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The Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Crooked Things."

Text: "The crooked shall be made straight."—Isa. xl. 4.

Geometry, from the time it was discovered on the banks of the Nile, by its overflow annual, has been the backbone of the restoration of these landmarks...

There have been so many moral earthquakes that many things have got into a terrible twist-crooked laws, crooked governments, crooked fortunes, crooked dispositions...

Much of the wealth of the world is in the hands of the profligate, while many of the best people are subjected to distressing privation, and there is going to be a redistribution of property...

It is a promise of the Lord Almighty. "The crooked shall be made straight." I propose, as I may be divinely helped, to mention some of the crooked things that are going to be straightened.

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been house dogs asleep on a rug before a winter's fire. Throw yourself on the text, or a hundred other texts meaning about the same thing.

So the power of prayer was to the world rather a beautiful power, if it were power at all. But that has been changed, and we begin to use it in some things, and the time will come when it will be used in all things...

Washington Allston, whose name you recognize as that of a great American painter, was reduced to extreme poverty, and one day got on his knees and asked for a loaf of bread for himself and his starving family...

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and North and South Carolina and Virginia and Pennsylvania, and I have shaken hands with the thousands of people who are allied with men of all sections and degrees, and I have to tell you it is all peace, and in all the States of the Union you could not now march with military companies of hundreds of soldiers to fight against the United States Government...

On the 24 of December, 1851, Louis Napoleon Bonaparte rode down the Champs Elysees of Paris, and under the hoofs of his horse a republic was trampled as the river went to take a throne...

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A Canine Birthday Party. A canine party doesn't begin to cost as much as a lady's afternoon reception, and it is ever so much jollier. When the noted terrier has a birthday, cards are sent out to every lady on his mistress's visiting list who keeps a chamber in her heart for a favorite dog or sky, and the replies are written in the dog's name...

Not long ago Mrs. Eugene Clark, of New York, whose dogs have never entered a kennel club exhibition without capturing a desirable prize, gave a canine party that will serve as a model for some months to come...

Snakes on the Egg Shells. A wonderful freak of nature, resulting from the charming of a hen by a huge rattlesnake, is reported by Major Scheller de Buol. The Major states that Friday last he had occasion to search for a favorite hen belonging to his coop of rare fowls, and he found her near a pile of brush, trembling like a leaf and gazing with strained eyes and neck transfixed on a huge rattlesnake...

Henry Labouchere. Henry Labouchere, M. P. and editor of Truth, has had a romantic and interesting life. Born in London in 1831, he was educated at Eaton and Cambridge. Leaving college, he set out on his travels and arrived in Mexico, where he fell in love with a lady of the circus...

Some of the Vanderbilts. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt walks ever in a lane of bowing heads. To be sure she stands for a fortune of a hundred millions, with millions and millions more in the family behind her, and her name is wonderfully popular...

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1890. Parable of the Vineyard.

LESSON TEXT. (Luke 20: 9-19. Memory verses: 13-16.)

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Jesus the Saviour of Men.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.—Heb. 5: 8.

LESSON TOPIC: The Son's Mission Rejected.

LESSON OUTLINE: 1. The Rejected Servant, vs. 13-15. 2. The Rejected Son, vs. 15-16. 3. The Deserved Penalty, vs. 16-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: He is despised and rejected of men.—Isa. 53: 3.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—Luke 20: 9-19. The Son's Mission rejected. T.—Matt. 21: 33-46. Matthew's parallel narrative. W.—Mark 12: 1-12. Mark's parallel narrative. T.—Isa. 5: 1-7. The Lord's vineyard. F.—Luke 4: 16-32. The Son rejected. S.—Acts 13: 38-52. The servants rejected. S.—Matt. 23: 23-39. Penalty threatened.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

I. THE REJECTED SERVANTS. 1. The Owner's Arrangement: A man planted a vineyard, and let it out (9). He planted it with the choicest vine (Isa. 5: 2). Set a hedge about it, and built a tower (Matt. 21: 33). Dugged a pit for the winepress, and let it out (Mark 12: 1).

II. THE REJECTED SON. 1. The Beloved Son: I will send my beloved son (13). This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matt. 3: 17). This is my beloved Son;... hear ye him (Matt. 17: 5). This is my Son, my chosen; hear ye him (Luke 9: 35). Freely bestowed on us in the Beloved (Eph. 1: 6).

III. THE DESERVED PENALTY. 1. Destroyed: He will come and destroy these husbandmen (16). All the wicked will he destroy (Ps. 145: 20). Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body (Matt. 10: 28). He will miserably destroy those miserable men (Matt. 21: 41). He sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers (Matt. 22: 7). II. Disinherited: He... will give the vineyard unto others (16). He... will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen (Matt. 21: 41). They that were hired were not worthy (Matt. 22: 8). None of those men... shall taste of my supper (Luke 14: 24). Seeing ye thrust it from you, I will turn to the Gentiles (Acts 18: 46). III. Scattered: It will scatter him as dust (18). Like shall wind the wind driveth away (Ps. 1: 6).

Make them like the whirling dust (Ps. 83: 12). A stone... brake them in pieces (Dan. 2: 34). As the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind (Hos. 13: 8).

1. "He will come and destroy these husbandmen." (1) Certainty of the Lord's coming; (2) Purpose of the Lord's coming; (3) Penalty at the Lord's coming. 2. "The same was made the head of the corner." (1) The stone rejected; (2) The stone exalted.—(1) In disfavor with the worldling; (2) In honor with God. 3. "They feared the people." (1) Jesus' popularity with the masses; (2) The rulers' apprehension of the masses.—(1) Jesus' love; (2) The people feared.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

THE REJECTION OF JESUS.

Foretold in prophecy (Ps. 2: 1-3; Isa. 53: 3). Foretold in parable (Luke 19: 14). Realized in fact (John 1: 11). Illustrated at Nazareth (Luke 4: 28-30). Illustrated in Samaria (Luke 9: 51-53). Illustrated in Jerusalem (John 8: 39; Acts 4: 14, 15). Realized through his people (Luke 10: 16; 1 Thess. 4: 8). Cannot abase him (Ps. 2: 4-6; Matt. 21: 42). Destroys his foes (Ps. 2: 9; Matt. 21: 44).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

INTERVENING EVENTS.—The cleansing of the temple, according to Matthew (Matt. 21: 12, 13), was followed by some miracles of healing, and by the loss of the children, to which the rulers objected. Jesus then returned again to Bethany, and on the return to Jerusalem, the next morning, the company with him saw the fig-tree wither away (Matt. 21: 20-22; Mark 11: 20-25). On this day there is a long series of conflicts. First the rulers challenge our Lord's authority; he responds by asking their opinion of John the Baptist; their refusal to answer is met by a refusal on his part (Matt. 21: 23-27; Mark 11: 27-33; Luke 20: 1-8). Matthew adds, at this point, the parable of the two sons (Matt. 21: 28-32). The lesson follows.

PLACE.—In the temple at Jerusalem, probably in the Court of the Israelites; but Luke 21: 1-4 must be placed in the Court of the Women.

TIME.—On the third day of the week, which began with the entry to Jerusalem; that is, on Tuesday, the 12th of Nisan, 783 A. U. C.—or April 4, A. D. 30. This date is based on the view that our Lord at the passover at the regular time, on the 14th of Nisan.

INCIDENTS.—The vineyard let to husbandmen; the sending of the first servant to receive the fruit, and the maltreatment of him by the husbandmen; the second and third servant sent, with similar result; the sending of the son; the plot of the husbandmen to kill him; our Lord's prediction of the punishment of the husbandmen; the answer of the people; our Lord's citation of the Old Testament to confirm his words; the increased hostility of the rulers.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matthew 31: 38-46; Mark 12: 1-12.

Nuptial Multiple of Three.

Polygamy is practiced in an extravagant degree, says a West African traveler to the Baltimore American. The more wives a man has the higher his social importance. The number which a man in private life may have is limited by his ability to purchase and support them, but the number of wives which the King may have is limited by law—limited to the modest number of 3,333, and it is said that he usually does not far exceed this limit.

At any rate, he must have more wives than any of his subjects, or his respectability will suffer. I was told by the American consular agent at Elmina that the present king actually has the 3,333 wives, and that he has 600 children. All the king has to do to get a wife is to choose any female he pleases, no matter how young she may be. Girls are often chosen when less than ten years old, and in such cases they are left with their mothers until of mature age, at which time they are taken to join the rest of the 3,333.

No man is ever allowed to see any of the king's wives, and should he even accidentally see one his punishment is death. These wives, during the working season, attend to the king's plantations, but the rest of the time they live at Coomsee, the Ashantee capital, where they occupy two long streets.

When they go out for a walk in a body, as is often the case, they are preceded by a number of eunuchs, who herald their coming, that all men may disappear and avoid looking upon them. When this is impossible they must fall upon their faces to the ground. If a white man happens to be there, and understands not the law, the eunuchs turn his face away from the advancing women.

A Dog's Wonderful Instinct.

About four weeks ago Bill Webb, of Iron Mountain, traded his bulldog Jack for an Irish setter belonging to Prof. Williams, a travelling showman. Williams took Jack with him to St. Paul, Minn. This morning Jack hopped off of a freight train in Iron Mountain on which he had jumped from an ore train at the "Y," some distance up the line. The dog must have made its way here from St. Paul, a distance of nearly four hundred miles, by stealing rides on freight, passenger and ore trains. When it found its old master here it was much emaciated, and how it had seen or instinct to get back to Iron Mountain is a mystery.—Iron Mountain (Mich.) Special.