DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Longevity.

"With.long life will I satisfy him."--Ps. 91:16. THROUGH the mistake of its friends,

religion has been chiefly associated with sick-beds and graveyards. The whole subject, to many people, is odorous with chlorine and carbolic acid. There are people who cannot pronounce the word religion without hearing in it the clipping chisel of the tombstone cutter. It is high time that this thing were changed, and that religion, instead of being represented as a hearse to carry out the dead, should be represented as a chariot in which the living are to triumph.

Religion, so far from subtracting from one's vitality, is a glorious addition. It is sanative, curative, hygienic. It is good for the eyes, good for the ears, good for the spleen, good for the digestion, good for the nerves, good for the muscles. When David, in another part of the Psalms, prays that religion may be dominant, he does not speak of it as a mild sickness, or an emaciation, or an attack of moral and spiritual cramp; he speaks of it as "the

SAVING HEALTH

promises longevity to the pious, saying: "With long life will I satisfy him." The fact is that men and women die in a place where it will not suffer from too soon. It is high time that religion the violent changes of atmosphere, joined the hand of medical science in which watch will last the longer? attempting to improve human longev- Common sense answers. Now, the huity. Adam lived nine hundred and man body is God's watch. You see thirty years. Methuselah lived nine the hands of the watch, you see the hundred and sixty-nine years. As late face of the watch; but the beating of in the history of the world as Ves- the heart is the ticking of the watch. pasian, there were, at one time, in his Oh, be careful and do not let it run empire forty-five people one hundred down! and thirty-five years old. So far down Agai vian longevity, but I do say the length very short life. Their of life will be increased.

It is said in Isaiah: "The child shall die a hundred years old." Now, if according to Scripture, the child is to be a hundred years old, may not the men and women reach to three hundred and five hundred? The fact is that we are mere dwarfs and skeletons compared with some of the generations that are to come. Take the African race. They have been under bondage for centuries. Give them a chance, and they develop a Frederick Douglass or a Toussaint "L'Ouverture. And if the white race shall be brought from under the serfdom of sin, what shall be the body? what shall be the soul? Religion has only just touched our world. Give it full power for a few ceuturies, and who can tell what will be the strength of man, and the beauty of woman, and the longevity of all?

My design is to show that practical religion is the friend of long life. I prove it, first, from the fact that it makes the care of our health

A POSITIVE CHRISTIAN DUTY. Whether we shall keep early or late sipations of any kind. hours, whether we shall take food di-

s the eye? It is the observatory God constructed, its telescope sweeping the heavens. What is the hand? An instrument so wonderful that when the Earl of Bridgewater bequeathed in his will \$40,000 for treatises to be written on the wisdom, power. and goodness of God, Sir Charles Bell, the great English anatomist and surgeon, found his greatest illustration in the construction of the human hand, devoting his whole book to that subject.

So wonderful are these bodies that God names His own attributes after different parts of them. His omniscience—it is God's eye. His omni-pres-ence—it is God's ear. His omnipotence -it is God's arm. The upholstery of the midnight heavens-it is the work of God's fingers. His life-giving powerit is the breath of the Almighty. His dominion-"the government shall be upon His shoulder." A body so diviney honored and so divinely constructed,

let us be careful not to abuse it. When it becomes a Christian duty to take care of our health, is not the whole tendency toward longevity? If I toss my watch about recklessly, and drop it on the pavement, and wind it up any time of day or night I happen to think of it, and often let it run down, while

of all nations"; while God, in the text, you are careful with your watch, and never abuse it, and wind it up just at the same hour every night, and put it

as the sixteenth century, Peter Zartan ligion is a friend of longevity in the on your side; He will take care of your fallen out and the long ropes with died at one hundred and eighty-five fact that it is a protest against dissipa-years of age. I do not say that religion tions, which injure and destroy the be against you?" How much should will ever take the race back to antedilu- health. Bad men and women live a that man worry about his reputation?

SINS KILL

them." I know hundreds of good old men, but 1 do not know half a dozen bad old men. Why? They do not get old. Lord Byron died at Missolonghi 'y-six years of age, himself his own Alazeppa, his unbridled passions the horse that dashed with him into the desert. Edgar A, Poe died at Baltimore at thirty-eight years of age. The black raven that alighted on the bust above his door was delirium tremens-

"Only this and nothing more."

Napoleon Bonaparte lived only just beyond mid-life, then died at St. Hehis disease was induced by excessive to become of him. If you get on board men, and the then much-accredited relena, and one of his doctors said that snuffing, The hero of Austerlitz, the a rail train, you want to know at what man who by one step of his foot in the depot it is going to stop; if you get centre of Europe shook the earth, killed on board a ship, you want to know into by a snuff-box! Oh, how many people what harbor it is going to run, and we have known who have not lived out if you should tell me you have no Messiah, and to assist his object he half their days because of their dissi- interest in what is to be pation and indulgences! Now, practical religion is a protest against all dis- I would, in as polite a way as I know

gestible or indigestible, whether there gion have fallen, professors of religion reference to my future existence, the that the right time had come, to the

and the rainbow rose higher and higher pering-gallery of the human soul. What trouble, call on me and I will help; here is my hand in pledge of omni-po-tent deliverance." How much should until it seemed retreating to another heaven, and planting one column of its that man worry? Not much. What colors on one side of the eternal hill, lion will dare to put his paw on that and planting the other column of its Daniel? Is there not rest in this? Is colors on the other side the eternal hill. it rose upward and upward "and behold there not there was a rainbow about the throne.'

AN ETERNAL VACATION

in this? "Oh," you say, "here is a man who asked God for a blessing in a QUIT WORRYING. certain enterprise, and he lost five thou- Take the tonic, the inspiration, the sand dollars in it. Explain that." I longevity of this truth. Religion is will. Yonder is a factory, and one sunshine; that is health. Religion is wheel is going north, and the other fresh air and pure water; they are healwheel is going south, and one wheel thy. Religion is warmth; that is healplays laterally, and the other plays thy. Ask all the doctors and they will you not make all the wheels go one way?" after. "Well," he says, "I made them to go What do you want in the future in opposite directions on purpose, and they produce the right result. You Orchards? There are the trees with go down-stairs and examine the car- twelve manner of fruits, yielding frait pets we are turning out in this estab- every month. Water scenery? There lishment and you will see." I go down is the River of Life, from under the on the other floor and I see the carpets, throne of God, clear as crystal, and the and I am obliged to confess that though sea of glass mingled with fire. Do you the wheels in that factory go in opposite | want music ? There is the oratorio of directions, they turn out a beautiful the Creation led on by Adam, and the result; and while I am standing there oratorio of the Red Sea led on by Moses. looking at the exquisite fabric an old and the oratorio of the Messiah led on Scripture passage comes into my mind : by St. Paul, while the archangel with "All things work together for good swinging baton controls the one to them who love God." Is there not hundred and forty-four thousand who rest in that? Is there not longevity in make up the orchestra.

that? Suppose a man is all the time worried about his reputation ? One man says he lies, another says he is stupid, another says he is dishonest, and half a dozen printing establishments attack him, and been accustomed to open the door on he is in a great state of

EXCITEMENT AND WORRY

down! Again: I remark that practical re-indication and fume, and cannot sleep; but religion the top of the grave. I show you the under side of the grave; the bottom has Not much. If that broker who some years ago in Wall street, after he had lost money, sat down and wrote a farewell letter to his wife before he blew his brains out-if instead of taking out of his pocket a pistol he had taken out a well-read New Testament, there would have been one less suicide. O nervous and feverish people of the world, try this almighty sedative. You will live twenty-five years longer under its soothing power. It is not chloral that you want, or morphine that you want; it is the gospel of Christ, "With long life will I satisfy him."

Again: practical religion is a friend of longevity in the fact that it removes all corroding care about a future existence. Every man wants to know what is some accounts of the fifth-monarchy

YOUR FUTURE DESTINY.

how, tell you I did not believe you. tan of his crown and restore again the "But," you say, "professors of reli- how, tell you I did not believe you, kingdom of Israel. When he thought

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. * SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1388. God's Covenant With Israel.

LESSON TEXT.

(Exod. 24 : 1-12. Memory verses, 7-8.)

LESSON PLAN.

TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: God's Covenant Relations with Israel.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, vertically. I go to the manufacturer and I say: "O manufacturer, your machinery is a contradiction. Why do offer you perfect peace now and hereturn not from it to the right hand or to

> LESSON TOPIC: Covenant Relations. Ratified.

Lesson Outline: { 1. Proposed, vs. 1-4. 2. Accepted, vs. 5-8. 3. Enjoyed, vs. 9-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people .--Heb. 8:10.

DAILY HOME READINGS:

enant ratified.

M.-Exod. 24 : 1-12. Covenant relations ratified.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

L COVENANT RELATIONS PROPOSED.

T.-Gen. 6 : 1-22. God's covenant with Noah.

W.-Gen. 15 : 1-18. God's coven-THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GRAVE. ant with Abraham.

Do you want reunion? There are T.-Gen. 17 : 1-22. The covenant your dead children waiting to kiss you, renewed. F.-Exod. 19:1-11. The covenant waiting to embrace you, waiting to twist garlands in your hair. You have enlarged. S .- Luke 22 : 7-20. The new covthis side the sepulchre. You have been enant. S .-- Heb. 9 : 1-28. The new covaccustomed to walk in the wet grass on

which the pall-bearers let down your dead, let them clear through into heaven. Glory be to God for this robust, healthy religion. It will have a ten-

dency to make you live long in this world, and in the world to come you will have eternal life. "With long life

Accept that sacrifice and

QUIT WORRYING.

History of the False Messiah of the Jews of Asia Minor.

Sabbatai Sevi was a Smyrniote Jew, born in 1625, and the son of a broker in that city; he was a clever youth and

secretly caused reports to be promulga-

ted to the effect that a prophet would shortly appear who would rob the Sul-

1 "Come up unto the' Lord." (I) receiving them. Chaper 23: 20-33 con-

enlargement: (2) The waiting priv-

the glory of the mount.

They beheld God, and did eat and drink (11).

I have seen God and my life is preserved (Gen. 32:30). He was afraid to look upon God (Exod.

3:6).

Man shall not see me and live (Exod. 33:20).

We shall surely die, because we have seen God (Judg. 13: 22).

1. "They saw the God of Israel." (1) An awe-stricken group; (2) A peer-less privilege; (3) A sublime spectacle

- 2. "Upon the nobles....he laid not his hand." (1) The peril which impended; (2) The grace which preserved.
- "That thou mayest teach them." (1) The teacher's work; (2) The teacher's text-book; (3) The teacher's Lord.

LESSON BIBLE READING. THE COVENANT.

Made with Abraham (Gen. 15:7-18; Gal. 3 : 16).

Made with Isaac (Gen. 17: 19, 21; 26: 3, 4). Made with Jacob (Gen. 28:13, 14;1

Chron. 16: 16, 17). Made with Israel (Exod. 6:4; Acts 3:25)

Made with David (2 Sam. 23:5; Psa.

89:3,4).Renewed in the gospel (Rom. 11:27; Heb. 8: 8-10, 13).

Confirmed in Christ Gal. 3:17; Heb. 9:11-14).

Honored by God (Deut. 7:9; Luke 1:72).

Christ its substance (Isa. 42 : 6 : 49 : 8). Christ its mediator (Heb. 8:6:9:15). Saints its beneficiaries (Psa. 25:14; Heb. 8:10).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The Old Testament lessons for 1887 closed with the account of the giving of He said, Come up unto the Lord the Decalogue, and of the fear produced among the people (Exod. 20:18-21). This is followed by a number of pre-I will establish my covenant with thee cepts, covering the entire passage up to the present lesson.

This passage (Exod. 20:22 to 33: 33) forms a distinct body of laws, though the season for the order of arwill make a new covenant with Is- rangement is not easy to discover. Still, as a whole, it can be recognized as the germ of the more fully developed legislation. Probably exigencies had already arisen in the journey, which call-ed for certain precepts, The Revised Verson divides this "code," if it may be so termed, into thirty-one paragraphs. Most of them contain regulations affecting the relations of man to man, pointing forward to a settled life in the land of promise. But the series opens with a religious command (Exod. 20:22.26) in regard to the altar of worship, and closes with two important regulations about the yearly feasts (Exod. 23: 14-17) and sacrifices (vs. 18, 19). The social and ethical precepts have a marked religious tone, while the spirit of the whole is such as to command our admiration, alike for How shall they hear without a preacher? the high character of the enactments and for their adaptation to the people

In that day the Lord made a covenant will I satisfy Him." SABBATAI SEVIS CAREER.

so well versed in the Cabala and other The Lord made a covenant with the Jewish books that at the age of eighteen he was made a rabbt. Doubtless port that the Messiah was to reappear in 1666, reached Smyrna and worked III. Through his Servants: upon his imagination so much that he decided to make himself out to be that

thee (Exod. 4:12). As ye go, preach (Matt. 10 : 7). Go ye therefore, and make disciples (Matt. 28:19).

(Rom. 10:14.)

ilege.

Abram (Gen. 15:18). I have made a covenant with my chosen (Psa. 89:3). rael (Heb. 8:8). II. To his People : Thou, and Aaron, and seventy of

L By the Lord :

(Gen. 6:18).

(1).

the elders (1). Come thou and all thy house into the ark (Gen. 7:1).

children of Israel (1 Kings 8:9). To you is the promise, and to your children (Acts 2:39). Ye are the sons ... of the covenant which God made (Acts 3:25). Moses came and told the people (3).

I will be with thy mouth, and teach

red to the realm of whimsicality; but the Christian man lifts this whole pro- Yes; but they blem of health into the accountable and the divine. He says: "God has given me this body, and He has called it the temple of the Holy Ghost, and to deface its altars, or mar its walls, or crumble its pillars, is a God-defying sacrilege." He sees God's caligraphy in every page-anatomical and physiological. He says: "God has given me a wonderful body for noble purposes,"

That arm with thirty-two curious bones wielded by forty-six curious muscles, and all under the brain's telegraphy; three hundred and fifty pounds of blood rushing through the heart every hour, the heart in twenty-four hours beating 100,000 times, during the twenty-four hours overcoming resistances amounting to 224,000,000 pounds of weight, during the same time the lungs taking in fifty-seven hogsheads of air, and all this mechanism not more mighty than delicate and easily disturbed and demolished.

The Christian man says to himself: "If I hurt my nerves, if I hurt my brain, if I hurt any of my faculties, I insult God and call for

DIRE RETRIBUTION."

Troas? Why should such a great man life will I satisfy him." as Paul be anxious about a thing so insignificant as an overcoat? It was be- vity in the fact that cause he knew that with pneumonia and rheumatism he would not be worth with respiration easy and foot free.

An intelligent Christian man would consider it an absurdity to kneel down at night and pray and ask God's protection, while at the same time he kept against fresh air. He would just as soon think of going out on the bridge between New York and Brooklyn, leap--ing off and then praying to God to keep him from getting hurt. Just as long as you defer this whole subject of phy-suppose you had a supernatural Suppose you had a supernatural Suppose you had a supernatural sical health to the realm of whimsicality or to the pastry-cook, or to the butcher, or to the baker, or to the apothecary, or to the clothier, you are not acting like a christian. Take care a panic ten years: I hold the controlof all your physical forces-nervous, muscular, bone, brain, cellular tissuefor all you must be brought to judgment.

Smoking your nervous system :uto stomach with wine logwooded and ed at the waist until you are nigh cut friend's generosity for the rest." in two, and neither part worth anything, groaning about sick headache from

YOUR OWN FOLLY.

shall be thorough or incomplete masti- have got drunk, professors of religion cation, are questions very often defer-red to the realm of whimsicality; but fessors of religion have absconded." THREW AWAY THEIR RELIGION

before they did their morality. If a man on a White Star line steamer aying. bound for Liverpool, in mid-Atlantic

been saved. There are aged poople who would

their own vices. The doctors made have been effected in this state."

Why did God tell the Levites not to matter with him. You, the aged Chris- me that offer to Him in sacrifice animals imper- tian man, walked along by that unfect and diseased? He meant to tell us happy one until you came to the golden but the preface to life; there is somein all the ages that we are to offer to pillar of a Christian life. You went thing that tells me that on this side Why did Paul write for his cloak at trious friend of longevity. "With long

Again: religion is a friend of longe-

IT TAKES THE WORRY OUT

of our temporalities. It is not work half as much to God and the Church as that kills men, it is worry. When a man becomes a genuine Christian he the earth filled with volcanic disturbmakes over to God not only his affections, but his family, his business, his reputation, his body, his mind, his soul everything. Industrious he will be, the windows of his bedroom tight shut but never worrying, because God is managing his affairs. How can he worry about business when in answer to his prayers God tells him when to buy

> neighbor who came in and said: "Sir, I want you to call on me in every exigency; I am your fast friend. I could into the scabbard of the sky, and the a panic ten years; I hold the controlling stock in thirty of the best monetary institutions of New York; whenever

will help you; you can have my money and you can have my influence; here is ing, and there was green as of the fidgets, burning out the coating of your my hand in pledge for it." How much heavenly foliage, and there was orange would you worry about business? as of the day-dawn. And along the line strychnined, walking with thin shoes Why, you would say: "I'll do the best of the blue I saw the words: "I was was n to make your feet look delicate, pinch-I can, and then I'll depend on my bruised for their iniquities." And sors."

to deface the temple of the Holy Ghost? and I am your fast friend, when you visited us." glass is cast i What is the ear? Why. it is the whis. get in business trouble of any other. And then I saw the storm was over iron frames

question almost worried me into ruined this subject put together would make a open conclave, for which offense he was martyrdom. This is a state of awful unhealthiness. There are people who fret themselves to death for fear of

I want to take the strain off your jumps overboard and is drowned, is nerves and the depression off your soul that anything against the White Star and I make two or three experiments. line's capacity to take the man across Experiment first : When you go out of the ocean? And if a man jumps over this world it does not make any differthe gunwale of his religion and goes ence whether you have been good or down never to rise, is that any reason bad, or whether you believed truth for your believing that religion has no or error, you will go straight to glory. capacity to take the man clear through? "Impossible," you say, "my common In the one case, if he had kept to the sense as well as my religion teaches that steamer his body would have been the bad and the good cannot live tosaved; in the other case if he had kept to his religion, his morals would have fort in that experiment." Experiment the second : When you leave this world you will go into an intermediate state have been dead twenty-five years ago where you can get converted and prebut for the defences and the equipoise pared for heaven. "Impossible." you of religion. You have no more natural say; "as the tree falleth, so it must lie, resistance than hundreds of people who and I cannot postpone to an intermelie in the cemeteries to-day, slain by diate state reformation which ought to their case as kind and pleasant as they periment the third : There is no future could, and it was called congestion of world; when a man dies, that is the last the brain, or something else, but the of him. Do not worry about what you in his work of preparation. snakes and the blue flies that seemed to | are to do in another state of being; you crawl over the pillow in the sight of the will not do anything. "Impossible," debrious patient showed what was the you say; "there is something that tells

DEATH IS NOT THE APPENDIX gogue, and from Smyrna prophets were sent all over the Turkish dominions to all the Jewish colonies to preach that God our very best physicial condition, to the right; he went to the left. That of the grave I only get started, and "the true Messiah of the race of David and a man who through irregular or is all the difference between you. Oh, that I shall go on forever; my power to was come, and that to him the crown gluttonous eating ruins his health, is if this religion is a protest against all think says 'forever,' my affections say and the kingdom was given." At this not offering to God such a sacrifice. forms of dissipation, then it is an illus- 'forever,' my capacity to enjoy or suffer, juncture Sevi ventured to elect from 'forever.

Well, you defeat me in my three experiments. I have only one more to make, and if you defeat me in that I to their country, and, as we know from am exhausted: A mighty One on a English records, the report reached knoll back of Jerusalem one day, the even as far as to our stores, and that skies filled with forked lightnings and there was some talk of sending English ships to assist in the transport, and even the skeptic Spinoza, from all he ances, turned his pale and agonized face towards the heavens and said : heard, was at one time inclined to waver in his disbellef. The scenes of "I take the sins and sorrows of the ages frenzied excitement in Smyrna were ininto my own heart. I am the expiation, tense; business was entirely suspended Witness earth and heaven and hell, I am the expiation." And the hammer and gave place to eager, fanatical worstruck him, and the spears punctured him, and heaven thundered : "The ship of Sevi; presents poured in to him from all parts, until at length the Sulwages of sin is death !" "The soul tan was roused to action and summoned that sinneth, it shall die !" "I will by him to Adrianople. The story of Sevi's no means clear the guilty !" Then interview with the Sultan is well there was silence for half an hour, known, and how "the holy, noble and and the lightnings were drawn back divine Messiah" was ordered by that earth ceased to quiver, and all the colors things-either to work a miracle and I. Nearness. of the sky began to shift into thereby prove his identity, or to have three poisoned arrows shot at him by

A RAINBOW

the Sultan himself, or to become a Mowoven out of the falling tears of Jeaus, hammedan. "I am a follower of Moyou are in trouble, call on me and I and there was red as of the bloodsheddhammedan," replied Sevi to this test, ing, and there was blue as of the bruisand, turning to his followers, who were dismayed beyond measure at the collapse of their hero, he added, "and he was numbered among the transgres-

riend's generosity for the rest." along the line of the red I saw the Now more than that is promised to words : "The blood of Jesus Christ In the stores of Paris glass is taking every Christian business man. God cleanseth from all sin." And along the and palpitation of the heart, which you says to him: "I own New York and line of the green I saw the words : more than wood but it lasts longer, and besides being easily kept clean, allows think came from God, when they came London and St. Petersburg and Pekin; "The leaves of the Tree of Life for the and Australia and California are mine; healing of the nations." And along its roughened surface for the employes What right has any man or woman have all the resources of the universe, "The day-spring from on high hath to work by in the floor below. The I saw a great white throne, and him bles the feathery forms traced by frost I can foresee a panic a million years; I the line of the orange I saw the words : glass is cast in squares and set in strong

dismay of the Smyrniote rabbis he prohealth. The anxieties men have upon nounced the name "Jehovah" aloud in summoned before a tribunal and condemned to die, but doubtless he had been prepared for this and had arrangements made for his escape from Symrna, and, with one object in view, he went as a pilgrim to Egypt and Jerusalem, where he chose as his Elijah one Nathan Benjamin, a man of ascetic life, who

3. "Moses came and told professed to see visions. Before re-And Moses wrote all." Moses a turning to Smyrna he sent his attendmodel worker; (1) He went; (2) ant Nathan before him to prepare the way, and in the capacity of a second kept back nothing. St. John the Baptist to announce that he was coming to deliver men from the II. COVENANT RELATIONS ACCEPTED.

oppression of the Turks and to lead L Clear Presentation: back the Jews to Palestine. Nathan He took the book of the covenant, did his work well, writing a circular and read (7). letter addressed to the "Remnant of the Meses....told the people all the words Israelites, peace without end," the reof the Lord (Exod. 24:3). sult being that intense and mad excite-They gave the sense, so that they un-

ment seized upon the Jews of that place. derstood (Neh. 8:8). They nearly killed themselves with pen-They expounded unto him the way ances; they administered to one another of God more carefully (Acts 18:26). thirty-nine lashes and tortures of all I had rather speak that I might inkinds; and an influential Jew, l'ennia struct others (1 Cor. 14: 19). by name, whose daughter prophesied

II. Deliberate Acceptance: and wrought miracles, assisted Nathan All that the Lord hath spoken will

we do (7). In due time Sabbatai Sevi landed at kings," and so carried away were the people with his adroit eloquence that a throne was set up for him in the syna-

Nay: but we will serve the Lord (Josh. 24 : 21).

ed him (Luke 5 : 28). **III.** Solemn Ratification:

Moses took the blood, and sprinkled juncture Sevi ventured to elect from | it on the people (8).

among his trusted followers twelve Behold the blood of the covenant princes, who were to act as generals to made with you (Exod. 24:8). the twelve tribes on their journey back This is the blood of the covenant to you-ward (Heb. 9 : 20).

The blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified (Heb. 10:29). Unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood (1 Pet, 1 : 2).

1. "He took the book of the covenant, "He took the book of the covenant, and read." (1) The reader; (2) The auditors; (3) The occasion; (4) The lesson; (5) The response.
"All that the Lord hath spoken will we do, and be obedient." (1) Undertailed in the spoken (2)

Revelation; (2) Understanding; (3) Consecration. 3. "The covenant, which the Lord-

hath made with you." (1) The parties of the covenant; (2) The purposes of the covenant.

Then went up Moses, and Aaron, ... and seventy (9).

Enoch walked with God (Gen. 5:24). I have seen God face to face (Gen. 32 : 30).

The Lord spake unto Moses face to face (Exod. 33:11).

Now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face (1 Cor. 13 : 12). II. Knowledge:

They saw the God of Israel (10). the place of wood in flooring. It costs Let us follow on to know the Lord (Hos. 6:3).

They shall see God (Matt. 5:8). enough light to be transmitted through | We shall see him even as he is (1 John 3 : 2).

III Favor

omise in regard to the p The exalted Host; (2) The lowly Lains a pro

guest; (3) The unspeakable honor sion of the land of Canaan. These chapters, beginning with chap-"Come up," (1) From conflicts with men to fellowship with God; ter 20, from what is called "the book of (2) From the gloom of the valley to the covenant" (comp. v. 7 of the lesson). This preliminary legislation was 2. "Thou, and ... and ... and." and accepted by the people of Israel though (1) The first guest; (2) The gracious so soon virtually rejected

The time of the lesson was immediately after the giving of the Decalogue, in the third month after the departure from Egypt (chap. 19:1). This might be "in the third month" of the year, He told; (3) He wrote; (4) He or in the third month reckoning from the departure. The former is the more probable view, and would make the date about sixty days after the departure, during the latter part of May. The year, according to the common reckoning (Usher) was 1491 B. C., but more modern researches tend to show the date of the exodus as from 1350 to 1300 B. C.

The place was the plain Er-Rahah, since the worship was rendered, not on the mount, but "afar off."

Study of the Absent Minded.

Absent minded people are a curious study, and furnish an unlimited fund of amusement. People who hide things Smyrna, styling himself the "king of All the people answered together, and so successfully that they cannot find so carried away were the said, All.... we will do (Exod. 19: them are very numerous. The poetical editor who frisks about the office fran-We will hear it, and do it (Deut, 5: 27). It cally demanding his pen when that useful article is cozily tucked behind his ear; the woman who pins her jersey He forsook all, and rose up and follow- to the back of her skirt and forgets it at night, puts the skirt on in the morning, hunts in vain for her waist, dons another and hurries away, leaving the recent jersey hanging down her back; the man who complacently irritates the wrong end of a match, and then wonders why in the jumping juniper it won't light-all these are familuar.

A case never told, but true to life, was observed at a recent fire. One of the foremen was walking leisurely home alter the fire had been extinguished, carrying, as he fondly imagined, his speaking trumpet under his arm. His companion, upon asking him where his trumpet was, received the absent m nd-ed answer, "I've got it all right." He called the forman's attention to the fact that he was affectionately conducting home a hose nozzle, and when he asked him where his magnificent silver trumpet was, the forman said in amazement: "I'm blessed if I know." railroad conductor on the Central Hudson stood on a station platform one day potentate to choose between three III. COVENANT RELATIONS ENJOYED. and signaled his engineer to "go ahead," and then walked complacently back into the station, and sat down. A girl recently was in that mythical condition, "in love," put the potatoes on to boil in the teapot, and pumped water into the coal hod. All these are veritable "observed phenomena,"

> The scientific boring in the soil of the Nile Delta has reached a depth of over 308 feet without finding the rock. A four-inch layer of blue clay has just been penetrated, the overlying soil from a depth of 190 feet being sand.

Verra Givre, or hoart frost glass, is an article now made in Paris, so called from the pattern upon it, which resemon the insides of the windows in co'd weather.