

THE PEARLY GATES

Sunday Sermon by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman.

Brilliant Description of the Celestial City in Which There is Neither Sickness or Sorrow, Death nor Crying

It says, "one must be very earnest, diligent and pure, to see the pearly gates. It is the door of heaven, the way of glory, the way of life, the way of peace, the way of joy, the way of glory, the way of life, the way of peace, the way of joy..."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

International Lesson Comments For December 14.

Subject: The Boy Samuel, I Sam. 1, 1-14. Golden Text: I Sam. 1, 9.—Memory Verses, 7, 10.—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

1. "The child Samuel" Samuel is supposed to have been about twelve years old at this time. His duty in the tabernacle was to perform those easy services which his strength would allow, such as the lighting of the lamps, etc.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTemperance.

The Question of Intemperance as the New York Sun Says It.—The Saloon Exists Because It Provides a Gratification For the Appetite For Alcoholic Stimulation.

At a discussion of the question of "The Saloon, Its Function and Perils" by clerical and lay philosophers in New York, a clergyman of Pittsfield in Massachusetts, Rev. Raymond Calkins, is reported to have made these rather surprising remarks:

The saloon is ministering to the social instinct of the people and that is why it exercises its mysterious and powerful influence over every community. It is an institution which has been created by the necessity of the drinking saloon in every community is not at all mysterious, it is the result of a cause which has always been apparent.

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Suggested Hymns. Blessed be the tie that binds, Onward, Christian soldiers, Rejoice ye saints, again rejoice!

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS.

Dec. 14—Our Fellowship.—Psa. 133, 1-3; I Cor. 12, 12-27.

The plain we study is doubtless of the time of the restoration and return to Jerusalem. One delightful thing about this was the sense of unity which it inspired.

The prayer of Jesus was "that they all might be one." No real Christian but desires that unity and harmony in the visible Church.

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW

General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade conditions.

Weather conditions have provided the only important development of the past week in the business world. Excessive rains in some sections, notably the Southwest, facilitated distribution of heavy footwear, overcoats and kindred items, while seasonably low temperatures at other points increased the movement of winter wearing apparel.

Jobbing and wholesale trade is fully maintained and manufacturing plants have orders far ahead, but in many cases the coke shortage retards operations.

Railway officials are making every effort to relieve the freight congestion, especially in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, but thus far there is little evidence of improvement.

Minor metals, on the other hand, are generally weaker, tin being especially depressed. Silver bullion has fallen a much the lowest price on record, the domestic value of a silver dollar now being about 90 cents.

A distinctly firmer tone pervades the market for footwear, orders coming forward freely for spring goods. The leading shoe manufacturers have taken good lots of leather, especially hemlock, giving a firmer tone to the market and reducing stocks. Foreign hides are in limited supply and well held.

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THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR WHEN THE SOUL INVITES ITSELF.

Faith: God's Gift.—The Life of Christ in More Poetical Language.—The Advent—Every Disciple is Divinely Ordained—Greatest Thing of All.

God gave me a little light To carry as I go; Bade me to keep it clean and bright, Shine in the light of day.

God gave me a little heart To love whatever He made; Glad and unglad, His part, Through Thy world so fair, so bright, Father, guide my steps aright!

As Thou hast sent Me into the world even so have I also sent thee into the world." John 17, 18. Every Christian is a reproduction of Christ. His life is for imitation more than for admiration.

As Truly as He Himself commissioned for His great life, so truly are we commissioned of Him. He was the apostle sent from the Father; we are His apostles sent from the Son.

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