#### FROM FROST LAND TO ROSY BOWERS

A Railroad Journey from Cold Winter shoe." late Budding Summer.

DELIGHTFUL JOURNEY TO THE SOUTH

The Beautiful Scenery of the "Land of the Sky" -- Asheville and Its At-Feats--Stray Notes of a Charming

crusts of ice cover streams, while waterspouts are choked and overcoats are in demand in the coldish North, down South roses are climbing vineclad balconies and the latest summer fashions are being studied. When the ficrce, chilling, penetrating cold-pro-ducing winds of blowy March begin to be rampant, Northeners begin to sigh for the summer skies, the soft air and the "Doice far niente" of the land of oranges and cotton. Although the Mardi Gras, which only the other day illuminated and bedecked New Orleans, was the immediate cause of the advance rush toward the region of the equator, yet the actual army of departure does not fairly start until after the first of March. Then all the railroad companies whose locomotive headlights are turned Southward have all they can do to move the immense traffic that is thrust upon them; and those folks who go South at this time of the year are not the ordinary travelers; they have leisure, they have means, and they have traveled everywhere. They demand, and are willing to pay for the best service that can be given by the modern perfection of railroad transportation.

#### A FINE ROUTE.

Among the many corporations whose tremendous flyers rattle down toward Florida and to New Orleans none has proved itself more able to handle satisfactorily the great crowds and please everybody than that enterprising, liberal, progressive and thoroughly up-todate system of railroads known as the Southern railway. Practically embraced in this system may be included the Pennsylvania railroad, whose tracks are used as far as Washington, where begins the Southern railway itself, which then takes in, before the Gulf is reached, the following other railroads: Western railway of Alabama. Louisville and Nashville railroad. New Orleans and Northeastern railroad and Alabama Great Southern railerates, controls or has the privilege of tracks amounting in all to over five thousand miles. As an instance of what this company can do it may be said that their through trains run from Philadelphia to Florida in twenty-three hours and to New Orleans in thirty-six. Their service to Florida has not only gained a reputation among tourists to the orange groves, but the remarkable equipment of its various trains, their superb appointments, splendid conveniences and unheard of comforts have given them a fame that is now spreading to the four corners delegates traveled to New Orleans by

out by any railroad in this country. ENGINEERING FEATS.

On the trip southward the train flies through Baltimore, Washington, Danville, Charlotte, Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile, and the time of departure from the North is so fixed that the most beautiful scenery along the route burst forth to view during daylight Coming back from New Orleans a detour was made, the train taking the tracks of the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad as far as Meridian, then going through Birmingham, Chattanooga, and making a stop at that famed winter resort. Asheville, N. C., which hangs on the tops of the mountains like a grand lamp in the Here nature has provided a throne for herself and shares her kingdom with her sister her th.

Amid the environmer's of cloudkissed Asheville we fine some of the most phenomenal railroad engineering this country. The rails that run up the mountains and run down the mountains were placed there in the face of the most extraordinary kind of difficulties. It may be mentioned that the average cost per mile of construction was sixty thousand dollars, requiring in time an additional outlay of forty thousand dollars per mile. One little stretch of rails, covering but a distance of three hundred yards, and familiarly known as "Mud Cut," cost the company in round figures four hundred thousand dollars. Here the mountain towered one hundred and eighty feet above the track, and after the first girders had been laid it was found that the bed showed quicksilver formation and everything began to slide like a thermometer. A force of one hundred men was employed night and day for years in order to keep the

tracks in an absolutely secure position. Everything is all right now, as the mountain washed back for two hundred yards, leaving the tracks in a positively safe and secure position and free from any possible encroachment upon them. The men employed to do this labor were secured under contract from the North Carolina penal commissioners, and the price paid for the work of the convicts was therefore very low, but as the total amount expended was four hundred thousand dollars, it is easily reckoned how much labor was enlisted in order to clear the tracks.

TUNNELS. In and about the region of Asheville we find the grade is about 12 feet to the mile for a run of twelve miles. Nine large tunnels are whirled through by the various trains, and the longest of these tunnels, 1,800 feet, was cut and constructed at the tremendous cost of one million dollars. One-third of this tunnel was pierced through solid rock and the rest was arched with solid brick, the whole affair being certainly a triumph of modern railroad egineering. This tunnel is known as Swannanos, and has become historic in

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the records of railroad construction. The line here twists and turns like a long snake; at one point seventeer portions of the track may be seen at while there is a grand curve which is known as the "Beall Horse

THE LAND OF THE SKY.

Asheville: It is simply a mountain dream-it is different from any other mountain resort in the world; it is unique-there is nothing to compare with it except, perhaps, if we allow our minds to travel across ocean and land to far-away Switzerland, and even then the unprejudiced tourist will tractions -- Railroad Engineering give his verdict in favor of Asheville. There is no better evidence of the beauty of this region than the fact that this God-favored spot was selected by George W. Vanderbilt as a residence for himself, after he had traveled all over the world and had visited every noted picturesque region. Here his millions have been an Aladdin's lamp, which has erected on the mountain side the most superb mansion that can be found on the Americant continent, and where he has laid out a magnificent estate of 140,000 acres. His architect must have been a fairy who volved beauty from the clouds and sprinkled everything with diamond dew. The Vanderbilt estate, which is known as "Biltmore," is assuredly the finest private estate, the boundaries of the United States hold. Its owner had millions, of course, at command, and money can do anything, but without the rare, superb beauty and natural surroundings of Asheville his millions would have been as naught.

Asheville is well termed "The Land of the Sky," and the drapery of heaven almost envelops its site between the Allegheny mountains on the west and Blue Ridge on the east, the city itself capping an elevation of 2,600 feet above tidewater, surrounding mountain tops even pressing the sky at a higher alti-Here you will find the bubbling, sparkling, gurgling French Broad river, which is the natural shed water of the region and which flows along at an elevation of 1800 feet for 40 miles, In this delightful region pulmonary and throat troubles are put to flight by the balmy air in this section, the consumptive here renews health, forgets all about the rigors of Northern winters, and a new lease of life is signed, scaled and delivered as the whistle of the locomotive is heard on its approach to Asheville,

#### AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

It is due to the Southern railway to say that it has been an important factor in building up what is now known as the new South. Its efforts have not been entirely confined to the mere transportation of passengers, but have been a great aid in the movement of that increased freight traffic which road. It may be a matter of interest has sprung into existence since the to state that the Southern railway op- introduction of Northern capital in the Southern states, and which has resulted in the building up of large factories, particularly in the cotton growing states, where the manufacturers are rivaling New England states in the matter of production, a fact which has been noted and extensively commented upon during the past few months in the Northern papers. This prosperity, for which the South has been so anxjously waiting, has certainly been brought about in a great measure by the liberal and progressive methods which characterize all the intents and purposes of the new officials of the this country, and has also gained Southern railway. They have realized the attention of all Europeans visiting the colossal material wealth of the Recently the International state below the Mason and Dixon line League of Press Clubs, which is com- and have mapped out a well-defined posed of all the journalistic clubs of and concentrated programme, whose good deal of gold from Australia is now here's another: The Eastern Argus and America, held a convention in the city one purpose is to develop that material of New Orleans, and the northern wealth to the fullest extent. New San Francisco. It goes directly to the of Bethlem Green Times and Borough blood has been recently infused into mint in that city, and is there convertthe way of the Southern railway, and this once amost disitegrated system route followed going and coming and a once non-paying property has made one of the most pleasant, pictur-esque and enjoyable trips ever mapped lis feet, and where once was a deficit to be noted there is now a dividend as-

> FROM ALASKA TO THE MINT. How Klondike Gold Finds Its Way Into United States Treasury.

From the Boston Evening Transcript. Ever so much has been written about the gold that comes from the Klondike. but nobody seems to have thought of inquiring as to what becomes of it after it has left the placer mines and the Yukon region. Of course the miners bring it into the United States by steamer, Jone up in canvas bags and all sorts of other packages. And the bulk of it thus fetched to Seattle, which is a convenient port. In Seattle there is no trouble in converting the raw material into the ordinary currency of the realm. The merchants accept it, by weight, as readily as any other form of money, and the banks are always ready customers for gold.

Most of the miners laden with the vellow wealth, take it directly to the Seattle banks and deposit it, just as if it were dollars. They receive credit for it in the same way; but ordinarily the banks act simply as agents for the sale of the gold to the government. Uncle Sam, you see, advertises to buy all gold that is offered, with no limit on quantity. His purchasing office, nearest to Scattle, is at Helena, Mont. So the banks, which eventually get all the gold accepted by the merchants. forward the stuff to the assay office at Helena and there it is received and paid for. The payment is made immediately on its receipt by Treasury

checks. If, then, you are a miner just returned from the Klondike with a bag of gold, you may convert it into everyday money at very short notice. The treasury check returned to you through the bank is for only 98 per cent, of the estimated value of the dust and nuggets. That you get without any delay at all, beyond the time required for expressing the stuff to Helena and for the return of the check by mail. The balance due to you comes as soon as your gold has been subjected to the necessary assay. You have a right, under the law, to receive gold coin for your check, if you choose to ask for it. you make no such demand the treasury will give you paper money; but the check is really payable in gold if you want it. The idea back of this is that any man has a right to offer raw gold to the United States government and

to receive gold coin in return. This legal obligation is fulfilled at considerable cost by the government. Every gold coin contains its full face value in that metal plus a percentage of copper added to harden it. minting of it costs something, and for this nothing is charged. In other words, Uncle Sam gives a manufactured article of money in return for raw material. Furthermore, it must be considered that gold pieces suffer appreciable loss by abrasion while in circulation. Even gold coins in bags at dead loss to the government, which protects itself only by fixing a "limit of tolerance," as it is called. When more than a certain fraction of a gold piece has been lost by abrasion, it is accepted-only by weight. It is a rather interesting fact that a

Sunday School Lesson for March 13.

### The Wheat and the Tares.

Matt. XIII; 24-30, 36-43.

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ness to the latter. At lovers of truth readily recognize these harmonies and the force of arguments derived therefrom. To them the things on earth are copies of things in heaven. Christ moved in the midst of what to many seemed a wornout world, but He made it tell out the se-crets of man's being. He made it an-swer with strange and marvelous correspondences to another and invisible world, to help to the birth great thoughts of the heart, long struggling to be born. The parables of Jesus display His ac-quaintance with the sensuous and the supersensuous realm and enable men to pass more readily from one to the other.

SOWING.-In His first parable (verses I to 23), Jesus made His teaching turn upon the character of the soil. A man had gone forth with good seed, but the product varied in the harvest according to the ground upon which it fell. In the parable before us He presents the same man faithfully depositing good seed, pre-sumably in good soil. His work was well done and he repaired to his home to rest, expecting that in due course of time he would reap (verse 24). But when the night came on, while he slumbered, his enemy came stealthily into the field. Having sown tares in the same ground where the wheat had been cast, he went away (verse 25). The act was wholly un-known. It was done out of pure mischief. There could be no benefit or pleasure to him who did it, except the pleasure de-rived from the reflection that an injury had been done. It is a strange condition of human nature when a man takes de-light in annoying another. The spirit is devilish in the extreme.

GROWING.-Both the wheat and the tares germinated, being influenced by the same meisture and the same sunlight and nurtured in the same soil (verse 26). For a considerable time no one could have disnguished the one from the other. Even practiced eye of the farmer was deceived. Locking over the field he must have thought the grain was unusually thick, thrifty and promising, and he may have congratulated himself on the abundant yield. But after awhile, when the grain heads out, the tares are known. Hateful and nexious weeds they were. Volney, writing of the darnel, which probably our Saviour had in mind, says he experienced ill effects from eating its seeds (Trav. ii. 395). The "Inmates of the Sheffield workhouse were attacked some years ago with serious symptoms supposed to be produced by their outmeal having been adulterated with lolium." which is very much the same as the darnel of Arabia (Eng. Cycl). It was therefore a very great disappointment to the owner of the field to discover this weed among his grain, and his servants expressed their surprise, knowing that good seed had been cast into the ground

PROPOSING.-The explanation was not to seek. The quantity and extent of jous. The field was the world which be- 1-2).

coming into this country by way of Borough of Hackney Times, Borough ed into coin. But whatsoever the source of the raw gold, the treatment it receives on reaching the mint or assay office is the same. Each lot of Klonaike dust, with its sprinkling of tiny nuggets, is but into a closed vessel called a crucible. The crucible is placed n a furnace, and when the metal is mited it is poured into a mould, which | them, though perhaps not so complete forms it into a brick called a "bar." While in the crucible the molten vellow stuff is stired constantly and thoroughly, so that all the materials it contains may be distributed equally through the bar. For, of course, the raw gold is apt to be combined with more or less of silver, copper, and even lead.

The bar, when cool, is sent to the weighing room, where the assayer chips from it a very small scrap, and this scrap is put through an elaborate process, for the purpose of determining exactly how much gold it contains. Eventually it is reduced to a bit of absolutely pure gold, and the weight of this bit gives to the assayer his data, tiser." "Gazette," or "Echo." Of course, for reckoning the exact value of the On this reckoning the payment check is made out. The gold brick, being now the property of Ucule Sam, is subjected to a chemical treatment, by which the silver and other impurities are separated from it and the yellow metal is obtained in a perfectly pure state. In this state it looks more like red gravel than anything else, and nobody would think of stopping by the wayside to pick up a handful of such stuff.

The "red gravel" is pressed by hydraulic power into big cakes, resembling angel-food cakes in shape, but much bigger. These cakes are worth about \$80,000 apiece. Next the material of which the cakes are made is melted again in crucibles, with the addition of 10 per cent, of copper, and the stuff is cast in bars for coining. Each bar is sliced by a machine into several etrips, which are put under a powerful rolle and squeezed to just the required thickness for the coins. Then the strips are passed beneath a punch, which cuts out of them the blanks for the gold pieces that are to be. Various nechanical processes requiring no de tailed description here, are through incidentally, but at length the coin blanks are put one by one in a stamping machine, which gives to them the beautiful designs that make the gold pieces of the United States current at face value all over the world.

SOME BRITISH NEWSPAPERS Strange Titles Inflicted Upon Certain

Publications in England. London Letter in the Sun. A rule that applies principally to newspapers in England is to the effect that the less important the paper the longer its name. Unless one has looked over the lists of British papers he may not believe this, but it is true, as the following names will show. In London these titles are borne and possibly enjoyed: The Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal and North Islington Standard and the Northwestern trict Advertiser and Camden and Kent. ish Town, Hampstead Highgate, Halthe treasury lose something of their loway and St. Pancras Gazette, which value by being jestled about. This is latter, as its name indicates, is Conloway and St. Paneras Gazette, which servative in its politics. It's all right to be Conservative if you're built that way; but think of asking your local newsman for that paper, especially the day after election, when you're in a hurry for news. But perhaps you don't buy this paper for the news. Now, kid gloves in all the mo

PRELIMINARY.—We have now come to "the great parable chapter," as Luther calls it. The word, parable, literally signifies, to put one thing before or beside another. This mode of teaching was held in high favor among the ancients, because it was a form or illustration that excited thought, awakened pleasurable emotion, and helped the memory. It was alike agreeable and profitable to the latter, all lovers of truth readily recognize these harmonies and the readily recognize these harmonies and the manners and the supposite the seed of righteousness, the truth spoken by Him (Luke vill, 11), and deposited the seed of righteousness, the teruth spoken by Him (Luke vill, 11), the had deposited the seed of righteousness, the teruth spoken by Him (Luke vill, 11).

Some evil intelligence lies back of every planted wrong. But what shall be done?

Is there any remedy? It was proposed that the tuth spoken by Him (Luke vill, 11), the had deposited the seed of righteousness, the had deposited the seed of ri this was impracticable. The tares were so numerous, they grew in such close re-lation with the wheat, that to pull up one was to destroy the other. "Let both grow together." Two crops in the same field, the one valuable, the other pernicious, the latter spared for the sake of the other. This was the wisest policy under the circumstances.

> HARVESTING .- The time will come however, when the wheat and the tares will be separated. They grow together but for distinctly opposite purposes. When the harvest is gathered the former alone is valuable, and is stored carefully in barns for use (Matt. iii, 12). That wheat may be converted into flour, and of that bread may be made for the support of mankind. See what multitudes live upon the millions of bushels of grain raised in the western states of this country! It was for the wheat that the far-mer sowed his field. But the tares are worthless, and worse than worthless. No use can be made of them. They are an injury as well as an incumbrance. They must therefore be burned (verse 30). So the farmer instructed his servants who were required to wait until the appointed time. Looking out over the field one may see stalks growing and support what will yield life and strength, and the other stalks growing only to become fuel. All shall be gathered into its appropriate place, the storehouse or the flames,

INQUIRING.—What does all this mean? It was evident that Jesus would not relate an incident like this merely to make known what might happen any time in the history of Palestine. He in-tended to teach rather than to gossip. His words were always so serious that all who heard knew that they carried some important lesson. The disc most of all knew this, but they did The disciples immediately ask him to explain. Not un-til Jesus had sent the multitude away. and He had gone with His followers into the house did they approach Him verse 35). There was much wisdom and elicacy in their method. They rightly ssumed that He did not propose to unfold mysteries in the presence of men who cared not for them (Matt. xl. 25). They understood that private intimacy and personal contact, as well as re-sultant affection between the teacher and the pupil, are needed in order to the re-ception of the higher truths (Psalm xxv, 14). The little group, gathered in the home of Peter requested "Declare unto us," with the emphasis on the pronoun. An eager, select, retired class of pupils

EXPLAINING.-It must have been with much satisfaction (John xvi. 12) that the Great Teacher explained His parable (verses 37 to 40). The sower and the enemy represented the Son of Man and the devil, two persons, the latter as truly as the former having a real existence, the one benevolent, the other malic-

of Shoreditch Times; and this one,

pretty nice selection for a great city;

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dale News and Haslington Gazette, I

will be noticed that a very large pro-

portion of the papers are named "Ga

zette." It must be that the same lack

of any sense of humor that allows the

English to give such long names to

their papers forbids them to choose ap-

propriate names. Almost every paper

there are others; but they are few and

far between. At Kidderminster, to be

sure, there is a Shuttle, which is ap-

propriate because Kidderminster is a

great spinning place, and at Ross the

paper has to be called the Man of Ross,

but almost everywhere there is a dull

Here are two more to wind up with;

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APPLYING.—The terminology having been thus made plain Jesus proceeded to apply His teaching (verses 41 to 43). He showed that the present mixed condition of affairs in this world, the mingling of the righteous and the wicked, will be the righteous and the wicked, will be brought to an end. A definite time has been fixed, unknown to men (Matt. xxiv, 36), styled the end of the world frequently 39, styled the end of the world frequently mentioned in Scripture. It will be ushered in by phenomena of a startling character. The rightful sovereign, who has so long and patiently endured the presence of evil in His kingdom (Heb. xili. 3), will then exchange His attitude of mercy to one of Justice. By the instrumentality of angels whom He will send forth He will gather out of His kingdom all who offend. They will be doomed to destruction. Shall we call it figurative language, as many do, or shall we hold it to be a literal account of their fate? They shall be cast into a furnace of fire: This is the statement of the meek and lowly Jesus. However the words are understood the destiny is certain and awful (Rev. xix, 20). After this tain and awful (Rev. xix, 20). After this fearful visitation shall come a better era, a better world. "The righteous shall shine forth as the sun" (Dan. xil, 3). fulfilling the prediction of the prophet.

The implication here is that the presence of the ungodly prevents the saints from appearing in their true glory.

CONCLUSION .- Our lesson suggests some difficult questions. Whence came the evil that is in the world? Why is the evil permitted to remain? How jong will it continue? These and other in-quirles of like import have engaged the minds of the thoughtful in all ages and lands. Many volumes have been written in the attempt to answer, but nothing satisfactory has thus far appeared, and men are left to speculate and wonder. There is as much mystery here as in the realms of physical science, probably no more. But the teaching of Jesus sheds light on the subject, and we do well to remember what he has said. The evil is here through the work of a malignant spirit. It remains only by permission for the sake of the good. Some day, in the the sake of the good. Some day, in the time of infinite wisdom, and by Divine fiat and power, it will be cast out. A bright and glorious morning will dawn upon a world of righteousness (Isa. xi, 9), when they who love the Lord will be seen in all their excellence (Rev. iii, 5), clad in white robes. All hall, blessed day! And what need men do, but to choose the right and hate the wrong, to stand in their lot and place, assured that what is now so mysterious will be made what is now so mysterious will be made

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