

Monday Sermon by Rev. James Alexander Jenkins.

The preaching of the gospel is an evidence of far-reaching mercy of God.

NEW YORK CITY.—"Poverty and Piety" was the subject of this sermon delivered by the Rev. James Alexander Jenkins, pastor of Immanuel Congregational Church.

The words of our text constitute part of the reply of Jesus to the anxious question of two of his disciples with the anxious question, "Art Thou He that should come or do we look for another?" In this reply the great assurance that John the Baptist had with the character of the work of the expected One, so He sets before the messengers His own work as meeting the requirements.

THE preaching of the gospel to the poor may be regarded as only an evidence of the far-reaching mercy of the great God, but it may also be regarded as testifying to the preparation of the poor to receive and spreading the good news from God.

THE twenty-first century finds society divided, as it has always been divided, into two classes, the rich and the poor. Civilizations have crept upward, changing many things, but it is the same old, old distinction between wealth and poverty.

IT would seem that this world, in answer to this question, has sought the right conclusion usually arrived at, that the poor man is at a disadvantage in his struggle for the soul culture which every human being should have. Many, however, are to the reasoning of the world, have, because of their poverty, surrendered their religion, renounced the church and rejected the Christ to whom they were sent as saviors.

PIETY is not, primarily, something in the abstract; it is the love which enters in the heart of man. Among the elements which enter into it, a few of the principal ones may be mentioned: Sensitiveness of the soul to the message which appeals to the soul; power to apply the principles of truth; recognition of love as the great animating, sustaining, and life-giving principle.

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SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTemperance.

THE Texas Baiter and the Whiskey Baiter—Why One Poison Overcomes the Other—How Drunks Kill—How Drunks Die.

Those who imagine themselves to be friends of whiskey are very fond of quoting the fact that whiskey is used as an antidote to the bite of a rattlesnake. Perhaps it is often the best accessible remedy.

THE man who habitually drinks whiskey, who drinks occasionally, who is a social drinker, who is a habit drinker, who is a habit drinker, who is a habit drinker, who is a habit drinker.

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READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR WHEN THE SOUL INVITES ITSELF.

FORM: We thank Thee, O God, for all that is bright; The gleam of the day and the stars of the night; The blessing of our youth and the fruits of our prime; And blessings that march down the pathway of time.

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General Trade Conditions.

Bradstreet's says: Wintry weather has retarded but not checked spring jobbing trade, which is still far in advance of a year ago.

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