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Dr. Pierce, of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, announces a popular theme for his Sunday evening discourse. The great strike of the miners has been a national topic for many weeks and pulpit and press, as well as the general pit and press, as well as the general public, have discussed many phases of the problems which are involved in the settlement of the great labor question. We have become familiar with some of the dark sides of the strike in this section, and the public will be interested to learn some of the bright features. The doctor will speak on the topic, "Fair Play, or the Bright Sidemof the Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev

M. Norling, a missionary, writes follows to The Tribune concerning the Sabbath observance mass meeting: There will be held, Sunday, October

28, at 3.45 p. m., in the First Presbyterian church, a Sabbath observance mass meeting, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Sabbath association. An address will be given by Rev. William J. Ford, of Green Ridge Baptist church. The Christians of every demake the service of especial interest to those who are not acquainted with to those who are not acquainted with of Jehu''; class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school of Jehu''; class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school in the large at 3 p. m.; Epworth league a noble work throughout the state in the canal work, and in taking its stand against Sabbath desecration. All interested in good citizenship are cordially

Sunday afternoon at 3.45 the Young Men's Christian association will hold one of their interesting services in their rooms in the Guernsey building. L. F. Bower, treasurer of the Dickson Manufacturing company, will address the meeting, and D. W. Davis, a baritone soloist, of Wilkes-Barre, will sing.

Mrs. Susan S. Fessenden, of Boston, Mass., who has, during the past week. spoke to delighted audiences in different parts of the city, will give an address on "Christian Citizenship," at the Second Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, October 28, at 7.30. All are in-

The meeting at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association will be for men only. L. M. Keene will be the speaker. All railroad men are invited. Mrs. Fessenden, of Boston, Mass., late president of the Massachusetts Women's Christian Temperance union, and who is a guest of Mrs. L. B. Powell over Sunday, will speak on "Christian Citizenship," in the Second Presbyterian church, tomorrow evening. Mrs. Fessenden is regarded as having no superior among the noble women of this country in speaking on the cause of Christian temperance.

Gospel meeting at the central Young Women's Christian association, 205 Washington avenue, at 3.45 p. m. tomorrow. All girls and women are cor-fially invited.

#### Tomorrow's Services

Elm Park church-Prayer and praise service at 9.30; preaching at 10.30 a. m. by the pastor, C.
 M. Giffin, D. D. At the close of the morning service a special offering for the Home for the Bible study in Sunday school room. Sunday school at 2 and Epworth league at 6.30 p. m At 7.30 p. m. Rev. W. H. Williams, the "Drum mer Evangelist," will lecture on "That Last Romp with the Tiger."

At the Mission, 1519 Pine street, Sunday school

Methodist Episcopal.

at 9 a. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m. Cedar Avenue Methodist church—Rev. F. P. Doty, pastor. Brotherhood of St. Paul, 9.45 a. m.; praching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; praching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Junior league, 3.30 p. m.; Epworth league, 6.30 p. m.; preaching, 7.30 p. m. Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. mpson Methodist Episcopal church-B. Sweet, D. D., pastor. Morning prayers at 9.30; preaching service at 10.30, sermon by the pastor, text, I Samuel 7:12, subject. "God Helping"; Sunday school, G. L. Peck, superintendent, at 12; Junior Epworth league, Miss Crawford, superintendent at 2.50; Epworth league, Walter Northup, president; W. H. Long and F. Miller, leaders, at 6.30; evening preaching service at 7.30, sermon by the pastor, text, Judges 1:27 subject, "Could Not; Would Not." Free seats A hearty invitation. A cordial welcome.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner

Simpson, D. D., pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul at 9.30 a. m. preaching at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.; preaching 7.20 p. m.; business meeting of the Brother hood of St. Paul on the second and fourth Tues of each month at 7,30 p. m. Seats free

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church-Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class, 9.45, O. D. DeWitt,

#### HEART-SICK.

There are a great many people who have heart sickness, who have no chronic derangement of the heart. When the stomach is diseased it may when the stomach is diseased it may affect many other organs, and produce all the evidences of diseased heart, diseased liver or kidneys, or disease in some other organ.

The inexperienced practitioner treats the wrong disease, and hence the constant statement of

stant statement of Dr. Pierce's correspondents: "Doc-tors could not help

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. It increases the assimilative powers, and purifies and enriches the blood. When diseases of organs remote organs remote from the stomach are caused by the stomach, the cure of the stomach results in the cure

liver, kid-

week.

It years ago my stomach and heart troubled o much I had to do something, as the se could not help me," writes Mrs. S. A. 19, of San Jose, California, Box 392. "I to San Francisco and had treatment for the of the stomach, and was better for time, then it came back. I then used blerce's Golden Medical Discovery and sant Pellets." These medicines cured my ch. I do not have the pain and indiges I did. It is very hard for me to tell you I suffered before I commenced taking plushle medicine. I recommend it to all trees whom I meet."

erhood of St. Paul meets at 10 a. m. The pas tor, Rev. G. A. Cure, will preach at 10.30 a. m. on "What a Prophet Learned from a Farmer," and at 7.30 p. m. on "China and Her Mission aries," introducing the week of prayer for China as suggested by the late conference of mission ary societies in New York city; Sunday school, C. W. Dawson, esq., superintendent, 2 p. m.; Epworth league, E. I. Benjamin, president, at

J. R. Austin, pastor. Morning preaching service at 10.30 o'clock; subject, "The Way and the Guide." Class meeting at 11.30 a. m., J. E. Masters, leader. Sunday school at 2 p. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent. Epworth league at 6.45 p. m., Miss Kate McIntyre, leader. Even-ing preaching service at 7.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all.

First German Methodist Episcopal church, Adams avenue and Vine street—G. Bobilin, pastor. Preaching services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The Reformation Festival will be celebrated in the morning. Sunday school at noon; Epworth league at 7 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.
Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—
Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Preaching ser-

at 2 p. m.; Juniors at 3 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30, Mrs. E. A. Lott, leader; preaching ser-vice at 7.30, subject of sermon, "What Will It Cost Me to Become a Christian?"

Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church—Sunday school at 2.30 p. m., W. M. Nixon, superintendent. Class meeting at 3.30 p. m., Frank Turner, leader. Preaching service at 7.30 p. m. All

Place—Rev. D. S. Bently, newly appointed pas-ter from the thirty-third session of the Pittsburg onference will preach at 10.30 a. m. Subject "The Gift of Power." Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.; subject, "The Christ Wo

To all a cordial invitation is extended

#### Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue be-tween Spruce and Linden streets. Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Mornpastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Morning prayers in the lower temple at 0.45. Topic of morning sermon, "The Gospel of Mercy"; Sunday school at the home church at 2 o'clock and at the Amerman mission at 3.30; Young People's society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30. Topic of evening sermon, "Fair Play, or the Bright Side of the Strike."

First Baptist church, South Main avenue-Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor; parsonage, 1114 Rock street. The usual services morning and evening, 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., in basement of the Welsh Baptist church; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m., Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent; B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting, 6.30, at Ivorite hall; weekly prayer services Wednesday evening 7.30 p. m., basement of Welsh Baptist church.
All are welcome.

Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning prayer

meeting at 0.30, leader, Brother Lewis Parry, At 10.30 the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., will preach; topic, "Thy Word Is Truth." Sunday school at 2 p. m., Alfred Roberts, su-perintendent. Evening service at 7. Bright and cheery. Praise service for fifteen minutes, followed with an address by the paster to some lowed with an address by the pastor to young people. Topic, "From the Bottom of the Lad-der to the Top." To this popular evening service all are cordially welcome. Strangers find here a home, North Main Avenue Baptist church-Rev. S. G.

Reading, pastor, Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. A cordial

#### Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian Church-Dr. McLeod will preach at the morning service which begins promptly at 10.30 o'clock. The second service will be held at 3.45 in the afternoon instead of in the evening. It will be a union meeting, in the interest of the Christian Sabbath. Drs. Giffin and Pierce and others will speak. Mr. Lath-rope will also speak and Mrs. A. W. Dickson will preside. The choir will sing some special selections, and everybody is invited. Let there

be a rousing mass meeting.

Second Presbyterian church—Services 10.30 a.

m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. Robinson will preach
in the morning on "Love and Life," and in the vening Mrs. S. Fessenden, of Boston, Mass., the celebrated advocate of Christian Temperance will speak. All are cordially invited. Green Ridge Presbyterian church-Rev. I. J.

Lansing, pastor: Rev. L. R. Foster, assistant. At 10.30 and 7.30 services of worship, with ser-mon by the pastor; 12, Bible school; 6.30, Christian Endeavor. A cordial welcome to friend and stranger.

Providence Presbyterian church.—The pastor,

Rev. Dr. George E. Guild, will occupy the pulpit at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at noon; Endeavor meeting at 6.39 o'clock. The seats of the church always free. Washburn Street Presbyterian church-Rev

John P. Moffat, D. D., paster. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; Christian Endeavor Young People at 6.20 p. m., consecration service; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Rev. P. H. Brooks will preach the morning service. The pastor will preach in the evening. Special music at each service, All

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, corner of Summer avenue and Price street-Rev. Frank J. Milman will preach at 10.30 a. m. An 6 o'clock Captain Grimshaw, of the Salvation army, will speak. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Prayer circle at 5.45 p. m.; Y. P. S. of C. E. after evening service; theme, "Do Not Worry." Matthew, vi. 24-35. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clook.

Taylor Presbyterian church—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Rev. Dr. Moffat, the Presbyterial moderator, will preach in the morning and the Rev. P. H. Brooks in the evening. All are cordially invited.

Evangelical Lutheran. Grace Evangelical Lutheran church of the General Synod, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street-Rev. Luther Hess Waring, paster 9.30 a. m., Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., divine worship, sermon by Rev. W. H. Williams, disworahip, sermon by Rev. W. H. Williams, district superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon league, on "Breaking Home Ties;" 6.45 p. m., Y. P. S. of C. E.; 7.30 p. m., divine worship, sermon by pastor on "The Old Reformation and the New." Everybody welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran-Twentieth Sunday after

Trinity. Gospel, Matthew, xxii, 1-14; epistle, Ephesians, v, 15-21. St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets-

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets—Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 0.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m. Morning subject, "The Danger of Neglecting Salvation;" evening subject, "The Greatness and Mystery of the Wisdom of God."

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; catchetical instruction, Monday, 7.15; Bible study, Wednesday, 7.45 p. m.; Mission band, Saturday, 10 a. m. St. Paul's, Short avenue—Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.50 p. m. Zion's, Mifflin avenue—Rev. P. F. Zizelmann Services at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school,

p. m. Christ church, Cedar avenue and Beech street-Christ church, Cedar avenue and Beech street— Rev. James Witke, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. St. Peter's, Prescott avenue—Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

#### Episcopal.

St. David's Parish—Rev. Edward McHenry, rec-tor. Celebration of Holy Eucharist, 7.30; Matins, Litany and sermon, 10.30; evensors; and address, 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30.

Miscellaneous. Adams Avenue chapel, New York street-Rev

James Hughes, pastor, will preach at 10.80 a. James Hughes, pastor, will preach at 10.50 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., evening subject, "Christ Before Pilate"; Sunday school at 3 o'clock, Mr. Chandler, superintendent. The pastor, Mr. Hughes will conduct a Bible class for men; Christian Endeavor at 6.45. Wednesday svening at 7.45 p. m. a meeting for prayer and praise. All welcome.

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Grace Church (Reformed Episcopal).—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Rev. James Fielding will preach. Sabbath school at noon; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.39

p. m.

Zion United Evangelical church, 1420 Capouse avenue. Preaching at 10.45 a. m. by Rev. J. J. Lohr, of Berwick, Pa., and at 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. Communion morning and evening; Sunday school at 0.45 a. m.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.; revival services will be continued every evening next week, beginning at 7.30. Scats free. Strangers invited. All welcome. Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and

Gibson street—Rev. M. L. Firor, pastor. Ser-vices Sunday at 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m. First Church (Christ Scientist), 519 Adams averist Church (Christ Scientist), 519 Adams ave-nue.—Sunday services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m., subject, "Adam and Fallen Man." Testimonial meetings Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The church is also open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in its free public reading room. "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigators without charge. Visitors and letters of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and information free. Christ's church, Washington avenue and Park street-Rev. Frank Schell Ballentine, rector. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Morning prayer, litany and sermon, 10.30; Sunday school, 2.30; evening prayer and sermon, 7.36. All seats free.

and Kirtz streets, Little England-Sabbath school, 10.30 a. m., Walter Woodward, superintendent; preaching at 2.30 p. m. by Rev. William S. Mcpreaching at 2.30 p. m. by Rev. William S. Mc-Arthur; preaching service at 7.30 p. m.; regular weekly prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30. Everyone made welcome. Christian workers who will hear our Macedonian cry and come over and help us kindly drop a line to H. J. Swingle, 1012 Market street, Scranton, Pa.

All Soul's Universalist church, Pine street be-tween Adams and Jefferson avenues—Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor. Residence, 620 Adams ave-nue. Morning service, 10.30; subject, "Shall We Know Esca Other in Heaven." Evening service, 7.30; subject, "What Is a True Friend?" Sun-day school at 11.30; subject, "What Is a True Friend?" "In the beginning God created," ther

'there is no power but of God.''
East End Mission, 1510 Pine street.—The gos pel services at this cottage chapel have con-tinued for the second week with a marked de-gree of success. The labors of Mrs. Patch, of Dunmore, the evangement many conversions dur-ing the meetings. The services will continue for tomorrow night and may close at that

#### MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The heautiful ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria vas crowded last week with the most select peo ple in New York city to welcome Herr Eduard Strauss on the opening concert of his tournee through America and Canada. Herr Strauss on his appearance in the orchestra was welcomed with a wave of applause which lasted many minutes. The first number, the melodious over-ture to "Simplicious," by Johann Strauss, dis-played the qualities of the great orchestra to advantage and the marvelous ritardandos, pianos and fortes were produced as only a Strauss orchestra can produce them. Every number was encored and the whole concert was a tremend-ous ovation for Herr Strauss and his wonderful band of artist-musicians. An interesting fea-ture of the concert was when the band had played the new waltz, "Welcome to America," the American people, amid the cheers and applause of all present, Rudolph Aronson mounted the platform and in a shore speech presented Herr Strauss with a magnificent laurel the words "Strauss Greetings, New York, October 20, 1900," The maestro in response to the compliment raised his baton smi the first bars of "The Beautiful Blue Danube" pealed forth cheering and applauding for many minutes. The concert altogether was an immense success and

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instruction therefrom.

made sure the triumph of Strauss in every city which he visits during the tournes.

has ever gathered into the great theater. least 5,000 people attended, and nothing standing room could be secured after 5 p. m. at the box office. The immense audience ap-plauded and encored, and were rendered frantic with delight under the charm of the wizard of the waltz. The Academy of Music, at Brook-lyn, on the Monday following, was packed to the doors, and the music evoked another won-derful scene of enthusiasm and ecstacy. The or chestra is now in Canada, and after visiting th principal cities of the United States will be

The next artist to appear in grand opera in English at the Metropolitan opera house, in whom considerable interest has been awakened, will be Miss Fanchon Thompson. Like Miss Minuic Tracey, who recently made her appearance there, Miss Thompson is an American girl who has received her musical education abroad and has not returned to this coutry until now, She will probably be heard next week. 'Martha' drew the smallest house of the season more modern operas are preferred. "Bohemian Girl' did not fare much better. These simple, old fashioned operas, which are little more than strings of ballads with the simplest form of acpresent generation. They represent one ex-treme of which the music dramas of Richard Wagner, in which there is no such thing as a from begining to end, represent the

Fritz Kreisler, the Austrian violinist, is at the present time the most talked about violinist in Europe. His successes in many instances are ooth startling and sensational. His performance of the "Devil's Trill" sonate by Tartini was the greatest violinistic feat I have ever heard, says Arthur Abell, the European authority on violin playing. His trills, both single and double, are narvels of perfection. Kreisler is a highly genual riolinist and has all the qualities of the great artist. His tone is large and beautiful, his conception always healthy and musicianly and yet individual; his technique is simply phenenal. He has above all, a natural wealth of emperament of the kind that electrifies, Mr. Henry Wolfsohn who directs his American tour. oredicts a very brilliant season for him, beginning in New York early in November.

The following programme will be rendered at Guarnsey hall on Monday evening next, October 20, at the annual reunion of cathechumens of Holy Trinity church:

Cornet Solo ......Selected
William Stanton. Vocal Solo, "Too Young for Love" ...... Rotoli 

Vocal Solo, "Because" ......Bowers
Miss May Guernsey. 

Mr. Doersam accompanist,

A large chorus of voices, selected from city and county, is being organized to sing at the unveiling of the soldiers' monument on Nov. 15. The rehearsals will be held in the various sections under the leadership of W. D. Evans at Carbondale, Thomas W. Watkins at Olyphant, fessor William Evans at Hyde Parw, Professor Lewis Davis at Bellevue, Professor David Jones at Taylor, and J. T. Watkins will look after and rehearse the central city section. In all, it is expected that 300 voices will sing, with the ac-companiment of Bauer's band.

more cordially received than are Mr. and Mrs. George Henschal, the eminent vocalists. The announcement of their coming to this country

The Prodigal Son.

Luke xv, 11-24.

ican rally at Dalton this after

Following is the programme of music that will be rendered in the Second Presbyterian church MORNING. 

Offertory, Quartette, Jubilate Deo ...... Bartlett Miss Black and Garagan, Messra, Gippel and

Morgan. 

Offertory, Duet, Inspirer and Hearer of Prayer, Messrs, Gippel and Williams, SABBATH SCHOOL

Y. P. S. C. E. Vocal Solo, "Lead Kindly Light" ..... Protheros J. M. Chance, organist and director.

Mr. Lawrence certainly has had his hands full the last two weeks doing about all the work there was in the city. The week of October 22 he had the Academy for the week, six men; Gaiety for the week, four men; Music hall at Pittston also, the whole, four men. Party in Guernsey hall Monday evening; Tuesday evening, dence at Music hall, eight men; also one a dance, Music hall, four men; Wednesday evening, Mears' hall, six men; Thursday evening, dance at Music hall, six men, and party at Siegel's dancing academy, four men; dance, Music hall-Friday night, six men, and hand of thirty men, Wednesday afternoon for William Connell Hose company for firemen's parade.

The musical programme at the First Presby-terian church for tomorrow morning is as fol-(Solos for all voices).

(Solos for all voices).

Duet, "But the Lord Endureth" ........Marston
Tenor and Bass).

Mrs. Kathryn Thiele, soprano; Miss May Kingsbury, contralto; David Stephens, tenor; John
T. Watkins, baritone; Miss Florence Richmond,

The annual "Musical Date and Hourly Engagement Book" for 1900 and 1901 has just been issued by the Henry Wolfsohn musical bureau of 131 East Seventeenth street, New York, and this season is more elaborate than usual. It contains in addition to records of coming events in nusical line, complete table for making memorandums of engagements in every hour of the day, and must prove a great convenience to music teachers and profesional people generally.

An organ recital for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers was given last evening by Mr Huffmaster, assisted by Alfred tenor, and Philip Warren, bass. Each was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Huffmaster has a bright future, his playing showed much skill. Both Mr. Wooler and Mr. Warren were in good voice and sang with their accustomed ability. The vocal duet was perhaps the best number on the programme; the climax of which was especially

is a cause for general regret upon the part of the music lovers and students. It is three years since they were last heard in this country, and their re-appearance will be made early in January, 1901. During February, they will visit the Pacific Coast, where they will give twenty con-certs. In March and April they will sing in the middle western cities and a second tour of the

The campaign song, "For Honor, Flag and Nation," which is dedicated to Congressman Conreallies with fine effect and never fails to "bring down the house." Mr. Wooler, the composer of the song, is to be congratulated on his efforts, which are just "the thing" for a campaign song, both words and music being good and The Liederkranz are busy rehearing their min-strel show. The opening overture and finale, "Cake Walk in the Sky." are from the popuin January next, for what is announced by their lar New York music publishers, M. Whitmark manager, Henry Wolfsohn, as their farewell tour Sons.

> J. E. Gilbert, D.D Secretary of American Society of Religious Society of Education.

learned Dr. Trench, professor in King's college, London, justly says: "This parable, if it be permitted to compare things Divine with one another, might be called the pearl and crown of all the parables of Scripture. It is also the most elaborate, if again we might venture to use a word, which has an evident unfitness when applied to the spontaneous and the free, but which the completeness of all the minor details seem to suggest." In all the centuries it has yielded material for the preacher, the essayist and the artist, and its details have awakened the tenderest emotions of the heart. Within itself it con tains a circle of doctrine so abundant as to jus tify the title "Evangelium in Evangelio," which some have applied to it. We shall endeavor first to make the story vivid, and then to draw

PORTION.-The parable opens with a family scene, sketched in a single sentence, "A man had two sons." Happy and honored was he in the estimation of friends (Gen. xlviii: 9). Americans build estates; the Hebrews, like all Orien-talists, sought to raise families. If this man can keep his sons, their wives, and children, he may die among them a rich patriarch (Gen. xlix: nay die among them a rich pounger son grew weary of home. His discontent may have been caused by some disagreeable circumstance. The relations of the brothers because of the self-ishness of the clder (Verse 28), as afterward discontinuous control of the clder (Verse 28). played, may have been unpleasant. The father may have been arbitrary or lenient, so that the lamily government failed to meet the needs of the earnest youth. It is no easy matter to adjust the parts of a household to each other (Gen. xxvii: 41: 41). Whatever may have been the cause, the young man was in a bad state of mind. He went to his father demanding a dimind. He went to his father demanding a di-vision of property, an act of very great impro-priety. He might have suggested or requested, but otherwise he could present no claim. The father complied, giving to the sons their respec-tive portions. Under the law of Moscs, that meant two-thirds to the older and one-third to the younger (Deut. xxi: 15-17). But there was this difference, that the latter obtained his por-tion immediately, while the other remained with tion immediately, while the other remained with

WASTING .- Gathering all together, perhaps wasting.—Gathering all together, perhaps converting it into money, the younger son went into a far country. Soon he found himself un-der influence that lead to ruin. There was an elation of spirit, resulting from the considera-tion that he was his own master, freed from the discipline of home, possessed of ample means to supply his necessities. Joined to this was that discipline of nome, possessed of ample means to supply his necessities. Joined to this was that strange buoyancy, never experienced before, caused by the release from daily routine duty and the excitement and pleasure occasioned by looking upon new scenes and new faces in the large world into which he had come. And then he was the recipient of many attentions that were particularly agreeable from those who sought him because of his money and introduced him to places of pleasure. Yielding himself to such companions, he entered into the ways of the dissolute (Prov. 1: 10). Having no employment, he gave his time to amusement, and gradually wasted his substance. What father had gathered by labor and economy, the product of many years of wise and patient pursuit of an honorable calling, what a short time ago had been bestowed upon the young man by that generous father as an outfit in life, what might have been an untold blessing, in his hands, all this quickly disappeared, spent for drink and other sinful indulgences, for those unholy things that enfeeble the body and enslave the soul (2 Pet. ii: 10).

FAMINE.—The young man had fallen into a pitiable condition. His property, so eagerly sought and so highly prized, was gone. His health, through excessive use of stimulants and

whole face of society. The heavens did not yield their usual rains, and a period of drought set in. The corn did not grow and the seed dried in the earth. Vegetation perished, and the fields were uncultivated. Soon the gathered stores began to fail, and the poor in their distress cried for bread. A mighty and terribal famine swept over the land (Ruth (i: 1), one of those visitations so common in the East (Gen. xii: 56). Thousands suffered the pangs of hunger, dependent on the scanty gifts of the rich. The troubles bore heavily on the young man. He who a short time ago had abundance now came to want. The memory of better days increased the sorrows of the present. Had he now a small part only of what he had once possessed he might not only live in comfort, but he might become a minister to others, experiencing the satisfaction known only to a benevolent soul. Alas, he had not learned to forecast, to lay up for times of need (Prov. vi: 15).

FEEDING .- At last the young man's case be came desperate. He must find relief or die. Three courses were open to him—he could beg, or steal, or work. Th first would be disgraceor steal, or work. Th first would be disgrace-ful, affording but doubtful relief, so many were there who had adopted this mode of livelihood from which one might not easily rise (Luke xvi: But stealing would make him an outlaw, even if it were to satisfy hunger (Prov. vi: 30-31). There was one mark of nobility left in him, worthy of imitation-he resolved to work (Thess. iii: 10). In many respects that was the best day of his life. If he held to this resolve he day of his life. If he held to this reaction might retrieve his fortunes. Industry is a cardinal virtue. Unfortunately it was not easy to analyze the country of the countr find employment. As a last resort he joined himself to a wealthy citizen—he became a kind of servant, not a hireling for wages, more nearly a slave. It seems that the master did not much esteem him, probably had not need of him, but took him as a favor. He therefore sent him into the field to feed swine, the most ignoble occupation. These animals were raised prized by the Gentiles, but were abhorred by the Jews as unclean and abominable (Lev. vi: 7). But while thus employed no one gave him food, and he was left to cat of the husks that the swine ate. Behold him now-a rich man's son, a pauper, a slave, feeding the swine, and cating with them! Degradation complete!

RELENTING.-The young man was brought his senses by the most serious reflections. He thought of home, of his father, of the plenty there enjoyed in the days gone by, of the more favorable lot of his father's hired servants, contrasted with his unfortunate state. These re-flections aroused his conscience, which smote him vigorously for his folly and his sin. He came thus to his right mind. He had violated the vigorously for his folly and his sin. He came thus to his right mind. He had violated the law of filial duty, an offense against high heaven (Ex. xx: 12), the greatest crime known in the Oriental world (Isa. i: 2). He made no attempt to extenuate his fault. His course had been premeditated, and he had been overwhelmed with its consequences. Genuine repentance came into his heart. But one hope remained; notwithstanding his ill-desert, he had faith in his father's goodness, a proof that his father was not at fault when he was at had faith in his father's goodress, a proof that his father was not at fault when he was at home. He resolved to return. But the spirit of humility seized him. He was not worthy. He had received a son's portion and squandered it. He could not again sak for a son's plac-He was willing to be a hired servant. He proposed, therefore, to seek the paternal man-sion with this only plea (James iv: 10).

WELCOME.—The imagination might easily follow the penitent prodigal on his return jour-ney, afoot, alone, weary, sad, hopeful. Along the way he must have framed his sentences many times to express his feelings, fearing that words would fail him, but confident of the father saw him. Probably the heart had yearned for the son during all his absence. wayward child can never be forgotten (2 Sam aviii: 33). A life of sin and shame may shock us, but it cannot destroy love. On the contrary, it molifies and intensifies affection. Toward good child there flows from the parent a stream of complacency, but toward the erring child pity and solicitude. The latter is, if possible, stronger and leads to sacrifice (John iii: 6). Peering into the distance, the father discerned the form of his long absent and wandering boy, and at the sight his heart melted with tender compassion. For the moment he forgot the im-perious demand, the appropriated property, the hasty leave-taking, with all disrespect involved, repel him. He fell on his neck and kissed him, after the custom of those days (Gen. xxiii: 4). It was a most cordial welcome, proof of a father's love, support of a son's fainting heart

REJOICING.-With tremulous voice the sor attempted his confession, pursuant to the vow formed while feeding the swine. "Father," he began. The word meant more than ever before Affliction had thrown a halo around it. have sinned," he cried, a full, unhesitating as knowledgment essential to reconciliation There was no other way out of his sin even though already a father's welcome had bee given. That father must know the son's sor row (Lev. v: 15). Forgiveness without confes sion is impossible (Rom. x: 10). The your man proceeded, declaring that he had sinn against heaven, and that he was unworthy to be called a son. There he paused, perhaps over-come with emotions, or perhaps his father interrupted him. At any rate he did not propose, as he had intended, to take a servant place. There was no need for it now. By confessing himself unworthy he had made him-self worthy (Luke xiv: 11). His father did the rest, giving orders to the servants to displace the old garments with the best robe, to put ring on his finger, and shoes on his feet, t restore the son to the place in the family which he occupied before. Nor was this all. The fatted calf was ordered to be slain, and a sea son of merry-making was proclaimed. The secret was told by the rejoicing father. "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." The broken family is re-

CONCLUSION.—Underlying and pervading this parable are many ethical ideals and truths immensely valuable to the family. The duty and character of a father, the place and spirit of a son, the relation and quality of brothers, the danger of inherited wealth, the greater danger of evil companions and idleness, the reformatory pawer of adversity (Psalm exix: 67), set over against the peril of prosperity, the sweet and comforting memory of a good home—these points are not elaborated, but they are assumed. Jesus did not intend here to illustrate or inculcate did not intend here to illustrate or inculcate domestic virtues. His primary purpose was to show the method and consequences of sin, the mode of return and the surety of pardon. Living without reference to God's will while accepting His bounty is the essence of all wickedness (Psalm x: 4). Such attempt to satisfy the soul with material things must end in want and sorrow (Luke xii: 20). There is no calamity like sairitual famine. H. under the distraction and sorrow (Luke xii: 20). There is no calamity like spiritual famine. If, under its distresses, conscience awake (Psalm II: 3) and confession is made (1 John 1: 9) God will forgive. Restoration to the Divine favor brings one into the beavenly family (Rom. vii: 15) with promise of bleasing (Rom. vii: 20). But that does not mean that no loss has been sustained by the wanderer, that a prodigal brought back and received can ever become what he would have been had he remained at home (Verse 31). A sinner restored must be inferior to one who shides in righteousness (Fph. vi: 14). 81mple

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and regard. Resived, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict mend them for consolation

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Toward the end of June, or as soon as the monsoon has set in, the crop is cut, and the work of manufacturing commences. The first manufacturing called "morhum mahai," lasts generally to the middle of August. By this time the stems which have been cut and he rau to meet his son. The spectacle of poverty, presented at the near approach did not a second crop is taken from the same plants-sometimes three crops are taken in one season.

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