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THINKS CHURCH HYMN IMPIOUS.

University Chancellor Denounces "Oh to Be Nothing."

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, who is giving a course of lectures at the University of Chicago, has found a church hymn which he classes along with the one Professor Oscar L. Triggs discovered recently and declared unfit for Christian people to sing.

The particular hymn which Dr. Andrews has denounced is the one beginning "Oh, to Be Nothing, Nothing," and the reason he takes exception to it is that he thinks it impious and better suited to the Buddhist than the Christian.

Professor Andrews has been at the University only a few weeks, but it has been long enough for him to line with Professor Triggs on the church hymn question. It is not the doggerel, however, in the hymns that troubles Dr. Andrews.

It is rather the false sentiment and the wrong ideal which we see in hymns like the one mentioned.

Dr. Andrews freed his mind regarding the objectionable hymn in the weekly sermon which he preached before the students. He said: "One unhygienic form of speech which we often hear is the petition to have no wills. I have heard men say in prayer meeting that they wished they had no wills of their own. 'Oh to be nothing, nothing,' is a familiar song we often hear. What people really mean is that they want their wills to be co-ordinate with God's will but the language is awful.

"No true Christian really wants to be nothing. That is the regular and proper prayer of the Buddhist. Let us try to cultivate humility, but let us not, in the attempt, use any language that is impious and atheistic. We are not intended to be willess and soulless. We are called to be a personality in the likeness and image of God."

When They Meet.

The American and the Englishman say:

"How do you do?"

The German: "How do you find yourself?"

The Frenchman: "How do you carry yourself?"

The Italian: "How do you stand?"

The Spaniard: "Go with God, Senor!"

The Russian: "How do you live on?"

The Hollander: "Have you had a good dinner?"

The Chinese: "Have you eaten your rice?"

The Egyptian: "How do you perspire?"

The Mohammedan: "Peace be with you!"

The Persian: "May thy shadow never grow less."

The Burmese rub their noses against each other's cheek, exclaiming: "Give me a smell?"

Arabs of eminence kiss each other's cheeks and say: "God grant thee His favor and give health to thy family."

When They Part.

The American and the Englishmen say: "Good-bye."

The Frenchman: "Au revoir."

The Austrian: "Auf widersehen."

The German: "Lebe wohl."

The Turk solemnly crosses hands upon his breast and makes a profound obeisance.

The Russian form of parting salutation is brief, consisting of the single word "praschal," said to sound like a sneeze.

The genial Jap removes his slipper and says with a smile: "You are going to leave my despicable house in your honorable journeying—regard thee!"

The Hindoo falls in the dust at your feet.

The Fiji Islanders cross two feathers.

The Burmese bend low and say: "Hib! Hib!"

The South Sea Islanders rattle each other's whale necklace.

In the Philippines the parting benediction is bestowed in the form of rubbing one's friends face with one's hand.

Greatest Loss of Life at Sea.

The shipwreck in which the greatest number of lives was lost was that of the Royal George (108 guns) off Portsmouth on the 29th of August, 1782, when nearly 1,000 lives were lost. In the case of the wreck of the Queen Charlotte, a first-rate ship of the line, which was destroyed by fire on the 17th of March, 1800 off the harbor of Leghorn, 703 lives out of a total of 850 were lost, The St. George (98 guns), Defense (74 guns), and the Hero, were on the 24th day of December 1811, stranded on the coast of Jutland, and about 2,000 lives were lot, only 18 of the seamen being saved. In the case of the wreck of the Princess Alice, which was run into by the Bywell Castle in the Thames, near Woolwich, and sunk on the 3d of September, 1878, between 600 and 700 lives were lost. On the wreck of the White Star Company's steamer Atlantic, which struck on the Meagher Rock, about 560 lives were lost, while 442, including the captain, were saved.—*Tit-Bits.*

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HOW ABOUT DELMARVIA?

Proposed Name For a New State to Include Delawara and Peninsula.

(From the New York Sun)

Delmarvia is the odd name that some persons would bestow upon a hypothetical state of the American Union. A proposal to create such a State by the union of Delaware with the Eastern shore counties of Maryland and Virginia has been often discussed, usually with considerable interest and decided approval by the people of Delaware, occassionally with qualified approval by part of the people of Maryland most directly interested, never with either interest or approval by the Eastern Shormen of Virginia, and usually with unqualified disapproval by Virginia and Maryland

The calverts claimed under their original grant of nearly two and three-quarter centuries ago, not only the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but also the whole of what is now Delaware. They failed, however, after long litigation with the Penns, to make good their title to Delaware, and the order of the English court for a partition of the Peninsula between the litigants brought about the running of the most famous boundary in American history, Mason and Dixon's line.

Whenever the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland have felt themselves aggrieved, politically or otherwise, in their relations with their neighbors of the Western Shore some Eastern Shoremen have talked of the advantages of union with Delaware. Such was the condition of feeling on the Eastern Shore about 70 years ago that the Delaware Legislature sent to the Maryland Ligislature a proposal looking to a union with the Eastern Shore counties with Delaware, and a resolution for a reference of the question to the people of the Eastern Shore was carried through the lower House of Maryland and narrowly defeated in the Senate.

The subject was again much discussed, especially in Delaware, rather more than 20 years ago, and there has never been a time since when the question was not one of lively, if only academic interest, to Delaware. The Eastern Shore became somewhat interested in the matter again when at the election of Wellington to the Senate the historic right of that region to one of the Senators was ignored but the discussion at that time took on no great importance.

Were the suggested union of Delaware with the rest of the Peninsula brought about the resultant State would have an area of about 5000 square miles, considerably more than double that of Delaware, and a population of nearly 430,000. The State of Maryland would lose in population nearly 200,000 and the State of Virginia about 47,000, while Delaware would considerably more than double her population.

Rural Delaware and the Peninsula counties of Maryland and Virginia have a common English origin and a population almost exclusively native and of native ancestry. But Wilmington, which will soon include half the population of Delaware, has a large foreign element. Eastern Shore traditions also are more destinctly Southern and aristocratic than those of Delaware, and the strong Quaker element in northern Delaware has no counterpart on the Eastern Shore.

Delaware has always been a favorite to the proposed change because she has everything to gain by it, and the attempted purchase of a seat in the United States Senate by a wholesale bribery at the polls and bribery on a smaller scale in the Legislature has recently called the attention of the people of Delaware to the dangers that may beset a very small State.

Such a piecing together of fragments to form a State has not been known in recent American history, though such things happened in Colonial days, and a familiar provision of the Constitution seems to contemplate the possibility of future cases. Transfers of small areas from one State to another have been frequent in the settlement of boundary disputes and within a few years Pennsylvania formally recognized as Delaware territory a few square miles which had been in dispute for more than a century.

House Plants For the Winter.

The best time to get decorative plants to be grown indoors during the winter is early in September. At that season artificial heat and high moist temperature have been dispensed with, and plants are growing more naturally than at any other time during the year. There are but few which one can expect to grow well in the house in winter. The aspidistra is a plant which cannot be killed by ordinary neglect. Give it all the water it needs, an occassional application of fertilizer, and a resonable amount of light. The agave is a stately plant, and a well-grown specimen always attracts attention. For the hall it will be found as ornamental as a palm. Because of the semi-succulent nature of the foliage it will not require much water except when it is growing. Asparagus Sprengeeri is another plant which grows as well for the veriest amateur as it does for the owner of a greenhouse. Plant it in a soil of rich loam, and give it a liberal allowance of water when it needs it, a shady place to grow in, and a frequent shower-bath. Begonias are not often classed among the very robust plants, but there is one variety which I have always found to grow well under difficulties. This variety is B. argentea guttata. Give it a soil of sandy loam, well drained. Be careful not to oyerwater but shower it frequently.—Eben E. Rexford, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Proclamation.

WHEREAS, at the January Session in the year nineteen hundred of the General Assembly of Maryland, bills were passed proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State:

First.—By amending section 9 of Article 5, of the Constitution of the State.

Second.—By amending section 4 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State.

Third.—By amending section 2 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State, which said bills and amendments are in words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 185.

AN ACT to amend section nine, of Article 5, of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring,) That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 5, of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, herein and as by law provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of section nine of said Article.

SECTION 9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions or salary not exceeding three thousand dollars, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and if any State's Attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; provided that the State's Attorney for Baltimore city shall receive an annual salary of forty-five hundred dollars, and shall have power to appoint one deputy, at an annual salary not exceeding three thousand dollars, and such other assistants at such annual salaries not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars each, as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize and approve; all of said salaries to be paid out of the fees of the said State's Attorney's office, as has heretofore been practiced.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly, to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the direction contained in Article 14, of the Constitution; and at said election the vote on said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voter shall elect, and immediately after said election one return shall be made to the Governor of the vote on said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution.

Approved April 5, 1900.

CHAPTER 432.

AN ACT to amend section four, of Article 3, of the Constitution of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* (three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses concurring,) That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and instead of section four of Article 3, of said Constitution.

SECTION 4. As soon as may be after the taking and publishing of the National Census of 1900, or after the enumeration of the population of this State, under the authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit: Each of the several counties of the State, having a population of eighteen thousand souls or less, shall be entitled to two delegates; and every county having a population of over eighteen thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls, shall be entitled to three delegates; and every county having a population of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand souls, shall be entitled to four delegates; and every county having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to five delegates; and every county having a population of fifty-five thousand souls and upwards, shall be entitled to six delegates and no more; and each of the four legislative districts of the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to the number of delegates to which the largest county shall or may be entitled under the aforegoing apportionment, and the General Assembly shall have the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing legislative districts of the City of Baltimore, so

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of section one of Article fourteen of the Constitution of the State, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said bills proposing said Constitutional Amendments be published in at least two newspapers in each county where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election (which said general election will be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, nineteen hundred and one), at which the said proposed amendments shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection, so that each amendment shall be voted on separately.

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Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis on the 12th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and one.

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