THE PULPIT.

A BRILLIANT SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. T. H. WHITE.

Subject: Preparing to Receive Blessing.

London.—A very practical address was given at the opening of Keswick Convention. The sermon preached by Dr. T. H. White befitted so preparatory a gathering. Attention was directed to Luke 22:11: "The Master saith, Where is the guest chamber, that I may eat the passover with My disciples?" and with this passage was coupled Rev. 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him, and he with Me."

Our Lord was looking for the guest chamber, and is seeking for it. Will He find it in each of our hearts?

The word translated "guest chamber" also occurs in the story of the nativity, Luke 2:7: "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, for there was no room for Him in the inn." If your heart is only as an inn, Christ is seeking to make it a guest chamber, where He will be the Guest. He will only make your heart and mind the guest chamber on one condition—He must be the only Guest, and must have the preparation of the chamber in His own hands.

A remarkable word appears in Prov. 4:23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." The heart of man is mentioned nearly nine hundred times in God's Book, and chiefly in three connections.

First we have Gen. 6:5: "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually." In the New Testament the same thought occurs: "Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19.) In both these passages we have one fact emphasized—the heart in connection with the intellect of man.

Turn to Deut. 6:5: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might;" and to 1 Pet. 1:22: "Love one another with a pure heart fervently"—the heart in connection with the affections. Look at Dan. 1:8: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat;" also Acts 11:23: "That with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord"—the heart in connection with the will.

It is plain, therefore, that by "the heart of man" we mean the place where his intellect, affections and will are focused; the centre of the intellectual, loving, purposeful self in every one. If we want a picture of what we are naturally, we have it here: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked;" and "out of the heart proceed evil thoughts," etc. Yet whatever the condition of every heart, Christ is seeking to make it His guest chamber.

Are we willing to allow Him to do this? Have we responded to the invitation: "My son, give Me thine heart"—the heart looked at from the three standpoints we have noticed? Have we surrendered our thinking, loving and purposing powers to Him?

It may be that some one has come to Keswick with the desire to know what is taught here, because you have an idea that it does not fit in with your theological position. God wants your intellect. Are you willing to give Him your speculations, your criticisms of His word and His messengers? Are you willing to make the confession of the Psalmist your own: "Lord, my heart is not lifted up, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in great matters or in things too high for me?"

Shall we not begin this convention right with God by yielding our hearts that He may cleanse the chamber and make it fit for Him to dwell in? Our intellects, affections and wills given to Him, the lower we get before Him the deeper will be our union and communion with Him. Are we willing to do His will? If not are we willing to be made willing?

Running through the life of every child of God are two great forces—Divine will and human will. So long as they are side by side, all is well; but ofttimes your will and the will of the Master cross, and then there is a stop, and this is where you find it necessary to die to self. The Christian life means the intellect, affections and will made over absolutely to the Master, that He may do what seemeth Him good.

And what will He do? He will take full possession of the guest chamber, turning the searchlight of His Holy Spirit into every corner. But He does this, not all at once, but gradually, as we are able to bear the light revealing the sinful thing, needing the Blood that it may be removed. Then He takes His own wondrous Word and enlightens it by His Spirit; and we come to know what is His will for us, and that the enlightened Word will fashion our lives. There is no pattern in the Word of God for the child of God but the Son of God.

What times we are living in! In our morning papers the first thing one notices seems some indication of the coming of the Lord. And if He is coming soon, what does He want from you and me? You recall His last recorded words: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be My witnesses." Never since that day has there been more need of witnesses to Him than at the present time. He may have called you to Keswick to teach you how to be a witness to Him. We shall be witnesses unto Him exactly in proportion as our hearts are the Master's guest chambers, for only as He lives in us can He work through us His wondrous, gracious, loving purpose.

And what is that purpose? "Whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren." As He dwells in you He will shine forth, and be through you a witness to Himself. So, being cleansed, sanctified, and indwelt by the Master, we shall be what He desires we should be, witnesses unto Him.

MRS. MARRYAT.

"The average woman," said Grumball, "has but one idea, and that's dress."

"Huh!" snorted Marryat, "my wife usually has at least a dozen ideas, and they're dresses."—Catholic Standard and Times.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 9.

Subject: Jesus and the Woman of Samaria, John 4:1-42—Golden Text, John 7:37—Commit Verses 23, 24—Commentary.

TIME.—December, A. D. 27. PLACE.—Sychar.

EXPOSITION.—I. Jesus reveals Himself as the Messiah to the woman of Samaria, 19-26. The woman of Samaria had said to Jesus, "Give me this water, i. e., the living water (v. 15; cf. vs. 10, 13 and 14). Jesus will answer this prayer, but first the woman must be brought to realize that she is a sinner. Conviction of sin usually precedes the reception of the Holy Spirit. So Jesus aimed a sharp thrust at her conscience, "Go call thy husband" (v. 16). It was effective. Heart and life were laid bare. She briefly answered, "I have no husband." But little did she know how Jesus would drive the answer home to her own conscience (vs. 16-18). The woman tried to parry the thrust by engaging Jesus in a theological discussion. This is a common method used by men when we try to drive home to them a conviction of their own sin. They seek to ease their conscience by drawing us into a discussion on some side theological issue. The woman failed in her attempt. Jesus' answer to her question went even more deeply to the need of her soul. It was beginning to dawn upon the woman that Jesus was a prophet indeed. He had read her heart. Jesus showed her the utter formality and worthlessness of all her worship of which she had made her boast. The standing controversy between the Jews and the Samaritans was whether they should worship at Mt. Zion or Mt. Gerizim (v. 20). Jesus shows to the woman that this is not the real question at issue. The question is not where we shall worship, but how we shall worship. These are strong words with which Jesus exposed the hollowness of the worship of this woman and her fellow Samaritans, "Ye worship ye know not what," but the words are equally true of much modern so-called Christian worship. "Salvation is from the Jews." To them were committed the oracles of God (Rom. 3:2). Of them the Christ, the Saviour of the world, is born according to the flesh (Rom. 1:3). The Jews were the first heralds of a crucified and risen Saviour, in whom salvation is offered to all men. The world owes to the Jews a debt that it can never repay. But while salvation is from the Jews, the Jews as a people have rejected it. The Heavenly Father is seeking worshipers (v. 23, R. V.) God is seeking not only those who will serve Him and obey Him, but those who will worship Him. He does not find many worshipers, though He is seeking them. Prayer is not worship. Thanksgiving is not worship. Worship is bowing before God in adoring contemplation of Himself. "In our prayers we are taken up with our needs; in our thanksgiving we are taken up with our blessings; in our worship we are taken up with Himself," and He is seeking worshipers. Does He find one in you? And God is seeking only one kind of worshipers, those who worship in spirit, that is, in the Holy Spirit, and in truth, that is, in reality, not in mere pretense (cf. Phil. 3:3, R. V.). The flesh seeks to intrude into every sphere and even into the sphere of worship. But the worship which the flesh prompts is not acceptable to God. We are absolutely dependent upon the Holy Spirit to teach us how to worship and to lead us into acceptable worship. God is a spirit, not a mere outward form. Though God is spirit in His essential essence, He does manifest Himself in visible form (Ex. 24:9, 10; 33:18, 23), and the glad day is coming when the pure in heart shall see Him (Matt. 5:8; 1 John 3:2). The woman knew that the Messiah was coming and was waiting until He came to tell her all things. He, indeed, is the one who does tell us all things, but He was already there. Jesus makes one of the clearest and most unmistakable declarations that He is the Messiah to this outcast Samaritan woman, "I that speak unto thee am He."

II. The Samaritan woman becomes a witness for her new-found Saviour, 27, 29. The disciples were greatly surprised that He talked with a woman. Women are of no more account in the eyes of some men to-day than they were in the eyes of the disciples. The disciples ought not to have been surprised that Jesus talked with a woman, a Samaritan and a sinner, if they had only stopped to think that He had condescended to talk with them. The woman, however, does not wait. She hurries into the city to tell others the good news. In her eagerness she even forgets to take her waterpot with her. She came out to get a waterpot full of water and she went back with a whole well in her heart (cf. v. 14). When one really finds Jesus he is willing to leave all that he may go and tell others about Jesus. Her message to the men of the city was the old gospel message, "Come." And what were they to come and do? "See a man." That is what we most need—to see Jesus (cf. 1:29). She sums up what Jesus had done in a short sentence, "He told me all things that ever I did." And then asks the question, "Is not this the Christ?" Could there be any better proof that He was the Christ? She brought the whole town to the Saviour (vs. 40-42).

LEADING QUESTIONS.—What does this lesson teach us as to how to deal with souls? What does it teach us about Jesus? What does it teach about God? What does it teach about worship? What does it teach about testimony?

Ice Sailors Bag a Wolf.

Employes of the Government Indian school have built two ice boats and are learning to handle them in a seamanlike manner.

While one party was enjoying a sail they discovered a wolf and immediately gave chase. One of the runners struck the wolf. It was stunned by the blow and then easily killed by the sailors.—Fort Totten Correspondence Minneapolis Journal.

At the end of 1906 the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration had a system length of 22,419½ miles, with 34,437½ miles of wires and 946.11 nautical miles of submarine cables. Offices numbered 379, of which sixty-two were open for day and night service and 317 for day service only. The number of instruments in actual use was 768. The staff of the head office in Shanghai numbered sixty-seven and the general staff 3175, while inspectors, linesmen, etc., totalled 2400.

Fashion Notes

New York City.—The loose box coat is a pronounced favorite of the season and is peculiarly well adapted to fur and to the many fur plushes are of the fashionable three-quarter length and the coat is so loose and ample that it can be slipped on and off with the greatest ease.

The coat is made with the loose that are exceptionally beautiful this year, although its usefulness is not to be confined, for it is also adapted to broadcloth and to all suitings as

well as to the various other materials used for separate coats. In the illustration it is made of broadtail plush with trimming of handsome buttons and with braid and is an exceedingly smart little garment that can be worn over any gown. The sleeves fronts and backs that can be made with the seam at the centre as illustrated or without, cut one piece, as liked, and is finished with a wide roll-over collar at the neck. The sleeves are made in one piece each, gathered into bands to which the roll-over cuffs are attached.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and seven-eighth yards twenty-seven, two yards forty-four or one and three-quarter yards fifty-two inches wide.

Dressy Evening Hats.

For evening wear dressy hats of lace or maline will be worn.

Hunter's Green For Blouses.

Pipings of hunter's-green panne velvet follow the edges of the tucks on a blouse of champagne pongee.

New Winged Collar.

An entirely new winged collar, with little round wings turning back from the centre of the front, is among the newest of the neckwear.

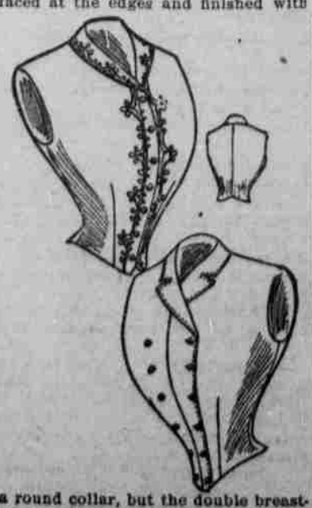
Yoke Gives Slenderness.

A too narrow square of contrasting material let into the back of a waist, yoke fashion, has an odd look like a patch, but if it is just right gives a becoming slenderness to women inclined to stoutness.

Waistcoat.

The separate waistcoat is not alone a fashionable feature of the season, it is also an eminently practical one. Few, if any, of the coats are really sufficiently warm for actual cold weather, and this extra garment allows of varying the weight as the day demands. Velvet broadcloth, brocade, embroidery, all are called into requisition. Broadcloth is used both plain and elaborately braided, velvet both of the plain and the fancy sorts is well liked and, indeed, almost every material of a similar sort is used, and the garment can be made plain or elaborate as the costume demands one sort or the other. This model is peculiarly desirable, as it allows a choice of single or double breasted closing and of the regular or round collar. A third style also can be evolved by using the single breasted model, omitting the collar and meeting, in place of lapping the front edges. In the illustration the single breasted waistcoat is made of broadcloth with trimming of soutache applique, while the double breasted one is shown to the same material simply stitched with belding silk in tailor style. Both are closed with handsome buttons, however.

The waistcoat is made with fronts and backs and the fronts are fitted by means of single darts. The single breasted waistcoat is simply underfaced at the edges and finished with



a round collar, but the double breasted one shows a seam at the centre front with the coat collar and lapels finishing the neck.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is one and one-half yards twenty-seven or one yard forty-four or fifty-two inches wide.

Pretty Hood.

The graceful burnoose, which is of Arabian origin, is copied very carefully by some women's tailors of importance and worn by American society women over their elegant evening gowns. The hood, which is of an integral part of the garment as worn by the Arabs, is convenient to draw on over the hair without disturbing the many puffs and curls of the evening coiffure.

Boned Corset Waist.

There are several varieties of the new boned corset waist on the market. These sprang into use with the popular princess and other tight dress forms, but they will not pass out with them, for, from every point of view, whether of comfort, beauty or mere utility, they are the most attractive form of underwear that has been recently devised.

Japanese Lines.

The Japanese bodice has not altogether disappeared. It is shown in many of the newest waist models. The long sloping shoulders of this type of bodice are universally becoming. Of the trimming for these waists braid and velvet are undoubtedly the most fashionable.

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPREADS TERROR.

Doylestown (Special).—Residents of Neshaminy, in Warrington Township, are terrorized by an incendiary who a few days ago burned one barn and set fire to another. The last to be burned was that of Joseph Stackhouse, near the Cozens Memorial Chapel, in which there is now a factional fight.

Mr. Stackhouse, who is not a worker in the church, it was learned after the fire, had received warning letters. Neighbors were discussing in the Neshaminy store the first fire and the letter which had been sent to Charles Brannen, the owner of the building, when the alarm came that the Stackhouse barn was on fire. Volunteer firemen from Willow Grove with buckets and extinguishers, responded to the alarm and aided in saving the house.

To add to the terror of the residents there is the fear that more fires will take place, as George A. Bagnurst, who is interested in the church fight, has received warning that the creamery in which he resides will be burned. Since the split in the congregation one faction has been worshiping in this building.

STARVING HIMSELF TO DEATH.

Pottsville (Special).—Charles Warzel, who is awaiting execution in the county jail here for killing his sweetheart, Mattie Boland, is making a desperate effort to cheat the gallows by starving himself to death.

He now takes only half a glass of milk daily and is confident that he will not live to be hung. The most tempting meals, placed in his cell, have not availed to break down Warzel's purpose, his fear of the gallows overcoming his hunger.

LIVES WITH BROKEN NECK.

Lancaster (Special).—William Habecker, of Brunnerville, is a patient at St Joseph's Hospital with a broken neck and the entire staff of physicians are making a great fight to save his life.

While driving a wagon loaded with wood, Habecker fell from the top of the pile. When picked up it was found that his neck was broken. It is believed that there is chance for his recovery.

AIDS WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Pittsburg (Special).—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, $25,000 was donated to the widows and children of the 259 miners killed last month in the Darr Mine disaster at Jacob's Greek, Pa. The money was turned over to the Darr Mine Relief Committee in this city to be distributed as conditions warrant.

PITTSBURG WORKMEN SUE.

Pittsburg (Special).—The Iron City Trades Council, with fifty-eight local unions, representing 33,000 skilled workmen, filed a suit in Common Pleas Court against the officials of the Allegheny County workhouse.

The complainants allege a violation of the act of June 13, 1888, by hiring out and letting by contract the labor and services of the inmates.

Declines To Run For Senator.

Coatesville (Special).—W. A. P. Thompson, who has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for State Senator from Chester County, in a statement made public, declines, on account of business interests, to be a candidate at this time. Friends of ex-Burgess E. D. Baldwin are urging him to be a candidate for the office.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

When a water back attached to the kitchen range in the home of W. H. Snyder, of Windsor, exploded and Mrs. Snyder was severely scalded about the face and body. Her condition is serious.

In paying for liquor licenses Schuylkill County saloon keepers gave up $20,000 in gold coin, which they had hoarded.

The Methodist Church of Centralia has received a check for $300 from Andrew Carnegie to aid in paying for a new pipe organ.

The family of William Ruch, at Flicksville, were overcome by coal gas from a stove at their home. Mrs. Ruch arose at 5 o'clock and fell in a faint to the floor. One child, an infant, 2 weeks old, is in a serious way.

In the northern end of Columbia County the work of lumbering is being carried on with a rush never before equaled. All conditions are favorable for getting the logs out of the woods and three trains are busy day and night hauling the logs to the mills at Jamison City.

The country home of J. H. Snyder, a Reading jeweler, was robbed of silverware and provisions during the night. Four coal offices in one neighborhood were also entered and looted.

The most interesting development of the recent primary election in Slatington is the tie vote in the contest for councilmanic nomination between John P. Gordan and R. P. Hutchison, of the Third Ward.

The residents of Sanatoga and Lower Pottsgrove Township have organized a fire company, with the following officers: President, S. J. Kurtz; vice president, E. Hartenstine; recording secretary, John K. Bucher; financial secretary, J. M. Yerger; treasurer, P. Schock.

The theft of a lighted lamp from the parlor of Nicholas Blanche's home, in Conshohocken, was the strange act of a thief for whom the police are seeking. The thief, without even turning out the light, boldly walked out of the house with the blazing lamp in his hand.

Frank H. Frederick was elected treasurer of the Allentown Poultry Fanciers' Association, to succeed the late George W. Eckert.

Mrs. Emeline Heiffenstein, mother of former Register of Wills Albert Heiffenstein, and the oldest woman in Norristown, died at her home, aged 96 years.

Eleven of a herd of twenty-two dairy cows belonging to W. F. McCoy, residing at McCoy's Fording, four miles west of Lewistown, were killed on account of being afflicted with tuberculosis. Mr. McCoy served a milk route in Lewistown.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

Harrisburg (Special).—Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer was questioned regarding the bill in Congress to have the Carlisle Indian School presented to Pennsylvania by the federal government.

"I cannot say very much," said Dr. Schaeffer. "I understand that the bill provides the Indians must be admitted to the school, if the gift is made, as well as whites. I do not know just why Pennsylvania should take up such a burden as that. We have only the one small tribe of Indians up in Warren County and the State does not need an Indian school.

"If the State can get the school free of incumbrance or embarrassing conditions it should take it," continued Dr. Schaeffer. "A fine industrial school could be maintained there for boys and girls, or both, and I think it would be an excellent idea to make one division of this school, a division to which incorrigibles could be sent, boys and girls who have done nothing wrong for which they could and should be sent to a reformitory, but children who have got beyond the control of their parents."

RUNNING TRAINS BY 'PHONE.

Danville (Special).—A large number of telegraph operators on the Reading Railway will be laid off in the near future when that company puts into operation a complete system of telephones to be used for train despatching.

The Reading is taking this step following closely upon the enforcement of the new federal eight-hour law for operators. The telephone system will first be given a trial on the Catawissa division, running from West Milton to East Mahanoy Junction.

Telegraph offices will be closed at all the stations along the line except at East Mahanoy Junction, West Milton, Catawissa and Danville. The telephones will be operated on a private branch exchange now being installed at Quakake and the trainmen themselves will have access to the instruments.

LOST WIFE'S LOVE.

Reading (Special).—Alleging that the affections of his wife were alienated by W. Morris Deisher, a prominent insurance man of this city, Oscar F. Metcalf, of Braintree, Mass., instituted suit against the former to recover $20,000 damages.

The Metcalfs were married in 1901. Up to June, 1096, Mr. Metcalf, alleges, they lived together happily. At that time Mr. Deisher is said to have become acquainted with Mrs. Metcalf. The latter recently instituted suit for divorce.

Mrs. Metcalf was, until lately, employed by a Reading medical company in which Mr. Deisher was a stockholder and officer.

Money Fed To The Flames.

Darby (Special).—The members of the Darby Fire Company, No. 1, made a record-breaking run of half a mile up hill, when children playing with matches set fire to the apartment house of Simon Drew, Ninth and Cedar Streets, and imperiled the lives of several occupants of the house who were rescued. One hundred dollars in greenbacks was destroyed in the blaze.

House Filled With Stolen Goods.

Danville (Special).—The police of Danville raided the Temple home and took into custody the three Temple brothers, the oldest of whom is not over 20 years of age, and secured enough merchandise to stock a good sized store. They are accused of robbing the store of U. G. Boyer, at Muncy, on the night of January 21, but it is thought that they will be implicated in a number of other robberies. They confessed and were lodged in jail to await trial.

New Trolley Line Opened.

Pottsville (Special).—Working all winter the Eastern Pennsylvania Railways Company has completed the new eight-mile trolley link, between Middleport and Tamaqua. With this connecting link, trolley cars will now be run from Pottsville to Mauch Chunk, through the most populous part of the anthracite regions.

Samuel Graffin, a son of the late Charles Graffin, for many years postmaster of Catasauqua, received notice of his appointment as postmaster at that place.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The annual profit at Monte Carlo amounts to $5,000,000.

The bone frame of the average whale weighs about 45 tons.

The human eyes are rarely of equal power in the same person.

It is estimated that immigrants returning home took out of the United States last year $110,000,000.

Washington now has 78 public statues, New York 76, Boston 36, Philadelphia 33 and Chicago about 20.

The city of Philadelphia has paid for a strip of land 1 inch by 175 feet at Broad and Walnut Streets $32,500.

A fashion article on bridal veils related that a recent bride wore her face covered on the way to the altar.

At Bay City, Mich., there is a pile of sugar beets consisting of 390 tons, worth $47,000. The pile is 700 feet long and 17 feet high.

A careful estimate shows that the building and land on Manhattan Island from the Battery to Central Park are worth $2,900,000,000.

There is one American book which should be counted among the best sellers. Over 3,000,000 copies have been sold. It is "The Horse Book," issued by the government.

Australia is 26 times larger than the British Isles.

A Danish scientist named Poulson has perfected his apparatus for wireless telephony, so that he can talk and be heard distinctly from Copenhagen to Berlin, some 240 miles.

A royal decree has just been issued in Holland abolishing the rule promulgated three years ago which forbade women employed in the postal and telegraph offices to marry.

The next census will show that Pennsylvania has two cities each with a population of 500,000, a distinction which no other state in the Union will possess.—Philadelphia Press.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

FEBRUARY NINTH.

Ministering to Strangers and the Sick. Matt. 25: 31-46.

Loving the stranger. Deut. 10: 18-19.
Hospitality. I Tim. 5: 1-10.
Brotherly love. Heb. 13: 1-3.
Jesus and the sick. Luke 4: 38-41.
The calling committee. Jas. 5: 13-15.

Christ's command. Matt. 10: 5-15.

Christianity is a glorious thing now; but its present glory is only a shadow of what it will be (v. 31).

There is something of the sheep and something of the goat in each of us, and we cannot divide them; only Omniscience can strike the just blow (v. 32).

The Kingdom is not earned by us, but inherited; not prepared by us, but prepared from the beginning (v. 34).

Christ's identification with the needy is not a figure of speech; he is in them (v. 35).

Suggestions.

Is hospitality a lost art with us? If so, with it we have lost much of—Christ.

Each of us is some time to be sick, and to know in our own experience how blessed is kindness then.

Foreigners are strangers, and this lesson is a home-mission plea for hospitality toward them.

All our social committees should endeavor to turn our sociability where it is needed,—toward the strangers and the sick.

Illustrations.

Our homes are part of our Christian capital. Is it lying idle?

Sickness is a Christian opportunity. Some are shut away from the world that Christ may come in to them. Their feet are clogged that they may be blessedly caught.

What if the size of our heavenly mansions depended upon the number of rooms in our earthly mansions used for Christ?

No excursions so far as those one may take with "shut-ins"! Stairways rise from sick rooms into the unseen world.

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Help and Deliverance in God. Isa. 29. 18, 19; Psa. 146. 7-9. Southern Educational Work.

The prophet looks forward to a day when the deaf, the blind, the poor, the meek, shall have their chance. He was not thinking of the work of Southern education, but if he had been his words could not have been more to the point. The work our church and other churches are doing for whites and blacks in the South is the Christly work of opening the deaf ears and the blinded eyes to Christian truth, and of making the poor and the meek to rejoice.

Nothing is surer than that the work of Southern education is the Lord's work, so unselfish is it, so compassionate, so brotherly, so truly redeeming in its nature. It has secured justice for those who knew nothing but oppression, it has fed hungry minds, it has broken the prison bars of ignorance, it has opened the blinded eyes of prejudice, it has lifted up into self-respect the bowed-down, and it has brought material, social and spiritual salvation to thousands of the fatherless and widowed of both races. Read the literature of this work, and see if this is not simple truth.

This theme is meant to have special reference to our work in the South, which is conducted in the schools and colleges controlled by the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools.

This work of the Board concerns itself with educational effort among both races, because the two races in the South are interdependent, and the chiefest foe of both is ignorance, with its resulting prejudice, hatred and strife. The safety, not to say the prosperity and happiness, of each race depends, above everything else, on the fully-rounded Christian education of the other.

There is abundant hope for permanent success in this work. The South is belated, but not degenerate. Both races reached by our schools are rich in promise. Its white people are of purest American stock—the stock from which Lincoln sprung. They are Protestants and patriots. Over one hundred and forty thousand men from the mountains sprang to the defense of the Union. Behind its black people are from five ten ten generations of American-born ancestry. In the single generation since slavery they have clearly demonstrated their eagerness and capacity for education and the higher life.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Morris K. Jesup, philanthropist, died at the age of seventy-eight years.

Dr. Edward R. Taylor, recently elected Mayor of San Francisco, has several volumes of poems to his literary credit.

E. A. MacDowell, regarded as foremost among American composers, died in New York City after an illness of two years.

Captain "Ben" Parker, famous yacht skipper, who twice came to America with Sir Thomas Lipton, died in Southampton.

William R. Smith, a Scotchman by birth, is about to complete his fifty-fifth year as Superintendent of the Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C.

T. Tchigorin, the noted chessmaster, died at St. Petersburg at the age of fifty-seven. He played in many national and international tournaments.

Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, has been selected by the Senate Democratic caucus as leader of the minority in the upper house. He is fifty-two years old.

Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht, of Philadelphia, noted Assyriologist, whose standing as a scholar and author has been questioned, says he will refuse to reopen the controversy.

Grover Cleveland told the National Democratic Club the country needed conservatism, buoyant but safe Americanism and the reinstatement of constitutional observance.

Colonel Theodore A. Dodge, who has lived for more than ten years in Paris, while completing his "History of Napoleon," has just been elected president of the American Club in Paris.

Baron Takahira, Japanese Ambassador to America, is well known in both New York and Washington, through his former diplomatic and consular services, and all that is known of him is good.