

By MAT D. BLOSSER

A NEGRO COUNCILOR

A SENSATION OVER THE ELECTION IN BOSTON.

There are people who soon acquire grudges against those who help them.

There can be no true and abiding comfort and peace, that is not rooted and grounded in faith.

When a man says that nobody ever wishes he were dead, he is not advertising himself very well.

Money is one of the levers that moves the world, and it always moves in the right direction when a godly man controls it.

Very often when we think we are impressing people with our smartness, we are only making a reputation for being disagreeable.

The reckless and imprudent would soon be abandoned if their friends did not secretly hope that their stupidity in time reform and pay for favors received.

While the devil's messengers were telling Joe everything had been lost, the Lord's messengers were on the way to say that his gain had been a hundred percent.

There is said to be one party in Georgia—called—that did not participate in the late election, and the people living in it don't know yet what has happened. Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be.

Col. Ingersoll, owing to illness, was obliged to cancel several lectures, whereupon a St. Louis paper suggests that it would be well to send him some tracts, as there is little hope of saving him when he is well.

Another tariff war between Russia and Germany is among the early possibilities. Under the existing arrangement Russia, which has a great surplus of agricultural products to exchange for German manufactures, complains she is getting the worst end of the bargain and talks of placing a big tariff on imports from Germany.

It is much to be regretted that the United States has refused to buy Russian wheat and take more breadstuffs from the United States. Beneficial results from this might be offset by Russia's increased offerings of her own grain surplus in western Europe, affecting further competition for American grain.

The French convention decreed the adoption of the metric system, which contained a period of ten days—decade it was called—before the decree was published.

When the decree was published a witty man seeing that the division was far from convenient, said, "It's no good; it has two enemies who will never give in—the hand and the white shirt." The wit knew that the laboring class would not give in to the cost of successive days too many for them, but that their habit of shaving and putting on a clean shirt every day would eradicate. When Napoleon suppressed the metric system, he was told that the change cost with universal approval.

The best statements are not the result of chance as exemplified in the discovery of the planet Neptune, the fifth anniversary of which was recently celebrated in France. "Telescopes had long swept the sky without discovering this distant planet, but when astronomers noticed how Uranus wobbled in one part of his orbit and moved with irregularity in another, they knew there must be an attracting body that held him in check. Leverrier, therefore, after intricate calculations, wrote to the astronomer of the Berlin observatory, requesting him to point his telescope at a particular spot in the sky on the evening indicated, and said: "You will see a planet which I have not seen, and which my calculations have predicted. It will be on the 24th. No discovery that night an act of chance."

A New Jersey photographer has been taking pictures of a woman who is sighted with electricity. Whole blocks with houses and people on the street appear as distinctly as the photograph were taken in the daytime. Science seems to determine to make life unpleasant for the good citizen out for a large reward in high way robbery take snapshots at him on the dark streets and the amateur photographer on the lighted ones. He has the alternative of losing his pocket-book of reputation—or of remaining at home and being good.

Portsmouth, N. H., which is now projected, is to be fortified by a battery consisting of two eight-inch disappearing guns on New Castle Heights. Plans are also to be placed at Jerry's Point and on the lakes of the city. It would prevent any hostile ship from getting anywhere within firing range of the New Hampshire coast.

Uncle Sam is slow about paying his servants. Last week he paid \$12,000 to the 100,000 men who were in the army.

SPIRAL APPROACH.

Very Peculiar Structure Revealed at Hastings, Minn., in a town that boasts of a high water bridge, the first of its kind ever built in this country and probably the only one of its kind in the world. Its peculiar feature is the spiral approach at the south end. On account of the bridge being over a distance of 350 feet which is placed fifty-five feet above high water mark—

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IN WOMAN'S CORNER

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DANSELS.

It cannot be said that the book has come in again for it never went out, but it is a fashionable treatise.

It is a treatise on the art of making a dress, and it is a most interesting and useful one.

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SCIENTIFIC CORNER

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

Protection for the Motors on the Electric Car—A Device That Draws Almost Perfect Pictures—A Clock Gains Perpetual Motion.

With the approach of winter weather, attention is brought to the motor.

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IN AND ABOUT TOWN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1936.

Merry Christmas.

The banks will be closed Christmas.

Mack & Company have a new advertisement.

Mack & Company will close their store on Christmas.

There were surprised to find it 10° below zero this morning.

The Enterprise wishes its readers a very merry Christmas.

Remember the concert and supper at arbor hall next Wednesday evening.

Our merchants have very attractive show windows.

The baptist Sunday school expects to take a trip to St. Paul's next Tuesday.

There will be no Christmas services at either the Methodist or Baptist churches tomorrow.

The statements of the union savings bank and people's bank will be found in another column.

We hope every one of our readers will find more than a hole in his stocking.

The infirmarian Sunday school enjoyed a high tide and supper at J. F. Spauldine's last evening.

Get your stationary for 1937 at the Enterprise office. We have a good assortment to select from.

Two or three inches of snow fell Tuesday night, but melted away before the sun.

Old Santa Claus could not find just who his special children long for, at St. Nicholas', toys, candies, etc.

We have stacks of papers suitable for putting on party shelves, or under caps, at the Enterprise office.

The Village People did not do much sleigh riding Sunday. What's the matter with them?

Mack & Company have a very attractive window display. Santa Claus is getting to be an expert in that line.

Several of our village ladies have been invited to attend a party given by the Epworth League Dec. 27.

Services will be held at St. Mary's church Friday. Early mass at 6:00, high mass at 8:00.

The High School Entertainment. Last night, before the doors to the ballroom were opened last Friday night, people began to come into town and streets presented an animated appearance.

There was a wonderful display of plumage and those who could not get into the ballroom were going on the stage, because of the quantity of the birds in front of them.

Mrs. Olive Burton is spending the winter with relatives in Adira.

F. W. Scholander & Son have been giving their store a look over at night.

A young man named French has started a library about the school.

Mrs. F. E. Palmer of Ber-City has been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. C. Taylor, for a week.

Miss Betty and Beate Fry expect to spend Christmas with their grandparents.

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THE CARE OF BEES

Lady Jane is the owner of two fine colonies of bees that were presented to her during the present year.

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Notice to the Public. Advertisers wishing to change their advertisements, must get the copy to me...

Notice of church socials and meetings, free, but notices of any kind where a fee of admission is charged must be paid for the same as other business announcements.

Those having business at the probate court are requested to ask Judge Abbott to send their printing to the Enterprise office.

Birth, marriage and death notices, free. Obituary notices, five cents a line.

Card of Thanks, five cents a line.

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There used to be a time when a man could bet that the filling in the sandwich given him at a party was ham, and never lose his bet. Nowadays it is likely to be either peanuts, walnuts, fried tomato or some kind of mixture that no one ever before heard of.

We have received an invitation to attend a poverty social given by Horton chapter O. E. S., on Tuesday evening Dec. 29. The invitation is printed on straw wrapping paper and is unique in its phrasology.

The Scientific American says: It is suggested that on January 1, 1900, a new division of the year into 13 months be instituted. If such a division were made the first 12 months would have 28 days or four weeks each and the new month 29 days, to make 365, and 30 in leap years.

Washtenaw County. P. W. Carpenter has been appointed city clerk of Ypsilanti.

Lenaewee County. The Adrian Times tells of a young married woman who left her baby in the cab at the bakery and on arriving home asked the girl where the baby was.

Jackson County. Thomas Wheeler formerly of Hanover, died at the county-house Saturday, aged 77 years.

The Geo. T. Smith mill building company is expected to move from Clerland to Jackson early in '97.

The re-count on probate judge is finished. Judge Hammond lost three votes making his plurality 28.

The Jackson Daily Citizen showed its enterprise by issuing a holiday number containing 32 pages and 192 columns, on Saturday last.

Brooklyn lodge F. & A. M., presented E. S. Coulson the master, with a beautiful apron as a token of love and esteem.

Roll of Honor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Number of boys enrolled... 157. Number of girls enrolled... 180. Total number enrolled... 337.

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SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

The little Deale girl is improving nicely. Bert Fellows of Ypsilanti visited friends in town Sunday.

Leonard Kousch of Ypsilanti visited friends in town Sunday.

A. J. Waters was in Ann Arbor Tuesday on probate business.

Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Knapf of Clinton spent Sunday in town.

Miss Florence Russell went to Adrian this morning to visit friends.

Miss Grigby leaves today for Allegan, to spend the holiday vacation.

County Treasurer Rehms of Ann Arbor visited in town yesterday.

Frank Merithew and family went to Jackson today to visit a few days.

Miss McAdam will visit in Clinton Christmas and during the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Nale of Tecumseh are expected here to spend Christmas.

Dr. & Mrs. Conklin went to Toledo Monday to see the comic opera Bob Roy.

Miss Edith Kapp of the normal school came home to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. N. Segger and children will go to Jackson tomorrow to visit relatives a few days.

Bert Waite of Windsor, Ont., came here Tuesday to visit his father and friends.

Isaac Hall fell and broke his arm yesterday morning. Dr. Lynch reduced the fracture.

Count Phelps of Cedar Springs, Kent county, is visiting his cousin, Mork, Hendershott.

Gust Kuhl came home from the U. of M. last Thursday to remain during the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Kirchgessner of Tecumseh spent Sunday at Wm. Kirchgessner's.

Earl Coulson and family of Brooklyn will visit his sister, Mrs. J. A. Goodyear, on Christmas.

Fred Schable is not clerking for J. Buller & Co., any more. John Volland has the place.

The Conklins, Baileys and Freemans eat Christmas dinner with Amariah Hitchcock and sister in Sharon.

W. A. Spencer of Grand Rapids and Peter Ryan of Detroit came home this morning to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Margaret and Marie Blosser went to Adrian Saturday to visit Mr. Cantrick's family over Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Westgate of Sandusky, O., joined her husband here last Friday and they have gone to housekeeping.

Mrs. Will Hewitt and daughter of Grand Rapids came here Monday to visit her parents, Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Gage.

Rev. Schmid of Columbus, Ohio, elder, brother of Mrs. H. Kirchofer and N. Schmid of this village is at the point of death.

We learn with regret that we are soon to lose Wm. Amepoker and family, as he has engaged to work for Wm. Rehms at Ann Arbor.

Robert Lemming, who has been in bed the past ten weeks, had a plaster of Paris cast put on his knee Sunday by Dr. Fiddings and Torrey.

John Gosner who has been tending bar at the Freeman house since May, has gone to Jackson. His place has been taken by Fred Schable Jr.

Lester Mc Collum, who has been at Lansing for some time, is home spending a week. He expects to go to Hudson to work for the Bean-Chamberlain Co., in manufacturing bicycles.

Dr. E. M. Conklin and family drove to Clinton Sunday to visit her people. Carl Burton, leader of the Bob Roy orchestra, brother of Mrs. Conklin, drove up from Adrian to take dinner with them.

Miss Fannie Pittinger went to Lenaewee Junction last Saturday to visit her cousin, Mrs. George Bancroft. She expected to leave there today for Defiance, Ohio, to visit her father for an indefinite time.

Mrs. W. O. Kirchgessner of Grand Rapids came here last week accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Healy. She was joined today by her husband, who will spend Christmas here and then return home by way of Chelsea.

Mrs. A. C. Sheldon of Three Rivers writes us from Hamilton, Ind., under date of Dec. 20, that a little girl baby came to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alta Sheldon-Bittinger, on the evening of the 19th, and that mother and babe are doing well.

Herbert Rushton has concluded to move to Brooklyn, where he will open a law office. Although not yet admitted to the bar, as John Skebell their village lawyer is about to move to Jackson, Herbert concludes that he will start in and take his examination in the spring.

The Evening Press of Grand Rapids says: "William Kirchgessner, a well known chemist and pharmacist, has the backing of the solid local democracy for the appointment upon the state board of pharmacy. The board is now gathering and as the retiring member is a democrat it is believed that Governor Plagge will appoint a democrat in the place."

Sears Crackers are all marked "S."

Eat Sears Crackers three times a day. Sears Crackers and Cakes endorsed by pure food commissioners.

All coal bills must be settled on or before the 1st day of Jan'y. Don't put this off.

Attention Farmers! 11 set of Bob Sleighs, 15 dollars a set; 2 Lumber Wagons, 40 dollars apiece.

Notice to Tax Payers. I shall be at my office at my warehouse every Friday and Saturday during December, to receive taxes.

We wish to express our thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who sympathized and aided us during our late bereavement.

The annual meeting of the Southern Washtenaw Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at the Peoples Bank in Manchester on Saturday, December 26th, 1896.

The Standard Cabinet Company of Kansas City, Mo., is represented in Washtenaw county by D. Woodward of Clinton, Mich., as manager with Clinton as headquarters.

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We learn with regret that we are soon to lose Wm. Amepoker and family, as he has engaged to work for Wm. Rehms at Ann Arbor.

Robert Lemming, who has been in bed the past ten weeks, had a plaster of Paris cast put on his knee Sunday by Dr. Fiddings and Torrey.

John Gosner who has been tending bar at the Freeman house since May, has gone to Jackson. His place has been taken by Fred Schable Jr.

Lester Mc Collum, who has been at Lansing for some time, is home spending a week. He expects to go to Hudson to work for the Bean-Chamberlain Co., in manufacturing bicycles.

Dr. E. M. Conklin and family drove to Clinton Sunday to visit her people. Carl Burton, leader of the Bob Roy orchestra, brother of Mrs. Conklin, drove up from Adrian to take dinner with them.

Miss Fannie Pittinger went to Lenaewee Junction last Saturday to visit her cousin, Mrs. George Bancroft. She expected to leave there today for Defiance, Ohio, to visit her father for an indefinite time.

Mrs. W. O. Kirchgessner of Grand Rapids came here last week accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Healy. She was joined today by her husband, who will spend Christmas here and then return home by way of Chelsea.

Mrs. A. C. Sheldon of Three Rivers writes us from Hamilton, Ind., under date of Dec. 20, that a little girl baby came to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alta Sheldon-Bittinger, on the evening of the 19th, and that mother and babe are doing well.

Herbert Rushton has concluded to move to Brooklyn, where he will open a law office. Although not yet admitted to the bar, as John Skebell their village lawyer is about to move to Jackson, Herbert concludes that he will start in and take his examination in the spring.

The Evening Press of Grand Rapids says: "William Kirchgessner, a well known chemist and pharmacist, has the backing of the solid local democracy for the appointment upon the state board of pharmacy. The board is now gathering and as the retiring member is a democrat it is believed that Governor Plagge will appoint a democrat in the place."

Cloak Sale, Saturday, Dec. 26.

Ladies' Winter Coats. Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1-2. Saturday We Inaugurate a selling in our Cloak Department the equal of which has no precedent in modern merchandising.

LADIES' COATS go at 1-2 THE PRICE.... This Sale of all Sales takes place Saturday, Dec. 26, one day only.

5.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 2.50. 6.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 3.00.

7.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 3.50. 8.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 4.00.

10.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 5.00. 15.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 7.50.

20.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 10.00. 25.00 Ladies' Jackets, half price, 12.50.

Handsome Winter Capes..... Beavers, Meltons, Kerseys, Silks and Wool Manteles, Mohair, Boucles, and Plush, at practically your own price.

Fur Capes..... Coney electric seal wool seal—all at 1-2 price.

Fur Robes, Fur Coats, Fur Mittens, and All Wool Horse Blankets.

In this Department we will commence on Saturday Dec. 26th a GRAND CLEARING SALE at less than Manufacturer's prices.

Black Russian wolf robe, quality A 1, best black plush lining, large size, regular price, \$10, sale price, 6.50.

Grey goat robe, red plush lined, size 4x5, first quality, regular price, \$8, sale price, 5.00.

Black Galway robe, short curly fur, the finest robe in the market, extra large size, lined with the best plush lining, regular price \$18, sale price, 13.00.

Black Galway Coats, quilted linings, quality A 1, the regular price, \$26, sale price, 15.00.

Black fur coat, beaver roll collar, regular price, \$18, for 12.00.

Grey fur coat, well made, quilted linings, regular price \$16, sale price, 11.00.

All wool horse blankets from 1.50 to 6.00 each. Don't fail to see our line if in need of a blanket. Sold by the pair or singly. All reduced for this clearing sale.

They are the Best on Earth. See them at the Peoples Store and

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Dr. Talmage's Sermon

ON PRACTICAL RELIGION.

Washington, Dec. 20.—This subject of Dr. Talmage cuts through the conventionalities, and spares nothing of that make-believe religion which is all talk and no practice. The text chosen was James, 2:20: "Faith without works is dead."

The Roman Catholic church has been charged with putting too much stress upon good works and not enough upon faith. I charge Protestantism with putting not enough stress upon good works as connected with salvation. Good works will never save a man, but if a man have good works he has no real faith and no genuine religion. There are those who depend upon the fact that they are all right inside, while their conduct is wrong outside. Their religion, for the most part, is made up of talk—vigorous talk, neat talk, boastful talk, perpetual talk. They will entertain you by the hour in telling you how good you are. They come up to such a higher life that they have no patience with ordinary Christians in the plain discharge of their duty. As near as I can tell, this ocean craft is mostly sail and very little tonnage. Foretopmast stay-sail, foretopmast studding sail, maintopmast, mizzen-topmast—everything from flying-jib to mizzen-spanker, but making no useful voyage. Now, the world has got tired of this, and it wants a religion that will work into all the circumstances of life. We do not want a new religion, but the old religion applied in all possible directions.

Yonder is a river with steep and rocky banks, and it roars like a young Niagara as it rolls on over its rough bed. It does nothing but talk about itself all the way from its source in the mountain to the place where it empties into the sea. The banks are so steep that the cattle cannot come down to drink. It does not run one fertilizing hill into the adjoining field. It has not one grist mill or factory on either side. It sulks in wet weather with chilling fogs. No one cares when that river is born among the rocks, and no one cares when it dies into the sea. But yonder is another river, and it moses its banks with the warm tides, and it rocks with floral lullabies the water lilies asleep on its bosom. It invites herds of cattle and flocks of sheep and covets of birds to come there and drink. It has three grist mills on one side and six cotton factories on the other. It is the wealth of two hundred miles of luxuriant farms. The birds of heaven chanted which it was born in the mountains, and the ocean shipping will press in from the sea to hail it as it comes down from the Atlantic coast. The one river is a man who lives for himself. The other river is a man who lives for others.

Do you know how the site of the ancient city of Jerusalem was chosen? There were two brothers who had adjoining farms. The one brother had a large family, the other had no family. The brother with a large family said: "There is my brother with no family; he must be lonely, and I will try to cheer him up, and I will take some of the sheaves from my field in the nighttime and set them over on his farm, and say nothing about it." The other brother said: "My brother has a large family and it is very difficult for him to support them, and I will help him along, and I will take some of the sheaves from my farm in the nighttime and set them over on his farm, and say nothing about it." So the work of transference went on night after night, but every morning things seemed to be just as they were, for though sheaves had been subtracted from each farm, sheaves had also been added, and the brothers were perplexed and could not understand. But one night the brothers happened to meet while making this generous transference, and the spot where they met was so sacred that it was chosen as the site of the city of Jerusalem. If that tradition should prove unfounded, it will nevertheless stand as a beautiful allegory setting forth the idea that wherever a kindly and generous and loving act is performed, that is the spot fit for some temple of commemoration.

I have often spoken to you about faith, but this morning I speak to you about works, for "faith without works is dead." I think you will agree with me in the statement that the great want of this world is more practical religion. We want practical religion to go into all merchandise. It will supervise the labeling of goods. It will not allow a man to say that a thing was made in one factory when it was made in another. It will not allow the merchant to say that watch was manufactured in Geneva, Switzerland, when it was manufactured in Massachusetts. It will not allow the merchant to say that wine came from Madeira when it came from California. Practical religion will walk along by the store shelves and tear off all the tags that make misrepresentation. It will not allow the merchant to say that is pure coffee, when sandalwood root and chicory and other ingredients go into it. It will not allow him to say that is pure sugar when there are in it sand and ground glass.

When practical religion gets its full swing in the world it will go down the street, and it will come to that shoe store and rip off the scintillating soles of many a fine-looking pair of shoes, and show that it is pastboard sandwiched between the sound leather. And this practical religion will go right into a grocery store and it will pull out the plug of all the adulterated syrups, and it will dump into the ash barrel in front of the store the candy bark that is sold for cinnamon and the brick dust that is sold for cayenne pepper; and it will shake out the Prussian blue from the tea leaves, and it will lift from the four plaster of Paris and bone dust and soapstone, and it will be

chemical analysis separate the one quart of water from the few honest drops of cow's milk, and it will throw out the live animalcules from the brown sugar.

There has been so much adulteration of articles of food that it is an amazement to me that there is a healthy man or woman in America. Heaven only knows what they put into the spices and into the sugars and into the butter and into the apothecary drug. But chemical analysis and the microscopic have made wonderful revelations. The board of health in Massachusetts analyzed a great amount of what was called pure coffee and found in it not one particle of coffee. In England there is a law that forbids the putting of alum in bread. The public authorities examined fifty-one packages of bread and found them all guilty. The honest physician, writing a prescription, does not know but that it may bring death instead of health to his patient, because there may be one of the drugs weakened by a cheaper article, and another drug may be in full force, and so the prescription may have just the opposite effect intended. Oil of wormwood warranted pure from Boston was found to have 41 per cent of resin and alcohol and chloroform.

Scammony is one of the most valuable medicinal drugs. It is very rare, very precious. It is the sap of gum of a tree or a bush in Syria. The root of the tree is exposed, an incision is made into the root and then shells are placed at this incision to catch the sap or the gum as it exudes. It is very precious, this scammony. But the peasant mixes it with a cheaper material; then it is taken to Aleppo, and the merchant there mixes it with a cheaper material; then it comes on to the wholesale druggist in London or New York, and he mixes it with a cheaper material; then it comes to the retail druggist and he mixes it with a cheaper material; and by the time the poor sick man gets it into his bottle, it is ashes and chalk and sand, and some of what has been called pure scammony after analysis has been found to be no scammony at all.

Now, practical religion will yet rectify all this. It will go to those hypocritical professors of religion who got a "corner" in corn and wheat in Chicago and New York, sending prices up and up until they were beyond the reach of the poor, keeping these bread-stuffs in their own hands, or controlling them until the prices going up and up and up, they were, after awhile, ready to sell, and they sold out, making themselves millionaires in one or two years—trying to fix the matter up with the Lord by building a church or a university or a hospital—blending themselves with the idea that the Lord would be so pleased with the gift he would forget the swindle. Now, as such a man may not have any liturgy in which to say his prayers, I will compose for him one which he practically is making: "Oh, Lord, we by getting a 'corner' in breadstuffs, swindled the people of the United States out of ten million dollars, and made suffering all up and down the land, and we would like to compromise this matter with thee. Thou knowest it was a scaly job, but then it was smart. Now, here we compromise it with thee 1 per cent of the profits and with that 1 per cent you can build an asylum for these poor, miserable ragmuffins of the street, and I will take a yacht and go to Europe forever and ever. Amen!"

"Ah, my friends, if a man hath gotten his estate wrongfully and he build a line of hospitals and universities from here to Alaska, he cannot atone for it. After awhile, this man who has been getting a 'corner' in wheat, dies, and then Satan gets a 'corner' in him. He goes into a great, long Black Friday. There is a 'break' in the market. According to Wall street parlance, he wiped others out, and now he is himself wiped out. No collateral on which to make a spiritual loan. Eternal defalcation.

But this practical religion will not only rectify all merchandise; it will also rectify all mechanism, and all toll. A time will come when a man will work as faithfully by the job as he does by the day. You say when a thing is slightly done, "Oh, that was done by the job." You can tell by the swiftness or slowness with which a hackman drives whether he is hired by the hour or by the excursion. If he is hired by the hour he drives very slowly, so as to make as many hours as possible. If he is hired by the excursion, he whips up the horses so as to get around and get another customer. All styles of work have to be inspected. Ships inspected, horses inspected, machinery inspected. Boss to watch the journeyman. Capitalist coming down unexpectedly to watch the boss. Conductor of a city car sounding the punch bell to prove his honesty as a passenger hands to him a clipped nickel. All things must be watched and inspected. Imperfections in the wood covered with putty. Garments warranted to last until you put them on the third time. Shoddy in all kinds of clothing. Chronos, Finchbeck, Diamonds for a dollar and a half. Bookbindery that holds an until sale reads the third chapter. Spoken for horses by skillful dogs of jockeys for several days made to look spry. Wagons three poorly put on. Horses poorly shod. Plastering that cracks without any provocation and falls off. Plumbing that needs to be plumbed. Imperfect car wheel that halts the whole train with a hot box. So little practical religion in the mechanism of the world. I tell you, my friends, the law of man will never rectify these things. It will be the all-pervading influence of the practical religion of Jesus Christ that will make the change for the better.

Yes, this practical religion will have to come in and fix up the marriage relation in America. There are members of churches who have too many wives and too many husbands. Society needs to be expurgated, and washed, and fumigated, and Christianized. We want this practical religion not only to take hold of what are called the lower classes, but to take hold of what are called the higher classes. The trouble is that people have an idea they can do all their religion on Sunday with hymn-book, and prayer-book, and liturgy, and some of them sit in church rolling up their eyes as though they were ready for translation, when their Sabbath is bounded on all sides by an inconsistent life, and while you are ex-

pecting to come out from under their arms the wings of an angel, there comes out from their forehead the horns of a beast.

There has got to be a new departure in religion. I do not say a new religion. Oh, no; but the old religion brought to new appliances. In our time we have had the daguerreotype, and the ambrotype, and the photograph; but it is the same old sun, and these arts are only new appliances of the old sunlight. So this glorious Gospel is just what we want to photograph the tinge of God on one soul, and daguerreotype it on another soul. Not a new Gospel, but the old Gospel put to new work. In our time we have had the telegraphic invention and the telephonic invention, and the electric light invention; but they are all children of old electricity, an element that the philosophers have a long while known much about. So this electric Gospel needs to flash its light on the eyes and ears, and souls of men, and to become a telephonic medium to make the deaf hear; a telegraphic medium to dart invitation and warning to all nations; an electric light to illumine the eastern and western hemispheres. Not a new Gospel, but the old Gospel doing a new work.

Farmers who take their religion into their occupation: Why, this minute their horses and wagons stand around all the meeting houses in America; they began this day by a prayer to God, and when they get home at noon, after they have put their horses up, will offer a prayer to God at the table, seeking a blessing, and next summer there will be in their fields not one dishonest ear of rye, not one dishonest ear of corn, not one dishonest apple. Worshipping God to-day away among the Berkshire Hills, or away down amid the lagoons of Florida, or away out amid the mines of Colorado, or along the bank of the Potomac, and the Raritan, where I knew them better because I went to school with them.

Mechanics who took their religion into their occupations: James Brindley, the famous millwright, Nathaniel Bowditch, the famous ship-chandler, Elihu Burritt, the famous blacksmith, and hundreds and thousands of strong arms which have made the hammer and the saw and the adze and the drill and the axe sound in the grand march of our national industries.

Give your heart to God and then fill your life with good works. Consecrate to him your store, your shop, your banking house, your factory, and your home. They say no one will hear it. God will hear it. That is enough. You hardly know of anyone else than Wellington as connected with the victory at Waterloo; but he did not do the hard fighting. The hard fighting was done by the Somerset cavalry and the Ryland regiments, and Kemp's Infantry, and the Scotch Greys, and the Life Guards. Who cares, if only the day was won?

DISCIPLINE.

The Master Did Not Whip His Faithful Disciples.

Henry rose awkwardly to his feet and looked down at his master, who sat silent on the log, says Lippincott. Mr. Pelham's face was pale. There was a look of indecision under the pallor. He held one of the switches by the butt in his hand, and with its tapering end tapped the brown leaves between his legs. He looked at the negro for fully a minute before he spoke. "Do you mean to say, Henry," he asked, "that you are a-goin' to resist me by force?" "I reckon I am, Marse Jasper, if nothin' else won't do you. That's what I have promised the Lord time an' agin, since Cobb come to boss me. I wain't thinkin' about you then, Marse Jasper, because I didn't 'low you ever would try such a thing, but I said any white man, an' I can't take it back." The planter looked up at the stalwart man towering over him. Henry could toss him about like a ball. In his imagination he had pictured the faithful fellow bowed before him, patiently submitting to his blows, but the present contingency had never entered his mind. He tried to be angry, but the good-natured face of the slave he loved made it impossible. "Sit down, Henry," he said, and when the negro had obeyed he continued almost appealingly: "I have told the folks in North Carolina that I was comin' home to whip you, you see. I have told yore mistress an' I have told Cobb. I'll look like a fool if I don't do it." A regretful softness came over the face of the negro, and he hung his head, and for a moment picked the bark of the log with his long thumb-nail. "I am mighty sorry, Marse Jasper," he answered, after remaining silent for awhile, "but you see, I've done promised the Lord; you wouldn't have me what do all them folks amount to beside the Lord? No, a body ought to be careful about what he's promised to the Lord." Mr. Pelham had no reply forthcoming. He realized that he was simply not going to whip Uncle Henry.

What Is Sleep?

Prof. Dubois of Lyons has recently given an interesting answer to this question. According to him, sleep may be defined as a kind of intoxication caused by carbonic acid. Experimenting with animals which hibernate in winter, such as the marmot, for instance, he finds that during the progress of hibernation there is an accumulation of carbonic acid in the blood of the unconscious animal. Further study has convinced him that the "winter sleep" of hibernating animals does not differ, as far as its causes are concerned, from the ordinary sleep which, for shorter periods, kills the senses and restores the strength of all animals, including man.

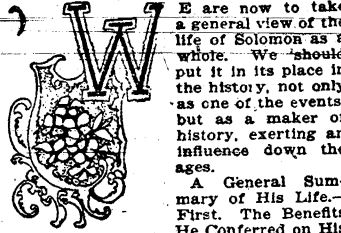
BLASTS FROM THERAM'S HORN.

Is there any thing the devil can't make out of an evildoer? When you pray for a revival, don't go to church with a long face. Do away with a personal devil, and there is no need of a personal Christ. The more men disappoint you, the more we should have faith in God. It is mistake to call anything success that is not according to God's plan. If you knew that to-morrow would be your last day, how would you spend this?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XII, DEC. 27—A VIEW OF PAST LIFE.

Golden Text: Let Us Hear the Conclusions—Fear God and Keep His Commandments—For This Is the Whole Duty of Man.—Eccles. 12:13.



We are now to take a general view of the life of Solomon as a whole, and we should put it in its place in the history, not only as one of the events, but as a maker of history, exerting an influence down the ages.

A General Summary of His Life.—First, The Benefits He Conferred on His Nation. "He raised Israel, for a time, to the height of its national aspirations and showed the possibilities of splendor and authority to which it might attain."—Farrar. It thus served the purpose of an ideal kingdom which represented to the people's mind the glorious kingdom of God. "He stirred the intellectual life of the people in new directions." "He awakened among them a strong desire for deeper wisdom and higher art, which, during the stormy ages which followed, never wholly died away, and in some directions constantly developed itself with more and more power and beauty."—Ewald. "He enshrined their worship in a worthy and permanent Temple," by which he advanced the religious life down to its latest days. "This Temple was idealized, together with the city, into a type of the spiritual Temple and the New Jerusalem, the city of God, which came down from heaven." "He organized the services of the Levites and placed their position on a secure basis." "He quickened their sense of national position, while at the same time he rendered them less narrow in their sympathies." "He left them richer in the possession of a well-fortified city, and he protected the land by towers and fortresses."—Farrar.

Second, The Evil He Wrought. "He found a people free, he left them enslaved (in a degree); he found them unburdened, he left them oppressed; he found them simple, he left them luxurious; he found them inclined to be faithful to one God, he left them indifferent to the deities of the heathen, which they saw practised under the very shadow of his palace and his shrine."—Farrar.

"Solomon lost (for his posterity) the kingdom of the ten tribes, and perpetual strife, weakness, debasement, and protracted misery, by the activity and splendors of this world to that godliness which would in the end have been rewarded even in the present life."—F. W. Newman.

Books Concerning Solomon.—Proverbs was written partly by Solomon and expresses some of the wisdom for which he was famous. Ecclesiastes is now generally regarded as written by him, rather than by him; something as Plato's dialogues were about Socrates. The book sets forth clearly the lessons which Solomon learned from his own experience. Solomon's Song also warns men against the polygamy which ruined Solomon and teaches the beauty and wholesomeness of the true love of one man and one woman toward one another. It is thus a symbol of the intensity of the love which should be between the sexes, and the love they should feel toward God.

Some Lessons from Solomon's Life.—1. It is never safe to relax our vigilance or think we have reached the place where we cannot fall. Age has its own temptations, and the danger of the soul is not lessened as years pass. 2. The way of transgressors is very hard, but only on account of the pushing and shoving that must be done so many barriers must be broken down and restraining influences must be overcome in order to go on in sin—the love of God, the conscience and moral nature of the soul, the sense of duty, the sacrifice of Christ, the sense of honor, God's goodness, early training, the influence of religion. 3. The greatest wealth does not shield its possessor from misery and unhappiness. "The legends of the East describe Solomon as tormented, indeed, yet not without hope. In the romance of 'Aladdin' he is depicted as listening earnestly to the roar of a cataract, because when it ceases to roar his anguish will be at an end. The tingling remorse of his wisdom was on the highest elevation, and placed immediately beneath the dome. The thunder, said he, precipitated me hither, where, however, I do not remain, totally devoid of hope; an angel of light hath revealed that in consideration of the piety of my early youth, my woes shall come to an end. Will then I am in torment, terrible torments, an unrelenting fire burns on my heart." The caliph was ready to sink with terror when he heard the groans of Solomon. Having uttered this exclamation, Solomon raised his hands toward heaven in token of supplication, and the caliph discerned through his bosom, which was transparent as crystal, his heart enveloped in flames."—Farrar.

Growth of the French in America.

In the Annals of the American Academy, Professor Davidson, discussing "The Growth of the French-Canadian Race," brings out the fact that there are now more French-Canadians in the United States than there were in the whole of Canada thirty years ago. In 1850 there were only 53,000 French in the United States; in 1890 there were half a million. Mr. Davidson says that this increase is not due to the average size of the French-Canadian family, which, indeed, is only a fraction higher than the family in other parts of Canada. The following figures give the growth of the French-Canadian population of Canada: 1763, 69,810; 1784, 98,912; 1805, 215,000; 1825, 310,000; 1844, 538,213; 1857, 695,947; 1861, 880,902; 1871, 1,065,206; 1881, 1,126,008; 1891, 1,304,745. The resulting rate of increase per cent per decade from 1765 to 1891 is 20.7, which gives the result that the French-Canadian population has doubled itself every twenty-seven years.

AN ODD COLLECTION.

London has 75,000 street lamps, Paris 50,000, and New York 23,000.

In Maryville, Mo., they say that the grease from a yellow dog rubbed on the chest is a cure for consumption.

A letter was received recently at the Chicago postoffice addressed to "Lame Water." It was sent to Cripple Creek. It is proposed to raise 10,000,000 francs to restore the old palace of the Popes at Avignon, now used as a French barracks.

There is but one factory in Japan where leather shoes are made. The natives, except about the court, wear sandals of straw or wood.

At Mycenae the number of silver coins discovered during the latest excavations amounts to 3,500; they belong to Sicyon, Corinth, Argos and other towns of Argolis.

Dr. A. B. Hamilton, of Laramie, Wyo., bled into a herd of wild cattle. They resented the insult and chased the doctor, who got off with a broken shoulder blade and a smashed wheel.

THE JAPANESE MARINE.

Our Ship-Owners Will Soon Have to Encounter Great Opposition.

Our consul at Yokohama, in his last report, warns those ship-owners who are interested in the carrying trade of Japan that they will soon have to encounter strenuous opposition from Japanese ship-owners, says the London Times. A law for the encouragement of navigation was passed in the last session of the diet, under the provisions of which liberal subsidies are to be granted to native-owned steamers of suitable size voyaging to foreign countries. This law was an indirect consequence of the war with China. During the hostilities the Japan Mail Steamship company was obliged, by the provisions of its charter, to place its steamers at the orders of the government, and the best ships of the Osaka Merchant Shipping Company and other Japanese lines were likewise chartered by the war department. To replace these vessels in the established courses of trade, foreign steamers had to be either chartered or purchased, and in many cases the latter was deemed the more profitable alternative. Hence it came about that at the close of the war the Japanese had more ships than they knew what to do with. In the middle of 1894, before the outbreak of the war with China, Japan's mercantile marine was under 182,000 tons. At the end of last year, in the course of eighteen months, it had risen to over 300,000 tons. The main object of the navigation-bounty law was to help to work off this redundant shipping by opening and subsidizing new lines to foreign countries—England, America and Australia. But the law has been the means of calling new shipping companies into existence, and though the old-established favorite of the government, the Mail Steamship Company, will still receive the largest share of the bounty, amounting to \$2,000,000 per annum, the newly formed Oriental Company is to receive half that amount, and another new creation, the Great Eastern Company, is to receive \$100,000 per annum.

No Gentleman.

"We have met the enemy, and they are ours." Is the historic saying of an American naval commander, but the following anecdote from the Florida Sun shows that it is possible to meet the enemy and not know who we are: At the second battle of Bull Run a change of position came upon a Confederate soldier sitting astride of a Federal who was lying on his back. Each had a firm hold of the other, and neither could break the hold. As the troops came up, the "reb," was taken in, and as the "Yank" rose to his feet he was asked how he had got into such a fix.

"Why, I captured the Johnny," he replied.

"Then how did he come to be on top?"

"That's what makes me so mad!" shouted the bluecoat. "He captured me the same time I did him, and then he wouldn't toss up to see who had the bulge! He's no gentleman—no, sir, he ain't!"

The Search for Truth.

In the search for truth no aid is so effective as the ever-ready spirit of activity. He who postpones putting what he knows into practice until he knows more, will find his journey a long and discouraging one. Carlyle well says, "Conviction, if it never so excellent, is worthless until it converts itself into conduct. Nay, more, conviction is not possible till then, inasmuch as all speculation is by nature endless and formless. Most true is it, as a wise man teaches us, that 'Doubt of any sort cannot be removed except by action.' On which ground, too, let him who gropes painfully in darkness or uncertain light, and prays vehemently that the dawn may ripen into day, lay this other precept well to heart, which to me was of invaluable service, 'Do the duty which lies nearest to thee,' which thou knowest to be a duty. The second duty will already have become clearer."

Affected the Verdict.

"You see, gentlemen," said the counsel for the defendant complacently—it was a compensation case—"I have got the plaintiff into a very nice dilemma. If he went there, seeing that the place was dangerous, there was contributory negligence, and, as his lordship will tell you, he can't recover. If he did not see it was dangerous, neither could my client have seen it, and there was no negligence on his part." In either case I am entitled to your verdict." The jury retired.

"Well, gentlemen," said the foreman, "I think we must give him \$200." All agreed except a stout, ruddy gentleman in the corner, who cried hoarsely: "Give him another fifty, gentlemen, for getting into the dilemma." Verdict accordingly—Household.

No Local Taxes.

The city of Glasgow is to discontinue the levying of local taxes on the first of next January, because it will derive a sufficient income from its water works, gas and electric light plants, street railways, and other communal enterprises of which the city assumed the control some time ago.

Whistling After Me's.

"Whistling for half an hour after meals is," says Mrs. Alice Shaw, the lady whistler, "the best possible aid to digestion. Try it, weak-chested, slender-throated sisters mine, and profit by my experience."

Scolded of Nine-Year-Old Boy.

Because he was whipped by his father for disobedience, Willie Grimesley, a 9-year-old of Fairfield, S. C., shot himself, after remarking to his mother that that was the last whipping he'd ever take.

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