.

Rev. Paul Bently of Emma circuit, and Rev. R. A. Hall of Memphis spent last Sunday in Clarendon and worshiped with the congregation at the Methodist church.

August Williams who enjoys the distinction of having the only brick dwelling in Clarendon is building a 5 room brick addition to his dwelling.

Wint Bairfield of Armstrong county has purchased the Joe Beaty place seven miles southwest from Clarendon and is building a comfortable residence there and will occupy it with his family.

W. Smith is moving a house from the country to a lot just west of his residence. It will be for rent when completed.

Notice.

I will be absent from the 14th to the 21st attending the session of the Northwest Texas conference at Cleburne. Parties having insurance or other business with me will please see my nephew, Mr. J. T. Patman, at I. E. Jones' grocery store, who will attend to all matters for me.

A. M. BEVILLE, Ins. Agt.

C. W. Ryan of Miami, Texas has purchased the residence of W. J. Atterberry in the north east part of town and just across the street from his brother, J. W. Ryan and will shortly move his family here. Clarendon is attracting some excellent people who are buying property and locating permanently. We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. Ryan and his family.

Subscribe for the Agitator.

We have received quite a number of subscribers this week, and we appreciate the many friends of the paper and we want to ask you to show the paper to your friends and ask them to subscribe. We believe it is the best paper for the money in the state and while its enemies are outspoken its friends are often silent. We will send sample copies to any one desiring them. Send us the name and office of those you think would become subscribers and we will send them a sample copy.

Drs. Winn and White attended the Panhandle Medical Association, which met at Quanah Monday. The Association is well organized and promises to be of great value to the Drs. and also the people. They report a good time. The Association meets here the 2nd Tuesday in Feb. next.

Presiding Elder Hardy preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The night service was a memorial service. The house was taxed to its utmost seating capacity, both in the morning and at the night service.

Revs. Hardy, Hall, Henson and Bentley left for Conference Tuesday morning.

The Young Ladies Home Mission society will have charge of the services at the Methodist church Sunday night. A program is being arranged and every body is invited to be present. There will be no preaching Sunday morning.

A. M. Beville is attending the meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference at Cleburne this week.

College Entertainment.

The first quarterly recital by the Music and Elocution classes of Clarendon College and University Training School was given last Friday night in the College chapel. The house was crowded and the renditions were excellent and every body seemed to enjoy the evening. After the recital a social hour was given, the rules being suspended and the young people had a good social time. The Woman's Home Mission

committee had continued to talk at the top of their voices, and were well patronized, taking in \$37, which will be used for supplying needed furniture.

Read Caldwell & Co. new ad and take advantage of the bargains offered.

If you trust in God and your self you can surmount any obstacle. Do not yield to restless anxiety. One must not always be asking what may happen to one in life, but he must advance fearlessly and bravely.—Prince Bismark.

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 church, and in all churches, to
 the great and glaring evils of our
 day and we feel it our duty be-
 fore God, to lift up a standard
 against them and to cleanse
 ourselves from any of them, and
 to preach against them. That we
 especially condemn the course of
 the National Administration in its
 tolerance of the army canteen,
 that is such a source of debauch-
 ery and ruin of so many of our
 young and patriotic sons who
 have left their homes to fight
 their country's battles.

"That, unless the canteen is
 abolished before next election
 day, we pledge ourselves to re-
 fuse to vote for those who are
 responsible for its continuance
 and that we will urge our voting
 members to do like wise."

Rome and Marriage.

The church of Rome holds that
 all Protestants, indeed, all per-
 sons who have not been married
 by a priest, are living in adultery
 and that their children are born
 out of wedlock; if a marriage is
 a sacred compact for man and
 woman to enter into, and this
 compact is sacred enough to be
 solemnized by a priest, it must
 be a strange compact if it is not
 holy and good enough for a
 priest. When the time comes for
 me to publicly announce that the
 holy bonds of matrimony that
 my dear father and mother en-
 tered into is unclean and not
 good and sacred enough for a
 priest, then may the Lord that
 rules the Universe dry up every
 drop of vitality that is in my
 body."

Any one with common sense
 knows that there is nothing more
 liable to tempt man and woman
 to fall than familiarity, and fam-
 ilarity ripens quicker, and the
 heart more easily plucked when
 left alone to commune with one
 another, with the assurance that
 no human ear shall hear what is
 said. When one goes to a priest
 to confess, they are entirely
 alone, no ear is near to hear
 what is said. The husband can-
 not go with his wife. The moth-
 er cannot go with her precious
 young daughter. Christ said of
 husband and wife: "They are
 no more twain, but one flesh.
 What therefore God hath joined
 together let no man put asun-
 der." Romanism sets aside this
 command with many others.
 The priest comes between the
 man and his wife, between pa-
 rents and their children. As
 confessor the priest knows the
 secrets of a woman's soul: He
 hears whispered in his ear, by
 a young woman, her faults, her
 passions, desires, weakness, re-
 ceives her sighs without feeling
 agitated, and he five and twenty
 The confessional places the
 priest and penitent ear to ear,
 breath to breath, eye to eye."

One Sabbath afternoon, in
 Music Hall, a converted nun
 handed in this request: "Pray
 for my poor, benighted relations
 who are yet in the bonds of in-
 iquity and the gall of bitterness."
 "My poor little niece who is now
 in Boston, out of work, was pu-
 into a convent when three years
 of age, and has been since then
 the mother of two children before
 she was nineteen years of age,
 one living and one dead. She
 was living with a priest when
 these children were born; is now
 turned out upon the world, with-
 out work, without a home and
 can neither read or write."
 The above letter speaks for itself.
 "It is a custom for priest to

live with female house keepers,
 therefore we must keep our mouth
 shut." All true American citi-
 zens will say to the priest: "I
 keep all such customs in Rome,
 we are not ready to receive them
 in America. The celibacy of
 the clergy, in all its forms, is a
 variation from the Jewish theo-
 cracy delivered in the Old Testa-
 ment. The Jewish nation con-
 tained neither unmatrimonial
 priests nor cloistered nuns. The
 patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and
 Jacob were married. Moses, the
 celebrated legislator of Israel,
 was married, and had a family.
 The holy prophets of Palestine,
 such as Noah, Joseph, Samuel,
 David, Isaiah, and Ezekiel,
 formed this connection, and be-
 came the parents of sons and
 daughter. The Levitical priest-
 hood were allowed the same lib-
 erty." The Christian dispensa-
 tion affords express precept and
 example for the marriage of the
 clergy. Paul, addressing Timothy
 and Titus, represents the
 bishop as "the husband of one
 wife." The inspired penman
 also characterizes "forbidding
 to marry," as the doctrine of
 devils.

Yours praising the Lord for
 giving the American flag another
 victory. And crowning the
 American soldiers and sailors
 with everlasting glory. And
 for wiping away the tears
 of the natives of Cuba,
 Puerto Rico and the Phillipine
 Islands. The blood soaked soil
 of these Islands will forever hiss
 the name of Catholicism.

"How dare a priest to pollute our
 homes?
 How dare he set a snare
 And weave his meshes round
 Our wives and daughters fair."
 L. TOMME.

Seeking a Better Earth.

Do not be afraid of missing
 heaven in seeking earth. Be
 sure that down to the last and
 pettiest detail all that concern a
 better world is the direct con-
 cern of Christ.

Where are you to begin? Be-
 gin where you are. Make that
 one corner, room, house, office,
 as like Heaven as you can. Be-
 gin. Begin with paper on the
 walls, make that beautiful; with
 the air, keep it fresh; with the
 very drains, make them sweet;
 with the furniture, see that it be
 honest. Abolish whatsoever
 worketh abominations—in food,
 in drink, in luxury, in books,
 in art; whatsoever maketh a lie—
 in conversation, in social inter-
 course, in correspondence, in do-
 mestic life. This done, you
 have arranged for Heaven, you
 have not got it.

Heaven lies within a kindness,
 in humility, in unselfishness, in
 faith, in love, in service; to get
 these in, get Christ in. Teach all
 in the house about Christ—what
 He did and what he said, and
 how He lived and how He died,
 and how He dwells in them and
 how he makes all one. Teach it
 not as a doctrine, but as a dis-
 covery. Then pass out into the
 city. Do all to it that you have
 done at your home. Beautify
 it, ventilate it, drain it.

Let nothing enter it that can
 defile the streets, the newspaper
 offices, the booksellers' coun-
 ters; nothing that maketh a lie in
 its ware houses, its manufactur-
 es, its shops, its art galleries,
 its advertisements. Educate it,
 amuse it, church it. Christian-
 ize capital, dignify labor. Join
 councils and committees. Pro-
 vide for the poor, the sick and
 the widow. So will you serve
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