

The crows are coming there to-day, And blue smoke from the burning heap Of brush is curling up...

I hear the clang of gongs and feel The jar of traffic in the street; I see the ragged beggar steal...

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As I did so, dragged the door to, screaming, "Look! Oh, look! It and fell insensible to the feet."

He said that I must have received a very severe shock; of what nature he was, of course, unable to say.

FRIENDLY INFLUENCES.

Dr. Talmage Says Influences Once Hostile Are Now Friendly to Christ.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls the roll of influences once antagonistic but now friendly to the gospel and encourages Christian workers...

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

International Lesson Comments For May 12.

Subject: The Great Commission. Matt. xxviii. 16-20—Golden Text, Matt. xxviii. 20—Memory Verses, 16-20—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

May 12—"Practice Christianity." 1 John III, 14-18.

Scripture Verses.—John xv. 13; Rom. xvi. 17; Phil. II, 2; 11th, xiii, 12, 13; 1 John IV, 11, 20, 21; VII, 12.

LEARNER THOUGHTS.

More promises without action, profession without practice do not make real Christianity.

When Hilday was Bishop of London he was noted for his powerful member of the House of Commons...

IN THE CHUDLEIGHS' SUMMER-HOUSE.

The Story of a Dreadful Night.

By Dorothy Fraser.

WE hear of marvellous escapes and adventures more or less thrilling, yet perfectly authentic, but I think for sheer "blood-curdiness" there are few to beat a strange and horrible experience of a friend of mine.

I had a slight sound. I listened, but it was not repeated. "Only imagination or something outside," I murmured to myself and getting into bed was asleep in a very few minutes.

I must have been in bed a couple of hours, I should think, when I awoke with a start and that horrid feeling of having been "stagnated" by a vague something without knowing what.

I sat up in bed and peered across the room. The fire had burnt so low that only the mere outlines of the furniture were visible; whilst all the corners were in absolute darkness.

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GLACIER AND GLACIER.

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"Our boss is just about the most absent-minded man in the world," said one of the clerks in a large office in Carondelet street, "and his wife is continually calling him down about it, but it doesn't seem to do any good."

Strings tied around his fingers, cards in his hat, and even plain memoranda right before his eyes on his desk generally get him tangled up all the worse.

When he had that last cold snap a few weeks ago, his wife told him in the morning to be certain to send a man to replace a broken pane in one of their bedroom windows.

He knew how mad she'd be if he forgot, so he kept repeating the word "glacier" to himself all the way down the street car, and as soon as he got his head in the door he shouted to the office boy: "Johnny! write 'Glacier' on my desk blotter immediately!"

"Where was that?" said God, "when I set the foundations of the earth?" "The earth has no foundation," Christian philosophy says. "What is the world?" "The world is a ball," says God, "and the world is a ball."

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RAMS' HORN BLASTS.

HERE is often more of Christ in the kitchen than in the cathedral.

Your worth depends on what you have. True fishers of souls have little use for bread and butter. A man may have a keen mind without a cutting tongue.

It is always harder to see the heart than to work the head in religion. A man will usually wince on the spot where his conscience is most worn.

The burial of Christ was the sowing of the seed of eternity in the soil of this earth. When the devil becomes the defender of the faith it is time to revise the creed.

Too many want God's light on their heavenward way while they wrasp their lives in fog. The only man who is fitted to disseminate his thoughts is he who can concentrate them.

The man who serves God for His rewards will serve the devil when he offers him a raise. Usually a woman might as well go to hell to save the devil as to marry a man to reform him.

A man's interest in religion will be according to the amount of principle he has in it. Many who are willing that their work should be done by proxy will be surprised to receive their reward that way.

He who cannot forget the kindness he has done is little better than he who remembers the injuries he has received. He who defies danger defeats defeat.

The first publisher of Chaucer's works was published by Pynson, who issued the first of the three parts in 1526. In 1532 there followed an edition by Thynne, and others appeared in 1561, 1598, 1602 and 1687, to say nothing of that which came from the house of Lincol in 1721, which has the distinction, in the opinion of scholars, of being the worst ever printed.

The name of Thomas Tyrwhitt is justly remembered in connection with Chaucer and this by reason of the scholarly edition of the "Canterbury Tales," 1775-8, to which he added information notes and a glossary. Not until Dr. Furnival produced his six-text volume in 1868, was Tyrwhitt's work as a whole superseded.—New York Post.

The Roar of Animals' Voices. The roar of a lion can be heard farther than the sound of any other living creature. Next comes the cry of a hyena and then the hoot of the owl. After these the panther and the jackal. The donkey can be heard fifty times farther than the horse, and the cat ten times as far as the dog. Strange as it may seem, the cry of a hare can be heard farther than that of either the cat or the dog.

Elevators in Churches. There are something like 165,000 church edifices in this country, many of them large and costly modern structures, on expensive sites. Yet so far as we can learn not a church in America avails itself of the elevator. The business advantage of the elevator is obvious. Where land is expensive it pays for itself many times by making practical a repetition of floors otherwise out of the question. Instead of spreading out the modern structure shoots up. Elevators in churches should be used for two purposes: First, to increase the value of a gallery. Where a church has a gallery this is generally neglected and the unpopular part. An elevator might well raise the rent sufficiently to make it a very profitable investment. Office and apartment rentals have been thus revolutionized. And, second, the social facilities of a church could be furnished without the expense of additional lots and a separate construction. This might be done without impairing the churchly character of the architecture.—Church Economist.

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