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A Hazardous Occupation.

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The Eminent Washington Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject; "A Prince's Career."

TEXT: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor."-II Corinthians viii. 9.

That all the worlds which on a cold winter's night make the heavens one great glit-ter are without inhabitants is an aburdity Scientists tell us that many of these worlds are too hot or too cold or too rarefled of atmosphere for residence. But, if not fit for human abode, they may be fit for beings different from and superior to ourselves. We are told that the world of Jupiter is changing and becoming fit for creatures like the human race, and that Mars would do for where, vast beyond imagination, and that it is the headquarters of the universe and the metropolis of immensity and has a population in numbers vast beyond all statistics and appointments of splendor beyond the sapacity of canvas or poem or angel to describe is as certain as the Bible is authentic. Perhaps some of the astronomers with their big telescopes have already caught a glimpse of it, not knowing what it is. We spell it with six letters and pronounced it heaven.

That is where Prince Jesus lived nineteen

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centuries ago. He was the King's Son. It was the old homestead of eternity, and all its eastles were as old as God. Not a frest had ever chilled the air. Not a tear had ever rolled down the cheek of one of its inhabitants. There had never been a headache or a side ache or a reart ache. There had not been a funeral in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There had never in all the land been woven a black veil, for there had never been anything to mourn over. The passage of millions of years had not wrinkled or crippled or bedimmed any of its citizens. All the people there were in a state of eternal adolescence. What floral and pomonic richness! Gardens of perpetual bloom and or at all, it was empty, or we would have heard ness! Gardens of perpetual bloom and or-chards in unending fruitage. Had some spirit from another world entered and asked, What is sin? What is bereavement? What is sorrow? What is death? the brightest of the intelligences would have falled to give definition, though to study the question there was silence in neaven for half an hour.

The Prince of whom I speak had honors, emoluments, acclamations such as no other orince, celestial or terrestrial, ever enjoyed. As He passed the street the inhabitants took off from their brows garlands of white lilies and threw them in the way. He never en-tered any of the temples without all the worshipers rising up and bowing in obelsance. In all the processions of the high days He was the one who evoked the loadest welc sometimes on foot, walking in loving talk with the humblest of the land, but at other times He took chariot, and among the 20.0 0 that the psalmist spoke of His was the swiftest and most flaming, or, as when St. John described Him. He took white paifrey, with what prance of foot, and arch of neck, and roll of mane, and gleam of eye is only dimly suggested in the Apocalypse. He was not like other princes, waiting for the Father to die and then take the throne. When years ago an artist in Germany made a picture for the royal gallery representing the Emperor William on the throne and the Crown Prince as having one foot on the step of the throne, the Emperor William ordered the picture

mirers! What unending round of glories!
All the towers chimed the Prince's praises.
Of all the inhabitants, from the center of the city on over the he's and clear down to the beach against which the ocean of immensity rolls its billows, the Prince was the acknowledged favorite. No wonder my text says that "He was rich." Set all the diamonds the heather of the highlands and hear of the earth in one scepter, build all the talbages of the scotch regiments. The Rather all the pearls of the sea in one dia-dem, put all the values of the earth in one ki mon had in gold 680,000,000 pounds, and in silver 1,029,000,377 pounds. But a greater than Solomon is here. Not the millionaire, but the owner of all things. To describe His celestial syrroundings the Bible uses all colors, gathering them in rainbow over the throne, and setting them as agate in the temple window, and hoisting tweive of them into a wall, from striped jasper at the up to the highlands of the better country. base to transparent amethyst in the espatone, while between are green of emerald, and snow of pearl, and blue of sapphire, and yellow of topaz, gray of chrysoprase, and Same of jucinth. All the loveliness of landscape in foliage and river and rill and all enchantment agusmarine, the sea of glass mingled with fire as when the sun sinks in the Mediterranean. All the thrill of music, instrumental and vocal, barps, trumpets, doxologies. There stood the Prince, surrounded by those who had under their wings the velocity of millions of miles in a second, Himself rich in love, rich in adoration, rich in power, rich in worship, rich in holiness, rich in "all the fullness of the Godhead bod-

But one day there was a big disaster in department of God's universe. A race fallen! A world in ruins! Our planet the scene of catastrophe! A globe swinging out into darkness, with mountains and seas and islands, an awful centifugal of sin seeming to overpower the beautiful centripetal of blissful circumjacence and started from the outer gate and descended into the night of this world. Out of what a bright harbor into what a rough seal "Stay with us," cried angel after angel and potentate after potentate. "No," said the Prince, "I cannot stay. I must be off for that wreck of a world. I must stop that groan. I must hush that distress. I must fa hom that abyss, I wor out must redeem those Netions Paragell to be must redeem those Nations. Farewell, thrones and templee, hosts cherubic, seraphic, archangelie! I will come back again, carrying on my shoulder a ransomed world. Till this is done I choose earthly seeff to heavenly acciamation, and a cattle pen to a king's palace, frigid zone of earth to atmosphere of celestial radiance. I have no time to lose, for hark ye to the groan that grows mightler while I wait! Farewell! Farewell!' "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though H. was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor." Was there ever a contrast so overpowering

paid Him rent? Not owning the bost on which He sailed, nor the beast on which He rode, nor the pillow on which He slept. He had so little estate that in order to pay His tax He had to perform a miracle, putting the amount of the assessment in a fish's mouth and having it hauled ashore. And after His death the world rushed in to take an inven-tory of His goods, and the entire aggregate was the garments He had worn, sleeping in them by night and traveling in them by day, bearing on them the dust of the highway and the saturation of the sea. St. Paul in my text hit the mark when he said of the missionary Prince, "For your sakes He be-

The world could have treated Him better if it had chosen. It had all the means for making His earthly condition comfortable. Only a few years before, when Pompey, the general, arrived in Brindisi, he was greeted with arches and a costly column which celebrated the 12,000,000 people whom he had killed or conquered, and he was allowed to wear his triumphal robe in the senate. The world had applause for im-perial butchers, but buffeting for the Prince of Peace; plenty of golden chalices the human family with a little change in the part of the favored to drink out of the structure of our respiratory organs. But for the favored to drink out of the bucket of that there is a great world swung somewhere, vast beyond imagination, and that it the well by the roadside after He had begged for a drink. Poor? Born in another man's have and eating at another man's man's barn, and eating at another man's table, and cruising the lake in another man's fishing smack, and buried in another man's Four inspired authors wrote His bitomb. ography, and innumerable lives of Christ have been published, but He composed His

> prosperous classes. They called HIm Sab bath breaker, wine bibber, traitor, blasphemer and ransacked the dictionary of opprobrium from cover to cover to express their detestation. I can think now of only two well to do men who espoused His cause—Nicodemus and Joseph of Arlmathea. His friends for the most part were people who, in that climate where ophthalmia or inflammaat all, it was empty, or we would have heard what the soldiers did with the contents. The pigeon in the dovecot, the rabbit in its burrow, the silkworm in its coo What is bereavement? What the bee in its hive is better provided for, hat is death? the brightest of better off, better sheltered. Aye, the brute creation has a home on earth, which Christ had not. A poet says:

If on windy days the raven Gambol like a dancing skiff, Not the less he loves his haven On the bosom of the cliff. If almost with eagle pinion O'er the Alps the chamois roam,

Yet he has some small dominion Which no doubt he calls his home. One of John Bunyan's great books is enitled "Grace Abounding." "It is all of trace that I am saved" as has been on the ips of hundreds of dying Christians. The boy Sammy was right when, being exam-ined for admission into church membership, te was asked, "Whose work was your salva-lon?" And he answered, "Part mine and part God's." Then the examiner asked, "What part did you do, Sammy?" And the answer was, "I opposed God all I could and He sid the rest!" Oh, the height of it, the depth of it, the length of it, the breadth of it, the grace of God! Mr. Fletcher having written a pamphlet that pleased the king, the king offered to com-pensate him, and Pleicher answered. the Emperor William ordered the picture changed and said, "Let the prince keep his foot off the throne till I leave it."

Already embroned was the heavenly Prince side by side with the Father. What a circle of dominion! What multitudes of admirers! What unending round of clocket. hospitals. His one desire was to see Scotland of the earth in one Athambra, night that the old Scotch soldier died eer all the pearls of the sea in one dia, put all the values of the earth in one
, the aggregate could not express His
tence. Yes, St. Paul was right. Solowas a bagpige. The instant that the mu-sicians began the dying old man in delir-ium said: "What's that? What's that?

Why, it's the regiments coming home. That's the tune-yes, that's the tune. Thank God, I have got home once more!" "Bonnie Scotland and Bonnie Donn! up to the highlands of the better country, and there are hundreds homesick for heaven, some because you have so many be-reavements, some because you have so many temptations, some because you have so many aliments—homesick, very homesick for the fath-riand of heaven, and the music that you want to hear now is the song of free grace, and the music that you want to hear when you die is free grace, and forever before the throne of God you will sing of the "grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, for your sakes be-

Yes, yes, for your sakes! It was not on a pleasure excursion that He came, for it was all pain. It was not on an astronomical exploration, for He knew this world as well before He alighted as afterward. It was not because He was compelled to come, for Ho volunteered. It was not because it was easy. for He knew that it would be thorn and spike and hunger and thirst and vociferation of angry mobs. "For your sakes!" To wip away your tears, to forgive your wrongdo overpower the beautiful centripetal of ing, to companionship your loneliness, to righteousness, and from it a groan reached ing, to companionship your loneliness, to righteousness, and had never been heard soothe your sorrows, to sit with you by the there. Plenty of sweet sounds, but never an new made grave, to bind up your wounds outery of distress or an echo of agony. At that one groun the Prince rose from all the blissful circumjacence and started from up the mists that fall on your up the mists that fail on your dying vision with the sunlight of a glorious morn. "For your sakes!" No: I will change that. Paul will not care and Christ will not care if I change it, for I must get into the blessedness of the text myself, and so I say, "For our sakes!" For we al! have our temptations and bereavements and conflicts. For our sakes. We who deserve for our sins to be expatriated into a world as much poorer than this, than this earth is poorer than heaven. For our sakes! But what a frightful coming down to take us gleriously

> When Artaxerxes was hunting, Tirebazus, who was attending him, showed the king a rent in his garments. The king said, "How shall I mend it?" "By giving it to me," shall I mend it? By giving it to me, said Tirebazus. Then the king gave him the robe, but commanded him never to wear it, as it would be inappropriate.
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> But see the startling and comforting fact

rich, yet for your sakes He became poor."

Was there ever a contrast so overpowering as that between the noonday of Christ's celestial departure and the midnight of His earthly arrival? Sure enough, the angels were out that night in the sky, and an especial meteor acted as escort. But all that was from other worlds, and not from this world. The earth made no demonstration of welcome. It one of the great princes of this world steps out at a depot, cheers resonnd, and the bands play, and the flags wave. But for the arrival of this missionary Prince of the skies not a torch flared. All the music and the pomp were overhead. Our world opened for Him nothing better than a barn door.

The Rajch of Cashmere sent to Queen Victoria a bedstead of carved gold and a canopy that cost \$730,000, but the world had for the Prince of Heaven and Earth only a litter of straw. The crown jewels in the Tower of London amount to \$15,000,000, but this member of eternal royally had nowhers to lay His cand. To know how poor He was ask the three wise men of the East, who afterward came to Bethiehem. To know how poor He was examine all the records of real estaw in all that oriental country and see what vineyard or what field He owned. Not one. Of what morigage was He the morigage? Of what tenement was He the landlord? Of what lease was He the landlord? O while our Prince throws off the robe He

#### ALL ABOUT SNAKES.

The new world has seventy-two varieties of venomous snakes. There are said to be over one hun-

dred varieties of poisonous serpents in India.

The serpent has two lungs, but only one is developed, the other being rudimentary. Snake experts say that of all venom-

ous reptiles the rattlesnake is the most deadiv

Pythons and boas in captivity have been known to go twenty-two months without food. The teeth of a serpent are hooked

backward, so that its prey, once seized, rarely escapes. The ears of a snake do not appear externally, being merely small orifices

covered by the skin. The cobra is said to be the only ser-

pent that emits a cry, which resembles the squeak of a rat. The male snake is always smaller,

more siender, of brighter color and more active than the female. The skin of the serpent is exceedingly extensible; it can be stretched to

twice its ordinary dimensions. All serpents, even in the tropical regions, become either torpid or languid during the cool season of the year.

It is said by naturalists that the story of vipers swallowing their young when in danger has a foundation in

A snake finds the same difficulty in crossing a plate of glass that a man experiences in walking upon very smooth ice.

Some boas and pythons have horny hooks or the sides of the body, which seem to be the rudiments of a pair of hind legs. The python, in the old world, re-

places the boa in the new. The python differs from the boa in having four teeth in the intermaxillary bone. Snakes have frequently been known

to commit suicide. Rattlesnakes, when surrounded by a circle of fire, will bite themselves to death.

All snakes feed on living animals and refuse to touch those which they have not killed for themselves. A snake is very choice about his meat.

The viper is the only poisonous serpent known in Europe, and it is found in every part of the Continent and in many localities in the south of England The hissing sound produced by ser-

pents is greatly exaggerated, as the quarrity of air contained in a snake's lungs is too small to produce a loud sound when ejected. The forked tongue of the serpent is one of its most striking characteris-

ties. Useless as it may seem, serpeuts have been observed to lap water with the torgue like a dog. The entire muscular system of a saske is, in one way or another, con-

nected with its spinal column, and presents one of the most complex arrangements known to the comparative anatomist, The lower jaw of the serpent is connected with the upper by means of

cartilages and tendons which are extousible, and the snake can thus swallow an animal larger in circumference than his own body. The viper which, when St. Paul was

shipwrecked in Malta, came out of the are and fastened on the hand of the apostic, was probably the same variety as that existing on the island at the present time,-St. Louis Globe-Demo-

### Proper Care for Eye Glasses.

"Spectacles and eye glasses are as much benefited by a bath now and then as people are," remarked a wellknown optician. "It is strange bow many people there are who think that their glasses only need an occasional wiping. Now, the fact is, glasses require baths as frequently as the ordinary person. The process is as simple as you may want to make it. My plan, however, is to take the glasses to a wash bowl and give them a good soaking in warm water. Then apply soap freely and rub it off by the use of a soft tooth or nail brush. After that give them a polish with any of the usual tooth powders, and then clean them with tissue paper, which is much better for that purpose than chamois skin. or anything else that I know of.

"The ordinary cleansing is all right as far as it goes, but it is not sufficient. Many a person has done great injury to their eyes by neglecting to properly clean their glasses. I have had a number of patients come to me with complaints about what they called a gradual diminution of their sight. An examination revealed the fact that it was wonderful that they could see at all, for their glasses were gummed over and had been fearfully neglected. A little soap and water, to which a few drops of ammonia was added, did the business. Some time ago a friend of mine, a surgeon, who makes a specialty of the ear, told me that there were more ear troubles in consequence of dirt in the ear than from all other causes combined."-Washington Star.

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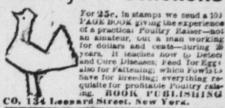
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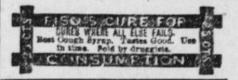
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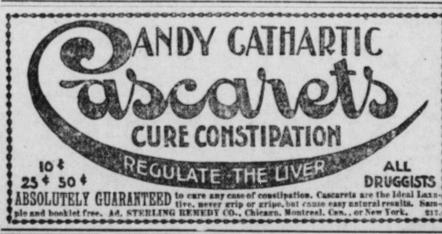
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