# THE MANY TEMPTATIONS.

#### Dr. Taimage Says the Assailants of Virtue and Honesty Are Numerous.

#### Needs For Divine Protection-God's Grace Bringeth Salvation.

\* WASHINGTON, D. C.-A familiar illus tration from the barnyard is employed in this diagourse by Dr. Talmage to show the comfort and protection that heaven af-fords to all trusting souls. The text is Matthew xxiii, 37, "Even as a hen gather eth have chickens under her wings, and y: eth her chickens under her wings, and y would not."

would not." Jerusalem was in sight as Christ came to the crest of Mount Oivet, a height of 700 feet. The splenders of the religious capital of the whole earth irradiated the landscape. There is the temple. Yonder is the king's palace. Spread out before His eyes are the pomp, wealth, the wick edness and the coming destruction of Je-rusalem, and He bursts into tears at the thought of the obdurge of a place that reachem, and He bursts into tears at the thought of the obduracy of a place that He would gladly have saved and apostro-phizes, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, now often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not?"

would not?" Why did Christ select hen and chickens as a simile? Next to the appositeness of the comparison. I think it was to help all public teachers in the matter of illustration to get down off their stilts and use comparisons that all can understand. The plainest bird on earth is the barnyard fow. Its only adornments are the red comb in its head-dress and the wattles under the throat. It has no grandleur of genealogy. All we know is that its ances tors came from India, some of them from a height of 4000 feet on the sides of the Himalayas. It has no pretension of nest like the eagle's eyrie. If has no lustre of plumage like the golfinch. Possessing anatomy that allows flight, yet about the last thing it wants to do is to fly, and in retreat uses foot aimost as much as wing. Musicians have written out in musical scale the song of lark and robin redbreast and mightingale, yet the hen of my text hat nothing that could be taken for a song, but only cluck and cackle. Yet Christ in the text uttered while looking upon doomed Jernsalem declares that what the hen does for her chickens. This and yet how hard it is for us who are Sunday-school instructors and editors and plaining the could be taken for a song, but only cluck and cackle. Yet Christ was thus simple in His teaching in the text uttered while looking upon doomed Jernsalem declares that what the hen does for her chickens. This, and yet how hard it is for us who are Sunday-school instructors and editors and plaining the cacy of aim of a song of and the is the song editor is the for the song editors and plaines to an it is for us who are Sunday-school instructors and editors in the cacy of and editors and plaines to an other of an other song the plaines to an other as of audiences to the song the would gain the cack of an editors and plained the song of the area of audiences to the for the song of the song of the song the so

atian that heavenly and divine art of sim-plicity! We have to run a course of lit-crary disorders as children a course of phy-sical disorders. We come out of school and college loaded down with Greek my-thologies and out of the theological semin-ary weighed down with what the learned fathers said, and we fly with wings of eagles and flamingoes and albatrosses, and it takes a good while before we can come down to Christ's similitudes, the candle under the bushel, the sait that has lost its savor, the net thrown into the sea, the

down to Christ's similitudes, the candle under the bushel, the salt that has lost its saror, the net thrown into the sea, the spittle on the eyes of the blind man and the hen and chickens. T am in warm sympathy with the unpre-tentious old fushioned hen because, like most of us, she has to scratch for a living. She knows at the start the lesson which must people of good sense are slow to provide the start the lesson which nust people of good sense are slow to provide any continuous effort. The rea-son that society and that successes do not lie on the surface, but are to be upturned by positive and continuous effort. The rea-son that society and the church and the world are so full of failures, so full of loaf-ers, so full of deadbeats is because people are not wise enough to take the lesson which any hen would teach them that if they would find for themselves and for those dependent upon them anything worth having they must scratch for it. Solo-mon said, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard." I say. Go to the hen, thou sluggard. The the O'd Testament God compares Himself to an engle stirring up her nest, and in the New Testament the Holy Spirit is compared to a descending dove, but Christ in a sermon that began with cutting sin-casm for hypocrites and ends with the unself to a hen. — me day in the country we saw sudden

through: With most life has been a disapproximation of attained that which they expected to attain. They have not had the physical and mental vigor they expected or they have met with rebuffs which they did not anticipate. You are not at forty or fifty or sixty or seventy or eighty years of age where you thought you would be. I do not know any one except myself to whom life has been a happy surprise. In never expected anything, and so when anything came in the shape of human fay or or comfortable position or widening field of work it was to me as surprise. I was told in the theological seminary by some of my fellow students that I never would get anybody to hear me preach unless I changed my style, so that when I found that some people did come to hear me treach unless I changed my style, so that when I found that some people did come to hear me treach unless I changed my style, so that when I found that some people did come to hear me treach unless I changed my style, so that when I found that some people did come to hear me treach unless I changed my style, so that when I found that some people did come to hear me treach unless I changed my style, the most the ment, have found life a disappointment. Indeed, we all need shelter from its temp

the deed, we all need shelter from its tem-pests. The wings of my text suggest warmth, and that is what most folks want. The fact is that this is a cold world whether you take it literally or figuratively. We have a hig fireplace called the sun, and it has a very hot fire, and the stokers keep the coals well stirred up, but much of the year we cannot get near enough to this fireplace to get warmed. This world's extremities are cold all the time. Forget not that it is colder at the South Pole than at the North Pole, and that the Arctic is not so destructive as the Antar-tic. Once in awhile the Arctic will let explorers come back, but the Antar-tic hardly ever. When at the South Pole a ship saks in, the door of ice is almost sure to be shut against its return. So life to many millions of people at the south

anny same in, the door of receipt and see south and many millions of people at the south and many millions of people at the north is a prolonged shiver. But when I say that this is a cold world I chiefly mean figuratively. If you want to know what is the meaning of the ordinary term of receiving the "cold shoulder," get out of money and try to borrow. The conversation may have been almost tropical for luxuriance of thought and see the thermometer drop to fifty degrees below zero, and in that which till a moment before had been a warm room. Take what is an unpopular position on some public question and see your friends fly as chaff before a windmill. As far as myself is concerned, I have no word of compiant, but I look off day by day and see communities freezing out men and myself is concerned, I have no word of complaint, but I look off day by day and see communities freezing out men and women of whom the world is not worthy. Now it takes after one and now after an-other. It becomes popular to depreciate and define and execrate and he about some people. This is the best world I ever got into, but it is the meanest world that some people ever got into. The worst thing that ever happened to them was their cradle, and the best thing that will ever happen to them will be their grave. Thus at sundown, lovingly, safely, com-pletely, the hen broads her young. So, if we are the Lord's, the evening of our life will come. The heats of the day will have passed. There will be shadows, and we cannot see as far. The work of life will be about ended. The hawks of temptation that hovered in the sky will have gone to the woods and folded their wings. Sweet silences will come. The air will be redo-lent with the breath of whole arbors of promises sweeter than jasmine or even-ne mineras. The air mus he a little chill

lent with the breath of whole arbors of promises sweeter than jasmine or even-ing pimrose. The air may be a little chill, but Christ will call us, and we will know the voice and heed the call, and we will come under the wings for the night, the strong wings, the soft wings, the warm wings, and without fear and in full sense of safety, and then we will rest from sun-down to sunrise, "as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing."

My text has its strongest application for people who were born in the country wherever you may now live, and that i the majority of you. You cannot hea my text without having all the rusti country the majority of you. You cannot hear my text without having all the rustic scenes of the old farmhouse come back to you. Good old days they were. You had not seen the world. By law of asso-ciation you cannot recall the brooding hen and her chickens without seeing also the barn and the haymow and the wagon shed and the house and the room where you played and the fireside with the big back-log before which you sat and the back-log before which you sat and the neighbors and the burial and the wedding neighbors and the burial and the wedding and the deep snowbanks, and hear the vil-lage bell that called you to worship and seeing the horses which, after pulling you to church, stood around the old elaphoard-ed meeting house, and those who sat at either end of the church pew and, indeed, all the scenes of your first fourteen years, and you think of what you were then and of what you are now and all these thoughts are aroused by the sight of the old hen-coop. Some of you had better go back and start again. In thought return to that place and hear the cluck and see the outspread feethers and come under the winz and make the Lord your portion that place and near the cluck and see the outspread feethers and come under the wing and make the Lord your portion and shelter and warmth, prenaring for everything that may come, and so avoid being classed among those described by the closing words of my text, "as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Ah, that throws the responsibility upon us. "Ye would not." Alas, for the "would nots!" If the wan-dering broods of the farm heed not their mother's call and risk the hawk and dare the freshet and expose themselves to the frost and storm, surely their calamities are not the mother's fault., "Ye would not?" not!" God would, but how many would not! When a good man asked a young woman who had abandoned her home and who was deploring her wretchedness why she did not return, the reply was: "I dare not go home. My father is so provoked he would not receive me home." "Then." and the Christian man. "I will test this." And so he wrote to the father, and the re-ply came back, and in a letter marked out-ade "Immediate" and inside saying. "Let her come at ance: all is forgiven. "So God's "avitation for you is marked "Im-mediate" on the outside, and inside it is written. "He will abundantly pardon." Oh, ye wanderers from God and happiness and home and heaven, come under the sheltering wing. A vessel in the Bristol Channel was nearing the rocks called the Steep Holmes. Under the tempest the vessel was unmanageable, and the only hope was that the tide would change be-fore she struck the rocks and went down, and so the captain atood on the deck, watch in hand. Captain and crew and passengers were pallid with terror. Tak-ing another look at his watch and another look at the see, he shouted: "Thank God, we are saved! The tide has turned! One minute more and we would have struck the rocks!". Some of you have been a long while drifting in the tempest of sin and sorrow and have been making for the breakers. Thank God, the tide has turned! One minute more and we would have struck the rocks!". Some of you have been a long while drifting in the tempest of sin and sorrow and have been making for the breakers. Thank God, the tide has turned! One minute more and we would have struck the rocks!". Some of you have been a long while drifting in the tempest of sin and sorrow and have been making for the breakers. Thank God, the tide has turned. Do you not feel the lift of the billow? The grace of God that bringeti salvation has appeared to your soul, and, in the has appeared to your soul, and, in the words of Boaz Rath, I commend you to "the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou hast come to trust."

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL International Lesson Comments For

March 9.

Subject: The Disciples Scattered, Acts vill. 3-17-Golden Text, Acts vill., 4-Memory Verses, 3-5-Commentary

on the Day's Lesson.

**By react or community of the analysis of the Day's Lesson**.
3. "Saul made havoek." The Greek word means to "destroy." "ravage." "deviate," as a ferocious animal would de stroy its prey. Saul did his utmost to rin the ohurch. He was mad against the Christians and set no bounds to his rage and cruelty. He did this under the sanction of the rulers. See Acts 22, 4, 26: 10. This does not prove that Stephen's mark yrdom was not having an effect upon Saul, for when conscience is awalened and the Holy Spirit is pressing His claims, then it is that men frequently exert them serves against God, and use every means to drive the Spirit from them. "Every house." He searched everywhere that none might essape. "Hains." An old English word for hauling. "And women. "His fury knew no bounds. He arrested the inocent women and 'dragged then' on might essape. "Hains." An old English word for hauling. "And women." His fury knew no bounds. He arrested the inocent women and 'dragged then' contained and the Spirit for the same as the men. "To prison." So many were arrested that it was imported to bring them to trial at once. The alt says that some of them were put to death (Anp. 20), and if this was not dony woman authority, then Saul and his as some of them were put to the persecutions drive them sout, and the persecutions drive them out, and the persecutions drive them out, and the persecutions drive the word." They dispersed Christians were like so many interast preachers. It is the "word" means alone could inflict the testes upon a new pool of expansion. "Everywhere." Through Indea and some some and the the same. "To prison." The dispersed Christians were like so many interast interaster of the word. They dispersed Christians were like so many of the same are interested to the degree of the some. "The standard them to be accerd." The original drive the norther enters upon a new pool of expansion. "Everywhere." Inrough Indea and the persecutions drive them out, and the persecutions drive the not is may barring in the more

it is evident that these unclean spirits were not a species of diseases, as they are here distinguished from the paralytic and the lame. There is nothing more certain than that the New Testairent writers mean real diabolic possessions by the terms unclean spirits, devils, etc.
8. "Great joy." This joy arose (1) from the fact that a large number load been bealed, and (2) that the gospel had been preached to them. A revival of religion always produces joy.
9. "Simon." Much has been written regarding this man, although little is known about him. He is usually spoken of as Simon Magus. "Sorcery." He practiced magic. "Extended to the name Simon Magus."

Simon Magus. "Sorcery." He practiced magic "exercising the arts of the Magi or magicians, hence the name Simon Magus." 10. "They all." Both old and young were carried away with his deceptions. "The great power of God."-See R. V here. They believed him to be the one in-vested with the power of God. supposing that the wonders he performed evinced his possession of great supernatural gits. 11. "Had regard." "Gave heed." R. V. In the hope that he might be the deliverer for whom they had long been waiting. "Of long time." His birthplace was in Se-maria, and it is most probable that he had lived there a great part of his life. 12. "Believed." Where God's truth arises the kingdom of lies must wane. When they saw the true light they turned from the feeble, worldly light. Philip's teaching met their needs and brought sal-vation, hope and joy. "Good tidings" (R. V.) Philip preached the "gospel." which means "glad tidings." "Kingdom of God." Defined by Paul (Rom 14: 17) as being "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." It is a spiritual kingdom which Carist acts up in the hearts of His followers "The name." They believed that Christ was the Mcssiah of whom here was some expectation even among the Sa-maritans. "Were honized." The they that Carist was the Micsuan of whom there was some expectation even among the Sa maritans. "Were baptized." Thus they made a public profession of their faith in Christ. 13. "Then." Simon simply drifted with

13. "Then." Simon simply drifted with the popular tide. Men often process reli-gion in order to gain a better standing in the community. "Hinself helieved." It would appear to be a great triumph to have the leader of the opposition speak out boldly in favor of the truth, but the narrative shows (vs. 18-24) that his heart was untouched by divine grace. He per-haps believed that Jesus had wrought mir-acles and was raised from the dead but he The likely looked upon Philip as a superior of the second without followers he thought it best to join the man who had fairly outstripped him." "Was baptized." Here is a strong argument against what is called "haptis-mal regeneration." After Simon had been baptized by Philip — and whatever the mode it must have been the correct mode --Peter tells him he is in the "gall of bit-terness." V. 23. Surely baptism cannob wash away our sins. 14. "Sent Peter and Johu." We gather from this that there was no special pre-eminence assigned to any among the apos-

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS. March 9-"The Secred Endurance"- Heb

xl, 24-27; Ex. xxx111, 9-23.

Scripture Verses-Ps. xxxvli, 5, 6; xlvfii, 14; 1vi, 3, 4, 9, 11-13; 1sa, xlii, 16; 1, 10; lviii, 10, 11; Jer, xvii, 7, 8; Mic, vii, 8; Luke I, 79, 80; John I, 4-13; xiii, 12; x, 2-4.

Lesson Thoughts. Our strength to bear trials will not come by our escape from all troubles, any more than the athlete's muscles can harden without exercise. So Goo permits trials to come upon even the best of his children; and each burden borne gives greater strength for the next.

The heavens have no care lest their support may be withdrawn and they may collapse under the burden of their vast expanse; the clouds sail calm and undisturbed on their course The same God that is able to uphold them is faithful to support his OW1 children under any weight of trial that may come upon them.

Selections. We walk in the Lord's own company

We fight, but 'tis he who nerves ou arm,

He turns the arrow that else might harm, And out of the storm he brings a

calm; And the work that we count so hard

to do. He makes it easy, for he works, too And the days that seem long to live

are his, A bit of his bright eternities; and close to our need his helping is.

Our burden, whatever it is, is God's 'gift," and has a divine blessing in i for us, if we take it up in faith, in love. "That he hath given" we may always bring to him again, seeking his help in bearing it for him.

When this life's long troubled day With its griefs has passed away; When from fires of sacrifice Purified my soul shall rise; shall know, yea, all shall see, Why the Lord appointed me

Tribulation. Out of which he wrought for me,

By his grace, abounding, free, Salvation. We are constantly in danger of re

garding our trial as singular, unlike any other that man has known. This is not so. The divine man has cared successfully for numberless ones whose trial was as great and bad as ours. Our only need is simple trust. Suggested Hymns.

The Lord is our rock. After the toll and trouble, Blest Jesus, grant us strength, I heard the voice of Jesus say, A mighty fortress is our God. "Tis only a little way.

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS

24-27; Exod. xxxIII, 9-23.

#### March 9-The Secret of Endurance-Heb. xi

The special work of Moses in the history of religion was to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord Jesus. He was commissioned to familiarize men with the stupendous idea of the appearing of God in human nature Moses called into being a spiritual people which realized the idea of a divine nation. He showed the world God appearing in the life of a nation. They believed in a living God, a God who dwelt with his people, who guided and inspired them. who rewarded them when they did right and punished them when they did wrong. The great purpose of the Bible is to interpret the part God takes in human history and in individual life by showing the part he actually

took in the life of a chosen people. We should strive to make God very "The theory that men may be won to the spiritual life by ministering to their physical necessities, or by providing for them amusements and social opportunities, is not to be entirely discarded," says the Watchman (Bantinet) of Boston, "But the real in our lives. Moses had this idea impressed upon him in a variety of ways-at the burning bush, amid the

## COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

#### General Trade Conditions

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review trade says : SOME THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "All the Atlantic coast business con-tinues temporarily checked by the storm, and some interior points are suffering from unfavorable weather, but consump-tive demands give no evidence of abate-ment. Prices of perishable goods ad-vanced sharply, and the whole range of staple commodities tended upward. "Jobbing trade in spring lines of wear-ing apparel is of ample proportions, and

Our censors guard us roundabout, And hedge us with their dusty creeds; They ery us wrong in hope or doubt. And how! like ban dogs at our deeds. They wail our knotted skein of life, And flout as for our clumsy hands, Because with tangles it is rile— But all the time God understands. ing apparel is of ample proportions, and all heavy hardware and products of iron feel the pressure in that industry. "Prices of pig iron have made decided

"Prices of pig iron have made decided advances, despite the opposition of lead-ing interests. Railway supplies and structural material are still the most eagerly sought of finished steel prod-acts. Cotton added a small fraction to its price and ruled quiet during the week at the highest position of the crop year. "Liabilities of the commercial failures thus far reported for February aggre-gated \$6,697,881, of which \$3,494,627 were in manufacturing, \$2.802,142 in trading, and \$401,112 in other commercial lines. "Failures for the week number 250 in the United States, against 253 last year, and 31 in Canada, against 30 last year."

-Murdered His Wife in the Presence of His Children-Such Cases Common. When Michael Kilrov rested home in the early hours of the holy Sublath of Sun-day. January 26, in the Christian city of Roston, his pockets empty of the money that he had promised to his wife to buy the clothing for lack of which his children were freezing; when he answered her an-neal for the fulfillment of his promise with a blow that knocked her to the floor; when he choked, with his fingers upon her throat, her avoeal for merey; when he kicked her with his heavy boots, and she about to become the mother of another child; when he sat for hours wonored, lis-tering to her moans and watching her suf-ferines; when he bratally mistreated the children who would have brought her help; when he struck awas the water that leer little daughter was lifting to her bloody, thirsting ling-it was drink, gentlemen-the drink that Professor Atwater tells us is food-the drink that you gentlemen rec-ommend in "moderation," that mathe him do it, and neither is earth yor hell has any other orgener been found, in the hustary of the whole human race that inspired men

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the whole human race that inspired men-to such deeds. But drink, centlemen, alcoholic drink, not only made Michael Kilrov do that bru-tal, devilish deed, but has transformed un-counted thousands of men into fiends of the same character, and has driven them to deeds equally brutal. Drink, gentlemen, has inspired such trazedies so commonly and in such multitude that the public scarcely pauses to notice their occurrence. Drink, gentlemen, is to-day preparing more men for just such deeds as that, and you know and we know and the world knows that it will take boys from your churches, boys from your schools, aye, God pity you, berhaps boys from your Flour-Best Patent, \$4.90; High Grade Extra, \$4.40; Minnesota Bakers, \$3.25a

3.45. Wheat-New York No. 2, 88c; Phil-adelphia No. 2, 86a861/2c; Baltimore No. z, 84%/c.

Corn-New York No. 2, 68%c; Philadelphia No. 2, 651/2466c; Baltimore No. 2, 040

Oats-New York No. 2, 49c; Phila-delphia No. 2, 501/2c; Baltimore No. 2, 40a.491/20

40a39/2C. Green Fruits and Vegetables.—Apples —Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, packed, per brl., \$300a3.75; do; New York, assorted, per brl, \$3.75a4.50. Cab-bage—New York State, per ton, domestic, \$16.00a18.00; do, Danish, per ton, \$22.00 a24.00. Carrots-Native, per bushel box, 10245c; do, per bunch, 11/2a2c. Cauli-lower-Florida, per crate, \$1.50a1.75. Nover—Piorida, per crate, \$1.50a1/25. Celery—Native, per bunch, 3a4c. Cran-berries—Cape Cod. per brl, \$5.00a7.00; do, Cape Cod and Jerseys, per box, \$1.75 a2.00. Eggplants—Florida, per crate, \$3.50a4.00. Grape Fruit—Florida, per cox, fancy, \$5.00a7.00. Lettuce—North Conditionary State Instance Instance Instance. iox, fancy, \$5.00a7.00. Lettuce-North Carolina, per half-barrel basket, 75c.a \$1.00; do, Florida, per half-barrel basket, 81.00a1.30. Onions-Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bushel, \$1.25a 1.30; do, Western, yellow, per bushel, \$1.25a1.30. Oranges-Florida, per box, as to size, \$2.25a3.00; do, California Seedlings, per box, \$2.00a2.25; do, Na-vels, per box, \$2.50a3.25. Oysterplants-Native, per bunch, 4a2/2c. Radishes-Florida, per bunch, 4a2. Spinach-Na-tive, per bushel box, \$1.00a1.25; do, Nor-folk, per blask, \$1.00a3.50. Strawberriesfolk, per busiel box, \$1,00a1,25, 40, 801-folk, per brl., \$3,00a3,50. Strawberries-Florida, per quart, refrigerator, 354400; do, open crate, 30a35e. Squash-Flor-ida, per box, \$1,50a2.00. Tomatoes-Florida, per box, \$1,50a2.00. rollators Florida, per six-basket carrier, fancy, \$2.00a2.25: do, fair to good, \$1,50a2.00. Turnips—Native, per bushel box, 25a30c. Potatoes. — White — Maryland and

Potatoes. — White — Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bushel, No. 1, 80a85c; do, seconds, 70a75c; do. New York, per bushel, best stock, 85a88; do, seconds, 70a75; do, Western, per bushel, prime, 55a88c. Sweets—Eastern Shore, Vir-ginia, kiln-dried, per brl, \$3,00a3.25; do, flour brl, \$3,25a3.50; do, Maryland, per brl, fancy, \$3,00a35,50; do, Richmonds, per brl, No. 1, \$3,00a3.50; do, Poomacs, per brl, fancy, \$3,25a3.50; Carolina, per brl, fancy, \$3.25a3.50. Provisions and Hog Products—Bulk clear rib sides, 034c; bulk clear sides,

elear rib sides, 934c; bulk clear sides, 934c; bulk shoulders, 9c; bulk ham butts, 934c; bacon, shoulders, 934c; sugar-cured breasts, 1034c; sugar-cured California hams, 8½c; hams, canvased or uncanvased, 12 lbs, and over, 12c; refined lard, tierces, barrels and 50-lb. cans, gross, 10½c; refined lard, second-hand tubs, 10¾c. Butter—Separator, 28a29c; gathered

cream, 25a26c; imitation, 21a22c; prints, 1 lb., 27a28c; rolls, 2 lb., 26a27c; dairy prints, Md., Pa. and Va., 27a28c. Eggs-Western Maryland and Penn-

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you know and we know and the world knows that it will take boys from your churches, boys from your schools, aye, God pily you, berhaps boys from your homes, and will make them into such brutes to work such fiendish crimes in fature years on women who to day are lovely and loving girls. It was only twelve days before the butchery in that Boston tenement that Vincelsk came how drink in Pittaburg and chopned his wife and little children to death with a rail-cutter. It was only thirteen days before that John Blissett, of Detroit, drunk, emptied his revolver into his wife's body and poured kerosene over her and stood with lighted match to make her a burnt offering to drink when the police broke in unon him. It was inst one month and a day before that a father in Indiana came home drunk, sought to kill his wife with a hatchet and was shot dead by his son. But why me an with end a tax into the source in the source in the source in the source in the source her and the source her and the source her and the source home hand a day before that a father in Indiana came home drunk sought to kill his wife when and the source her and was shot dead by his son.

his wire with a hatchet and was shot dead by his son. But why go on with such a list<sup>5</sup> The cases are innumerable and before Michael Kilroy came home to kill Pridget you and we and everybody in the whole last knew that some man, because of the drink traffic, would come home and kill bis wife, and that the terrible procession of crime would keep right on.—The New Voice.

Dr. Atwater Reputlated.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

The Tragedy of Michael Kilroy-Alcoholfe Drinks Transformed Rim Into a Flend -Murdered His Wife in the Presence of His Children-Such Cases Commun.

STARTLING FACTS ABOUT

## A Traffic That Curses.

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PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE

WORLD'S CREATEST PROPHETS.

Poem: He Understands—A True Christian Should Exercise Self-Control Until He Has Gained a Mastery—One is Hindered by Brooding Over His Discomfort.

Our censors measure step and stride With mathematic rod and rule. And when we wander to one side, Straightway they ery aloud, "Thou fool!" And book and bell and candle bring To ruse the one who halting stands. But, ah! the footsiens wandering— He understands—He understands.

ors weigh our every word,

#### Self-Poise.

tention to the work that fulls to him will vield a glad satisfaction, and his practice of blindness and deafness will help toward patience and forbearance. Wrongdoing is always wrong, and injures many besides the wrong-doer. One may believe this thor-oughly, even while he exerts himself to self-control that he may not be oppressed and borne down. U one may not be hap-pily placed, even though his duty holds him, one's batter nature is severely tried, but a determined direction of one's thought from the fiction of what is unlove-ly and untrue will help to a screnity that is impulse to frequent and harsh condemna-tion, and hold himself in check because of the Christian ideal he is striving to reach. Prayer, patience, persistence are helps to this end.—Universalist Leader.

God's Mercy. Let us learn that there are times in our brief lives when, like our great high priest, we are sore amazed and very heavy by rea-son of strange and startling changes in our circumstances. Sometimes unexpected agon-ies come into our own hearts when, though our work appears to be acceptable and suc-cessful, the worker is ignored and forgot-ten. This is what tests us. Not so much the wilderness solitude, or the greater pow-er of another, our the specially successful work of another, but rather dismissal from service just when we feel most equal to the that our case is unimportant, to be assured within ourselves of His love, His mercy and His care.-Rev. E. Duckworth.

The Spiritual Kept to the Front.

service just when we feel most equal to the work, to be limited in opportunity, to feel a seeming neglect and realize an apparent defeat. Then it is that we need supremely to know Him with whom we have to do. To know that He delighteth in mercy, and that it is His good neasure to give us the kingdom, and though circumstances would seem to indicate that we are forgotten, or

God's Mercy.

Our censors weigh our every word, And sift its sound for sign of sin. And whispered dreams that are unheard Against the screen of fate they pin. With harpy smile they search out brain To bind our thoughts with braken bands, But hope shall struggle not in vain. And all the time God understands

He understands our little fears. He understands our little fears, Our little doubts and little wees; And in the shadow of the years He sees the soni. He knows—He knows; He scans us, not as censors do— To mark the blindly searching hands— But all our good He brings to view. He understands—He understands. —Josh Wink, in the Baltimore American.

It is possible to conduct oneself in Chris-tian fashion in the midst of aggravating and unnecessary annoyances. If one may not run away or extricate himself from his tryrun away or extricate himself from his try-ing connections, he must surely endeavor, for his own peace of mind, and for exam-ple's sake, to exercise self-control till he shall gain a certain mastery. Dishonesty, inefficiency, profanity, ugliness of temper, rudeness and discourtesy in others are ob-ject lessons with no uncertain emphasis as to one's duty to avoid similar confusion in conduct and speech. While they are dis-couraging and irritating, it is good to re-flect that one's best life is hindered by brooding over his disconfort, if he is pow-eriess to remedy matters. His own best at-tention to the work that falls to him will yield a glad satisfaction, and his practice

# GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN

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huddled under wing, darted back into the clouds. So Christ calls with great earnestness te all the young. Why, what is the matter! It is bright sunlight, and there can be no danger. Health is theirs. A good home is theirs. Plenty of food is theirs. Pros-pect of long life is theirs. But Christ con-tinues to call, calls with more emphasis and urges haste and says not a second ought to be lost. Oh, do tell us what is the matter. Ah, now I see, there are values wheeling for their prey, there are beaks of death ready to plunge, there are claws of allurement ready to clutch. Now I see the peril. Now I understand the urgency. Now I see the only safety. Would that Christ might this day take our eons and daughters into His shelfer "as a nen gathereth her chickens undu her wing." The fact is that the most of them will

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Todd. My hearers, if we secure the present and overheating welfare of our children, most other things belonging to us are of but like the comparative importance. Alexander the Great allowed his soldiers to take their families with them to war, and he spectrated for the bravery of his men by the fact that many of them were born in the atart. Would God that all the child dres of our day might be born into the many of the Lord. The we all need the protecting wing. If manhaed or womanhood what was shead of yon, would you have daren to under-

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#### Overenting-What Is It ?

Overeating is an elastic term. cording to the November Good House keeping, "to fly into a rage or to give way to prostrating grief, is to turn the chief of secretions into a more or less active poison. Concentrated thought or strenuous muscular exertion immediately before or after a meal will make the partaker of a light lunch guilty of overeating. "In its effects, undereating is worse than overcating. There are a few things of which it is very difficult to eat too much: Dead-ripe blackberries, pears or peaches picked from the trees in a state of absolute ripeness sweet apples that are mellow through and through, and grapes as sweet as honey."

Bacolle Simplicity. For a neighborhood which contains

the oldest university, the vicinity of Oxford, England, is strangely medieval. There are villages in Oxfordshire where no notion of medical science has penetrated, and where charms are the

from this that there was no special pre-eminence assigned to any among the apos-tles in those early days. They were sent to assist Philip in the great work that had so quickly opened up before him. The "harvest" the Saviour saw (John 4: 35) was being gathered. The apostles had greater authority than Philip and the re-sults show that they were especially need-ed at this time. 15. "Prayer for them." Instead of at once exercising their own authority they

ed at this time.
15. "Prayer for them." Instead of at once exercising their own authority they seek direction from God. "Might receive." They at once lead the new convertainto a deeper Christian experience.
16. "Was fallen." This expression is several times applied to the Holy Spirit. It means that He came from heaven, and denotes the rapidity and suddenness of His coming. "In the name." "The bases of Jesus Christ means the same as Jesus Christ Himmelf."
If. "Hands on them." The blensinge came from God through the apostles. "Ecceived the Holy Ghost." We have here as at Caesares (chap. 10: 4448) and at Epheseus (chap. 19: 57), a miniature Penteost. While at this time extraordinary endowments were no doubt conferred, by which thouse upon whom the apostles laid their hards may have been able to speak with tongues and perform miracles, it is also equally true that they must have received spiritual bleasings as well. The Holy Spirit would purify (chap. 15: 0), enrich, enlighten and fully equip them for all the events of life. "Bringing them inte fellowship with all believers regardless of true."

Dyes Made from Insects. Of great repute and of more importance than lac dye is cochineal, which is the source of artists' carmine and carmine lake, while, when precipitated with a sait of tin, it also yields a splendid scarlet. The cochineal insect, of which the female, like that of the nearly allied lac insect, alone yields the dye, is originally a native of Mexico, where it is parasitic on the leaves of the prickly pear. The males of the coccus cacti, as the species is called, are minute insects furnished with welldeveloped wings, feathered atteinnae and a long pair of hairlike processes at the hinder extremity of the body On the other hand, the female is a repulsive-looking, wingless creature, with very short posterior hairs, and nearly double the size of her partner. These insects adhere tightly to the smooth surface of the fleshy leaves of the prickly pear and are are not unlike small purple wood lice in general ap-pearance.-Boston Globe.

A pepper box in the shape of a swan in old Dutch sliver.

thunders of Sinai, through angel mes sengers, through pillar of cloud and of Again and again was he told that in none of these did he fully see God, for God is a Spirit.

"As the old tabernacle before it was built existed in the mind of God, so all the unborn things of life, the things whch are to make the future, are al ready living in their perfect ideas in him, and our task will se to match those divine ideas with their material realities, to translate into visible and tangible shape the facts which already exist in the perfect mind."-Brooks.

How does this invisible express him self. The kingdom of heaven does not reveal itself in the same aspect or in the same degree to all men, but we have it revealed in an infinite variety of lives, of figures, of incidents, There is Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Caleb and Joshua; there is the burning bush, the Sinai fire, tabernacle and temple, prophet and sage, priest and king, each with his contribution. Then, "the heavens declare his glory, and the firmament showeth his handl The invisible things of him work." since the creation of the world are learly seen, being perceived through "the things that are seen;" and there is Jesus himself showing us God in terms of human experience, and in addition, by sermon and precept, by parable and allegory, by miracle and deed, trying to show us God, his will, and the nature of his kingdom; and finally the Holy Spirit, the continued abiding inspirer, trying to bring God into our consciousness. Truly, we need not be in darkness if we wish to come to the light. Read the sermon on the mount and see how Jesus in-sists that his children might be delivered from carping care by trust in the invisible Father. The right view of the Invisible and Eternal enables us to bear the afflictions of life with calm-

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Better to be purified with fire than at peace with alloy. God wants to use the man whom the world cannot use.

Wandering is not a prerequisite to the Father's welcome. The only dumb religion is a dead

God will not be a Pather to those who disregard the fatherless.

day, as in the times of our Lord. The open that are largely fastened upon 'the loaves and fishes' are not apt to discern the heav-enly vision. The chief spiritual value of this ministry is that it serves as a model this ministry is that it serves as a model for manifesting human sympathy and for interpreting the divine love. Sometimes, as in the case of the desperately miserable, it is the only avenue through which they can be reached. The vast majority of peo-ple, however, can be most directly and ef-fectively reached by the clear and loving presentation of the gospel. No man ever had a harder field that Dr. Edward Jud-son in New York City. But the distin-guishing feature and the secret of his suc-cess, is that he has always kept the spirit-ual aspects of his work primary."

#### Our Companions.

Our Companions. Every man is born into a vast workshop full of materials and tools. His business in the is to select the material upon which and the tools with which he shall work, and then, out of his own imagination, he which he thinks and does and feels, that the thinks and does and feels, that you into reality and becomes his world. So every man creates his companionship according to his thought. If his thought is mean and low and vile, no matter what vile and ignorous and high, he is the best company and the most inspiring; if it is mean and low and vile, no matter what vile and ignolos fellowship; it is a matter of character. Companionship does not de-to the old proverb, "A man is known by the company ne keeps." Outlook:

#### Obedient to God.

Oh. that we could take that simple view of thinys as to feel that the one thing which lies before us is to please God! What rain is it to please the world, to please the great, nay, even to please those whom we love, compared with this? What gain is it to be applauled, admired courted, followed — compared with this one aim of not being dischedient to the heavenly vision?—J. H. Newman.

#### Factors of a Christian Life.

Pactors of a Christian Life. It ought not to surprise us that pride is perhass the greatest sin and weakness of our Christian life to-day. I know we are proud. Well, the holiness that makes a man proud is the holiness of the devil, and not the holiness of God the Holy Ghost. No man is entirely sanctified in whom est place given to the smallest measure of pride. It is no wonder, therefore, that there not important things in the Chris-tian life, he said: "The first is humility," — The Rev. Charles Inwood.

Old Lady-Now, little boys, can any of you tell me what commandment Adam broke when he ate the forbidden fruit?

Tommy - Please, ma'am, there wasn't any commandments then, Stray Stories.

#### Decided to Stay

"Oh, George, what do you think hap-pened to-day?" "Did you find a \$20 gold piece?" "Better than that. Our new cook has sent for her trunk." Detroit Free Press,

sylvania, per dozen, 27c; Eastern Shore, Maryland and Virginia, per dozen, 27c; Virginia, per dozen, 27c; West Vir-Virginia, per dozen, 27c; West Vir-ginia, per dozen, 26a27c; Western, 27c; outhern, 25a26c.

Eggs-Western Maryland and Penn sylvania, per dozen, —a30e; Eastern Shore, (Maryland and Virginia), per dozen, —a30e; Virginia, per dozen, —a 30e; Western, West Virginia and Ohio, per dozen, —a30: Southern, per dozen, 28a29; duck eggs, per dozen, nearby, 31a32.

Dressed Poultry-Chickens. It is a mental curse: Clouding the judg ment plying miseries, filling almshouses, in-creasing taxes and creating hard times. It is a mental curse: Clouding the judg ment and dethroning the reason, promot-ing ignorance, producing imbeeility, and transforming its unhappy victims into ma-niacs and fools. It is a moral curse: Weakening the volces of conscience and preparing the way for every vice and crime. And yet, strange to say, there are those who advocate the re-moval of this curse by legalizing it. But the colosed curse of drunkenness will con-tinue so long as drunkard factories are per-mitted, protected and perpetuated by haws small young, per lb, -a13c: do, mixed, young and old, do, 11a12; do, poor to fair, do, toat1c. Turkeys, choice, small hens, per toatte. Turkeys, choice, small hens, per lb. 16at7c; do, mixed and big gobblers, do, 14a15c. Ducks, choice, fat, per lb, 13at5c. Geese, choice nearby, fat, per lb, 12at3c; Capons, 7 to 8 lbs weight, per lb, 15at6c; do, smaller, per lb, 14a 15c; do, slios, do, 1tat2. Cheese-New Cheese, large, 6o lbs., 11½c to 11½c; do, flats, 37 lbs., 11½a 11½c ' pienics, 23 lbs., 11¼c to 11¾c. Hi.cs-Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 6o lbs. and up, close se-lection, toatte; cows and light steers, Saoc.

Why Germany is Apathetic. At the annual meeting of the Society for mobating the Abase of Spiritinous Liquary at Beslau hast month, Baron you Dier-ger and the believed that alcohol would one day be universally regarded as an ea-emy of civilization, but at present it was of dollars was yearly spent in Germany on its use. Seven hundred and fifty millions of dollars was yearly spent in Germany on must the equivalent of five plasses of spir-a day. Baron you Diergardt added that one difficulty in the campaign was that the state itself was interested in alcohol, de Sage. Dressed Hogs-Western Maryland and Pennsylvania lightweights, 7½a7¾c per per lb.; Virginia and Southern Maryland, best stock, 7½ per lb.; medium hogs, 6½ a7c, and heavyweights irregular at from 5 to 6½c per lb. Old boars less-5a5½c.

#### Live Stock.

Chicago. — Cattle — Receipts, 30.000 head; steady, good to prime steers, \$5,50 a7.20; poor to medium, \$4.00a4.80; stock-ers and feeders, \$5,50a5.80; calves, \$2.50 a6.55; Texas-fed steers, \$4.50a5.55. Hogs — Receipts, 28,000 head; market active and 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$5.00 a6 ab rend to choice heavy. \$6 archives and 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$5.90 a6.40; good to choice heavy, \$6.2540.45; light, \$5.80a6.00. Sheep-Receipts, 7,000 head; sheep steady: lambs weak and lower; good to choice wethers. \$4.75a \$5.25; fair to choice mixed, \$3.85a4.60; native lambs, \$3.75a\$6.50; Western lambs

#### LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Toronto letter carriers have demanded more pay. The United Mine-Workers spent \$500,

000 in strikes last year. Toronto stenographers and bookkeep ers will be organized.

The Kansas Supreme Court has sus-tained the eight-hour labor law. Railway machinists are making ready for a general demand for the nine-hour

temple, New York labor men are discussing

the question of putting up a candidate for governor this fall.

Wilkesbarre labor unions have opened a blacksmith shop where striking mem-bers can secure employment. The International Car Company of Toledo, whose machinists are on strike for a nine-hour day, has offered a ten-hour day. hour day. The Brakemen's Union, at New Ha-ven, Conn., has asked the consolidated road for a ten-hour day at \$2 a day, with pay for overtime.

When the evidence of the case has been all sifted this fact alone remains, that the liquic traffic stays in business because the American people from shear inertis, con-vinced a thousand times over its permissions character, will not abolish it.

The life of the saloon depends on the death of souls. Any one who wanted to find "temper-ance lessons" in the Bible could find an armful with both hands tied behind his

Drink and Infant Mortality.

Dr. Whitford has gone carefully into the subject of infant mortality in Liverpool, and he reports for the years specified the following cases of suffocation almost en-tirely due to drink: 1890, 164; 1891, 144; 1892, 164; 1893, 196; 1894, 182; 1896, 189.

The Crusade in Brief.

Why Germany is Apathetic.

All that the words "murder," "shame," "ruin" mean, a thousand times repeated and a thousandfold intensitied, the saloon means and the saloon is.

Under the influence of liquor a Jorsey City man was arrested four times in five days. This is certainly an indersement of a high order for the booze distilleries of that town.

The drunkard carries the disregarded danger signal half way between his lustful eyes and his devouring mouth.

For a real temperance lesson take the newly organized Bartonders' Association. Only men of abstemious habits may join. There is a clandestine movement on foot to abolish the International Questerly Temperance Lessons which have been the accasion of so much good during the mast ten years in the Sunday-schools of Amer-

day. Pintsburg machinists donated \$500 te help their striking fellow-workmen at help their strik San Francisco. Birmingham, Ala., is to have a labor

# lambs, \$5.25a6.50.