ALMAGE'S SERMON

FOR A DROWNING WORLD

at alone can Save Man From sinking in the Sea of Sin,

"He shall spread forth His hands at af them, as he that swimmeth forth his hands to swim."-Isainb

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line and comes home at shining and his basket full. ow why we ministers of the always be fishing in the and preaching from the same people preach from. I can d the policy of the minister the policy of the minister ars, London, England, every years preached from the observe. It is an exhiliara I communicase a theme which treated, and my text is There are paths in God's ell heaten by Christian feet. to quote Scripture, they quots that every one has heard. ges that every one has heard, want a chapter read, they that all the other people have so that the church to-day is restourins of the Bible. You ouvre at Paris. You confine a corridor of that opulent gal-ings. As you come out your your "Did you see that Rem-ing that and the "Did you see that Ru-"Did you see that Ru-you see that Rapheely" you see that Rapheely" didn't see the Louvre." friend. didn't nds, I think we are too much a ourselves to one of the great this Scripture truth, and so there is not one person out of a t there is n verful picture in the words of my

sents God as a strong swimout to push down iniquity and is of men. "He shall spread ad in the midst of them, as he meth sprendeth forth his hands to The figure is bold and many sided. ingure is own and many shows of know how to swim. Some of it in the city school, where this is some of you in boyhood, in the any father's house some of you came to manhood or woide summering on the beach of a step down in the wave, you and back, you bring your elbows you put the palms of your bands at the seles of your feet outward. through the water as though you magnatic. It is a grand thing to swim, not only for yourself, you will after a while, perhaps others. I do not know anything r sublime than to see some man McKenzie leaping from the into the sea to save Charles dropped from the royal yard to loosen the sail, bringing him ek amid the huzzas of the pas and crew. If a man has not enthuh to cheer in such circumstances to help him. The Royal Hu-y of England was established in to appland and reward those ack up life from the deep, has performed such a has all the particulars ry recorded in a public his breast a medal done in and bronze; anchor, and inscription, telling to future

and it came up over His wounded feet, and it came above the speer stab in Hissids-aye, it dashed to the lacerated temple, the high water mark of His anguish. Then, rising above the flood, "He stretched forth His hands in the midst of them, as he that arimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim." If you have ever watched a swimmer, you notice that his whole body is brought into play. The arms are floxed, the hands drive the water back, the knees are active, the head is thrown back to escape strangulation, the whole body is in propulsion. And when Christ sprang

becape strangulation, the whole body is in propulsion. And when Christ sprang into the deep to save us, He threw His entire nature into it—all His Gothead, His omniscience, His goodness, His love, his omnipotence—head, heart, eyes, hands, feet. We were far out on the sea and so deep down in the waves and so far out from the shore that nothing short of down in the waves and so far out from the shore that nothing short of an entire God could save us. Christ leaped out for our rescue, saying: "Lo! I come to do thy will." and all the surges of human and satable hate beat against Him and those who watched Him from the gates of heaven feared He would go down under the wave, and instead of sav-ing others would Himself perish; but putting His breast to the form, and shaking the surf from His locks, He came on and on, until He fs now within the wave, of means of means the save

is now within the reach of every one here. Is now within the reach of every one here, Eye omniscient, heart infinite, arm omnipo-tent. Mighty to save, even unto the uiter-most. Oh, it was not half a God that trampled down bellowing Gennesaret. It was not a quarter of a God that mastered the demons of Gadara. It was not two-thirds of a God that lifted up Lazarus into the arms of his overloved istars. It was not two-thirds of his overjoyed sisters. It was not a fragment of a God who offered pardon and poace to all the race. No. This mighty swimmer

throw His grandour, His glory, His mighty swimmer throw His grandour, His glory, His might, His wisdom, His composite and His corrity into this one act. It took both hands of God to save us—both feet. How do I prove is? On the cross, were not both feet nailed? His cutity nature involved in our redemption! If you have lived much by the sature sen If you have lived much by the water

If you have reveal much by the water, you notice also that it any one is going and to the rescue of the crowning in suist be independ-cut, self reliant, able to go alone. There may be a time when we must apring out to save one and he cannot get a lifebrait, and as goes one and be cannot get a lifele-at, and as guess out and has not strength enough to beer himself up, and hear another up, he will sink, and instead of dragging one corpse out of the torrent year will have two to drag out. When Christ sprang out into the set in deliver us He had no hie bace. His tabler did not help Him. Alone in the man size. Above in the spine Mark

in the wine press. Alone in the name. Alone in the wine press. Alone in the pang Alone in the darkness. Alone in the mountain, Alone in the sea. O, if He saves us He shall have all the credit, for "there was none to help." No car. No wing. No ladder, When Nathaniel Lyon fell in the battle charge in front of his troops, he had a whole army to cheer him. When Marshal Ney sprang into the contest and plunged in the spars till the horse's flanks sparted blood, all frames annhaded him. But Jesus alone! all France applauded him. But Jesus alon. "Of the people there was none to help. "All forsook him and flat." O, it was not fotilla that sailed down and saved us. It was not a cluster of gondolas that came over the wave. It was one person, independent and alone, "spreading out His hands among us as a swimmer spreadeth forth his hands

to swim." Behold then, to-day, the spectacle of a frowning soul and Christ, the swimmer, I believe it was in 1819, when there were six English soldiers of the Fifth Fasiliers, who

were hanging to the bottom of a capsized boat-a boat that had been upset by a squall three miles from shore. It was in the night, but one man swam mightily for the beach, guided by the dark mountains that lifted their top through the night. He came to the beach, He found a shore man that consented to go with him and save the other men, and they put out. It was some time before they could put out. It was some time before they could find the place where the men were, but after awhile they heard their cry: "Help!" and they bore down to them, and they saved them, and brought them to shore. Oh, that this moment our cry might be lifted long, loud and shrift, till Christ the swimmer shall come and take us lest we drop a thousand fathems down.

fathoms down. If you have been much by water, you know very well that when one is in peril help must come very quickly, or it will be of no use. One minute may decide everything. Investigate help the may decide everything. no use. One minute may decide everything. Immediate help the man wants or no help at all. Now, that is just the kind of a relief we want. The case is urgent, imminent, instantaneous. See that soul sinking. Son of God, lay hold of him. Be quick! be quick! Oh, I wish you all understood how urgent bit, I wish you all innerstood how ingent this Gospel is. There was a man in the navy at sea who had been severely whipped for bad behavior, and he was maddened by it, and he leaped into the sea, and no sconer had he leaped into the sea than, quick as lightning, an albatross swooped upon him, The drowning man, brought to his senses, "Just as Thou wilt, O. Lord," is the proper stiffinde of the supplicat bending low at His feet. E tire submission to His way is a mark of prevading bith. And such a faith is not so much concerned whether God choosa seized hold of the albatross and held on. The fluttering of the bird kept him on the wave until relief could come. Would now the dove of God's convicting, converting and saving spirit might flash from the throne upon your soul, and that you, taking hold of its potent wing, might live and live forever. I want to persuade you to lay hold of this strong swimmer. "No," you say, "it is al-ways disastrous for a drowning man to lay hold of a swimmer." There is not a river or

my brother, it will not. Stop your doing. Christ will do all or none. You cannot lift an ounce, you cannot move an iach, in this matter of your redemption. This is the difficulty which keeps thousands of souls out of the kingdom of heaven. It is because they cannot consent to let Jesus Christ begin and complete the work of their redemption. "Why," you say, "then is there nothing for me to do?" Only one thing have you to do, and that is to lay hold of Christ and let Him achieve your salvation and achieve it all. I do not know whether I make the matter plain or not. I simply want to show you that a do not know whether I make the matter plain or not. I simply want to show you that a man cannot save himself, but that the Al-mighty Son of God can do it, and will do it, if you ask Him. O, fling your two arms, the arms of your trust and love, around this omnipotent swimmer of the cross. That is a thrilling time when some one swamped in the surf is brought ashore and being resuscitated. How the people watch for the moment when he begins to breathe again, and when at last he takes one full in-halation, and opens his eyes upon the by-standers, a shout of joy rings up and down the beach. There is joy because a life has

standers, a shout of joy rings up and down the beach. There is joy because a life has been saved. O, ye who have been swamped in the seas of trouble and sin! we gather around you. Would that this might be the hour when you begin to live. The Lord Je-sus Christ stops down, He gets on His knees. He puts His lip to your lip, and would breaths pardon and life and heaven into your immorial soul. God grant that this hour there may be thousands of souls resusci-tated. I stand on the deck of the old Goard tated. I stand on the deck of the old Gospel ship amid a crowd of passengers, all of them hoping that the last man overboard may be out for your safety, "spreading forth His hands in the midst of you, as a swimmer spreadeth forth his hands to swim "

RELIGIOUS READING

"TOO CHEAP."

A preacher of the Gospel had gone down into a coal mine, during the neon hour, to tell the miners of that grace and truth which came by Jesus Christ. After telling them the simple story of God's love to lost sinners, man's state and God's remedy, a full and free salvation offered, the time came for men to resume work, and the preacher came back to the shaft to ascend to the world again. Meeting the foreman, he asked him woat he thought of God's way of a lvation. The man replied: "Oh, it is too cheap; I. cannot believe in

such a religion as that?

Without an immediate answer to his re-mark the protector asked "Haw do you get out of this place?" "Samply by getting into the cage," was the work.

the reply, "And does it take long to get to the top?"

"And does it face long to get to fall op, "Oh, no; only a few seconds." "Well, that certainly is vory easy and simple. But do you not need to help raise yours if?" sait the preacher. "Of course not." replied the miner. "As I have said, you have nothing to do but get into the case."

to the cage." "But wont about the people who such the

"But what about the people who sumk the shaft, and perfected this arrang ment? Was there much labor or expense about 10?" "Indeed, yes; that was a labortons and expensive work. The shaft is eighteen hun-dred feet dasp, and it was suid at great cost to the proprietors; but it is our only way out, and witheat it we should never he able based to the surfaces?

out, and without it we should never be also to get to the surface." "Just so, And when God's World tolls you that whoseever believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life, you at once say, "Too cheap?—"Too cheap?" forgetting that God's work to bring you and others out of the pit of destruction and death was accom-ulance at a wast cost, the price being that isned at a vast cost, the price being the ath of His own Son." Men talk about the "help of Christ" in

eir salvation-that if they do their part Christ will do His, forgetting, or no seeing, that the Lord Jesus Christ by Himself purged our sins, and that our part is but to sceept what has been done.—*Christica Age*

THE ANSWER DELAYED.

There are certain experiences common to Il saints. One of these is the temptation that comes because prayer for right things does not immediately "inherit the promise," There are sensoris when the reason for delay scens to us very plain; there are other times when we are constrained to say: "O Lord, when we are constrained to say: "O Lord, hast Thou forgotton to be gracious?" But in all prayer we are to remember that we are suppliants only through grace: that to approach God and ask of Him is in any sense a great privilege. A just view of prayer, that act by which we fail in helpfulness be-fore God, will prove to us that we are not at liberty to make any dominals upon Him, instance. Then will on Lord?" is the super-

TEMPERANCE.

THE LITTLES.

- The LITTLES. A little flams Will scent a room— A little candle Light the gloom— One little gleam Of sunshine, stream Through bars, and gild The prison-tomb!
- A little hand
- A little tand Will comfort bring-A little tongue Annoy a king-A little wine Kill thoughts divine-A little balm
- Allay a sting!
- A little staff

- A little staff Will case the way-A little joy Change night to day-A little song Drown thoughts of wrong-A little forethought Save the hay!
- A little pledge Will bless a life-A little reason
- Banish strife-
- A little pen stroke Brand a name-
- A little love Save name and famot
- A little smile
- A little sinite A little kind word Makes it May-A little cheer Will dry a tear-
- A little prayer Give pence alway! Mrs. M. A. Kidder, in Temperance Banner.

NURSING THE SOLDIER'S MORALS.

A special to the New York Tribuss from Washington says: A feature of army life that is attracting some attention outside of the ranks and which has the approval of the War Department, is what is known as the "Canteen." It is best known in the English army, and has for its object the providing for soldiers of food, drink and amusaments. for soldiers of food, drink and armisements. At present the first two named, aside from the nexa-attes of the soldier which are pro-vided by the commissary department, are supplied by the post trader. Until within the past few years the business of the post trader was profilable, but with the growth of new towns near the posts his business fell off metil new his resears is desired basis of new towns near the posts his business fell off, until now his rovenue is derived largely from his license to sell heer and wine. In many cases it is said that the post trackers abuse the privileges thus granted and dis-pense to the soldiers a poor quality of whisky and brandy. The traders' dealings are thus often prejudical to good order and discipline at the post. It is this fact, probably more than any other, that has led to the adoption of the canteen system. The canteen is con-troled by a voluntary association of the sol-diers. The supples are purchased and sold trough by a voluntary association of the sol-diers. The supplies are purchased and sold as by the post traders, but no spirituous liquors are sold, and no liquors of any kind to intoxicated persons. By this means the soldiers themselves lend their aid to the offi-cers in maintaining discipline. The amuse-ments include both indeer and outdoor re-creation and score and it is to this fasture. creation and sport, and it is to this feature to which the officers look for the best results in the morals of the enlisted men. The results of the system have been so satisfactory that the War Department officials and heads of the army give all possible encouragement to its growth.

A MOST DANGEBOUS ILLUSION.

One of the most dangerous illusions of the present era, industriously fostered by the present and their allies, is that beer is a harmless, wholesome beverage. Professor Draper, in the Medical News, referring to Draper, in the Medical News referring to nont, says: "As the most pronounced peeu-harity of the victims of the goaty diathesis is the prompt reaction which they present to while and beer, if follows that the exclusion of these heverages as articles of diet must be be insisted upon." He adds: "This is often a dillcult injunction to enforce. There is go strong a popular and professional projudies in favor of formated liquens as articles of diet that one can hardly prohibit the use of them under any circumstances without be-ing regarded as a crash. In split, however, of the generally resolved opinion that ardent splitts are responsible for all the physical period intenteraces. I have long hear inovils of intemperative. It have long been in-clined to believe that the formented prepara-tions of abcoled are equally if not more pro-ductive of functional derangements and even of structural lesions." We comment Profersor Draper's testimony concerning fer-mented liquors, the result of extended proreasional experience and observation, to the thoughtful consideration of the apologists for or advocates of beer drinking —National Temperature 4. Temperance Advocate,

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR AUGUST 25.

Lesson Text: "The Anointing of David," I Sam. xvil., 1-14-Golden Text: I Sam. svi., 7-Commentary,

1. "And the Lord said unto Samuel: How long will then mourn for Sau, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel." So difficult is if for us to side with God, regard-ess of our own floringhts or feedings or prefer-taces, that even the great and good Samuel is here esen clinging in his heart for he went not near him, Chap, xv., 35 to Saul after the Lord had rejected him. We must remember that the Lord did not reject Saul until Saul had persistently rejected and disobeyed the Lord (Chaps, xiii, 13, 14; xv., 26), so that Saul had no one to blame but himself for the loss of his position.

had no one to blame but himself for the loss of his position. 2. "How can I go?" If Saul bear it he will full me." This does not sound like the utter-since of a faithful, fearbess follower of the Lord God of Hosts. It might be said to Sam-uch: "Who art thou that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, " * * and forgettest the Lord thy Maker?" (Isa., H., 12, 10.1 Mod Samuel beau in full symmethy with 13.) Had Samuel been in full sympathy with the Lord, in the case of Saul he might not have talked thus; I at whenever we are in the have talked thus; I at whenever we are in the least degree out of the fellowship with God we are apt to say and do many foolish and simul things. The fear of the Lord and coul-dence in the perfect love of God, is an effect-ual curs for all other fear. "And the Lord said take an heifer with thes and say. I am come to sacrifice to the Lord." Simful man can do nothing in the way of serving God apart from sacrifice and atomenent; our holdest actions, our very best service, cannot be acceptable to God apart from the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the weakest err or the feedbest services is much acceptable through Him.

through Him. 3. "I will show these what then shall doe and then shall anoint unto Me him when I untre unto thes." The servant of the Lord has easly to more forward calmity and in per-

 feet confidence in his captain and he is always promised airs guidance.
4. "And Sacaded did that which the Lord spake." This is now as a should be, the word of the Lord prevails, and the servant is word of the Lord prevails, and the servant is simply obedieni and comes to lightheline leaving field to carry out His own place and manage His own affairs in His own wise way. When we are thus passive and also obedient in His bands, all will be well and His pur-pass unimizers. "The elders of the town transfield." Here is another indication of fact, of followship with God, for if their hearts were right and their conduct right there would have been rejoicing instead of from bling at a visit from the Lord's servant, but probably they, tas, were clinicing to the disc robably they, too, were clinging to the disodient king. 5. "I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord."

He uses the very words which he was told to use (v, 2), and that is always the right thing new (y, 2), and that is always the right thing to do. Jeans Hinnedf said only what the Kather told film dolm xit, 40; Jeremiah and Ezeniel were to speak only the Lord's words then it. Tol; Ezek, in., 5, 10, 41, 17); and when we as necessary of the Lord's confine ourselves to the Lord's message, rather than give our thoughts about it, surely we shall be most pleasing to Him.

6, 7. "The Lord looketh on the heart." As the first of Jesse's som stood before Samuel there was something about him which cause Summed to think that he was the Lord's an nointed; but how solerun, the word of the Lord: "Uhave refused him." Let us again repeat that in the matter of salvation the Lord refuses none who come to Him, but this is a matter of special service, and it is not antine uor a fair contensates. He needs, but a heart right with Himself, "a man after his cown heart" (chap., xi0, 14), 8-10, "Jesse made seven of his sons to pass

b) "Jesses made seven of his some to prise before Samuely and Samuel said unto Jesse, the Lord hata not chosen these." Here, then, bean apparent failure; the Lord had said to Samuel that Ho had provided a king from among Jesses sons, and yet, here are all the sense whom Jesse had thought it necessary to cons whom Jesso had thought it necessary to form; and for this special service, this place of homor, all are set aside, this right mum has not appeared. God's thoughts and ways are as much higher than ours as he iven is higher than earth, and how few seem to know His thoughts or inderstand. His countenance disa, i.e., 8, 9; Mie, i.e., 121; but let men be blind as they may, there is no failure with God. He has chosen His servant, and will yet set the mum of His choices on the physical of heree and of the whole world. Wat upon

Youngest Convict on Record.

Sinnville Combs, probably the youngest convict in any prison in the United States, has served the first year of a life sentence. When sent up from Breathitt County, Ky., last July he was eleven years old, and small for the age. Prison life has toughened him, both morally and physically. He killed his two-year-old sister in a brutal manner. The two were in the house together alone. When the little tot started to crawl across the floor



STREETS COLLECT CONTROL

the roy picked up a stove-lid and mashed her shull with it. He then threw the body in the fireplace, intending to burn it. This process of cremation was too slow and he pulled it out and carried it to a small stream near the house, throw-ing it in. When the little one's body was found Sinuville admitted killing her. He was arrested and tried. On the stand, when asked why he had committed the crime, he stated that his stepfather find told him to do it and had promised him a new pair of boots. There was no other evidence against the stepfather, and as the boy was a confessed murderer his testimony could not have weight. Many efforts have been made to have the Governor parilon him, but thus far he has failed to net. When first sent up young Comber had never heard of God. knew nothing of heaven or hell and had never seen a school house. He can now read and write and talks like a very bright, intelligent boy. He does not seem to care for his imprisonment.----Chienno Herald.

Mr. Dolt and the Hornet's Nest.



bravery of the man or woman ne one from drowning. But, is such a worthy thing to the deep, I ask you if it is hler thing to save an immortal you shall see this hour the Son of with for this achievement. "He forth His hand in the midst of that swimmeth spreadeth forth SWIML understand the full force of this

i need to realize, first of all that is in a sinking condition. You hear people talking of what they most beautiful words in our lan The man says it is "home," another is the word "mother," another says it out "desus," but I will tell you the 4 word in all our language, the west angry and baleful, the word satith the most trouble, the word that all the loathsomeness, and the and the outrage, and the harrowing; hat word is "sin." You spell it with letters and yet those three letters de-the circumference and pierce the effect of everything bad in the universe. it is a sibilant word. You cannot onnee it without giving the of the flame or the hiss of wrpent. Sin! And then if you add electers to that word it describes every of us by nature—sinner. We have out-the law of God, not occasionally or and then, but perpetually. The Biolo res it. Hark! It thunders two claps: heart is descent of the state of the sta kert is deceitful above all things and heart is deceitful above all things and rately wicked." "The soul that sinneth, il die." What the Bible says our own lence affirms. After Judge Morgan entancel Lady Jane Gray to death his erately wicked." new troubled him so much for the deel he became insane, and all through his ity he kept saying: "Take her away me! Lady Jane Grey." Take her Lady Jane Grey." It was the voice conscience. And no man ever does in a work her and no man ever does ing wrong, however great or small, but incluice brings that matter before him, at every step of his misbohavior it says: ong, wrong." Sin is a leprosy, sin is a where the harpoons went down. There is where the line of battle ships went down. There is where the morchant-men went down. There is where the steam-ers went down, a long line of wresks from alysis, sin is a alysis, sin is a consumption, sin is atton, sin is death. Give it a fair ice and it will swamp you, body, dand soul forever. In this world it only a faint intimation of its viculence. You a patient in the fact of the viculence. a patient infination of its viculence. You a patient in the first stages of typhoid w. The check is somewhat flushed, the its somewhat hot, preceded by a slight if "Why, you say, "typhoid fever does some to be nuch of a disease." But wait if the patient has been six weeks under it, all he energies has been six weeks under it, peach to beach. What a spectacle in the last day when the water is drawn off! But oh, how much more solemn if we had an eye to see the spiritual wrecks and the places where they foundered. You would find thousands along our roads and streets. Christ came down in their awful catas-trophe putting out for their souls, "spreading If the patient has been six wocks under it, all his energies have been wrung out, and is too weak to lift his little finger, is too weak to lift his little finger, is this intellect is gone, then you see full have of the disease. Now in this world is an allment ich is only in its very first stages; but let winder full way and it is an all consum-typhoid. Oh, if we could see our unpar-ned sins as God sees them our teeth would atter, and our knees would knock together, forth His hands as a swimmer spreadeth forth his hands to swim;" but they thrust Him in the sore heart, and they smote His fair check, and the storm and darkness swallowed them up. I ask you to lay hold of this Christ and lay hold of Him now. You will sink without Him. From horizon to horizon not the aims as God sees them our beech would ther, and our knees would knock together, if our respiration would be choked, and heart would break. If your sins are norgiven, they are bearing down on you, d you are sinking—minking away from phases, sinking sway from God, sinking ay from everything that is good and ad. one sail in sight. Only one strong swimmer, with head flung back and arms outspread. I hear a great many in the audience saying: "Well, I would like to be a Christian. I am going to work to become a Christian." My brother, you begin wrong. When a man is drowning, and a strong swimmer comes out to help him, he says to him: "Now be quict, but we are non a my arm or on my shoulder.

then what do we want? A swimmer! A to help him, he says to him: "Now be quiet, Put your arm on my arm or on my shouldsr, but don't struggle, don't try to help your-self, and I'll take you ashore. The more you struggle and the more you try to help your-self, the more you impede me. Now be quiet and I'll take you ashore." When Christ, the strong swimmer, comes out to save a soul, the sinner says: "That's right. I am glad to see Christ, and I am going to help Him in the work of my redemption. I am going to pray more and that will help Him; and I am going to weep extravagantly over my sins and that will help Him." No and swimmer! A swift swimmer! A.d. med be God, is my text we have him an-anced. "He shall spread forth His hands in another in the spread for the swimmer and the spread for the swimmer pose out readeth forth his hands to swim." You renoticed that when a swimmer pose out noticed that when a swimmar goes out sus any one he puts off his heavy appar-He must not have any such impediment at him if he is going to do this great deed. If when Christ skepped forth to save us shock off the sandals of heaven, His feet were free; and then He stepped a lint the wave of our transgressions.

delay or not. Andrew Murray has said: "When ones Andrew Murray has said: "When once faith has taken its stand upon God's word, and the name of Jesus, and has yielded itself to the leading of the Spirit to seek God's will and honor alone in its prayer, it need not be discouraged by delay. It knows from Scripture that is a power of believing prayer is simply irresistible; real faith can never be discouranted. It knows that ince as water lake but has a calamity resultant from the fact that when a strong swimmer went out to save a sinking man, the drowning man disappointed. It knows that just as water, to exercise the irresistible power it can have, must be gathered up and accumulated until clutched him, threw his arms around him, pinioned his arms, and they both went down together. When you are saving a man in the water you do not want to come up by the stream can come down in full force, there must be often a heaping up of prayer by there must be often a heaping up of prayer until God sees that the measure is full and the answer com s. It knows that just as soon as the plowman has to take his ten thousand stips and sow his ten thousand seeds, each one a part of the preparation for the final harvest, there is a need-by for oft-repeated, persevering prayer, all working cut some desired blessing. O Lord, do teach me how real the labor of prayer is. I know how here on earth when I have failed in an undertaking I can often his face; you want to come up by his back. You do not want him to take hold of you while you take hold of him. But, blessed be God, Jesus Christ is so strong a swimmer, He comes not to our back, but to our face, and Heasks us to throw around Him the arms of our love, and then promises to take us to the beach, and He will do it. Do not trust that beach, and He will do it. Do not trust that plank of good works. Do not trust that shivered spar of your own righteoasness. Christ only can give you transportation. Turn your face upon Him as the dying martyr did in olden days when he cried out: "None but Christ! None but succeed by renewed and more continuous effort by giving more time and thought. Show me how, by giving myself more en-tirely to prayer, to live in prayer, I may obthe cried out: "None but Christ!" None but Christ!" Josus has taken millions to the land, and He is willing to take you there, Oh, what hardness to shove Him back when He has been swimming all the way from the tain what I ask. And, above all, O my blessed Teacher, author and perfector of faith, let my whole life by Thy grace be one It is has been swimming all the way from the throne of God to where you are now, and is ready to swim all the way back again, taking your redeemed spirit. I have sometimes thought what a spectacle the ocean bod will present when in the last day the water is all drawn off. It will be a line of where the harmons went down of faith in Thee, in whem my prayer gains acceptance, in whem I have the assurance of the answer, in whom the answer will be mine,"-N, Y, Christian Advocate,

WHISKY CAUSED HIS FALL.

Henry D. Gregg, son of the famous Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Dublin, Ireland, whose discus-sions with Bishop Maguire about the Cathoic Church during the past ten years gave tim world-wide fame, was arrested at Kan-sas City, Mo., for stealing a horse and buggy. He claims to be innocent. He was private secretary to General Philip H. Sheridan after he came to this country and was then transferred to the Adjutant-General's office in Washington as a clerk of the first-class, going there with Secretary of War Lincoln He remained in the place three years, when he was removed by Secretary Endloot, Next he held an important place on the United States revenue steamer Chester A. Arthur.

He came West and was a reporter on sev-eral papers in Omaha. Having worked him-self out in that line he drifted to Kansas self out in that line he drifted to Kansas City, where he fell in with a notorious horse-thief, who asked him to take one Quinlan's horse and buggy through to Hiawatha, and if he got a good chance to sell it. Gregg drove the horse to Atchison, and tried to sell it for \$40, but failed. He then resumed his journey toward Hiawatha, but was caught and jailed. Whisky is responsible for his downfall. Gregg made several efforts while in Kansas City to secure work as an accountin Kansas City to secure work as an account ant in the railroad office, but failed. He had

The Boston Record quistly remarks that "Sullivan, lying beastly drunk in the back room of a Chicago whisky saloon on Sunday, and everybody who bought a drink taken in to see the exhibition, is a suggestive com-mentary on the claim that prize fighting is a "manly art." manly art.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

In Para, Brazil, a license to sell liquor costs \$5; a license to keep a school costs \$10.

Sir John Gorst states that there are nine-teen breweries in India, brewing 4,860,382 gallons

In 1886 there were 158,587 retail liquor dealers, of all kinds, paying the special liquor tax in the United States.

A prominent firm of glass makers in Philadelphia, not long ago, refused a large order for bottles from a liquor house.

Where twelve men made beer in the Walruff brewery, Lawrence, Kan., one hundred persons are now busy making shoes.

The champions of the saloon are now turning to Kansas to try and secure a resubmission of the constitutional amendment.

Cardinal Manning, at eighty-two, at a ro-cent meeting in London of the depositors of the Boutheastern and Metropolitan Rail-ways Savings Bank, made an inforessive plea for temperance on the part of railway men.

A National Temperance Congress, under the auspices of the National Temperance League, will be hold in Birmingham, Eng., in October next, commencing with a large number of sermons on Sunday, October 20.

THE GIFTED (?) DRUNKARD.

It is a common practice to speak of every drunkard as a smart man, as a man extra of dinarily gifted, capable of great things, and hampered only by the practice of getting drunk. Most of the drunkards themselves fondly imagine that it takes brains and genius to be a drunkard, and that if a man be not a drunkard, and that if a man bo not a drunkard he must necessarily (poor devil) be an als. By this sort of talk the drunkards have hundrugged not only them-selves but a great many descent people. "Doctor," asked a lady of the famous Dr. Abernethy; "doctor, why is it that so brainy a man as my husband gets drunk?" "Because, madame," answered the doctor, sol-cumly, "he is a blank dashed fool." We have county, "he is a blank dashed fool." We have very often heard people say, commenting upon a work of art or of literature done by a woman: "Yes, that is exceedingly well done -for a woman." May be when people tell of the smartness of their drunkard friends they ment to say that they are smart-for drunk-yeds - Dimense News. wds.-Chicago News.

WHAT ALCOHOL WILL DO FOR YOU.

WHAT ALCOHOL WILL DO FOR YOU. Hold a mouthful of spirits—whisky, for instance—in your mouth for five minutes, and you will find it burns severely; inspect the mouth and you will find it inflamed. Hold it ten or fifteen minutes, and you will find that various parts of the interior of the mouth have become blistered; then tie a handkerchief over the eyes and taste, for in-stance, water, vinegar, milk or cream, and you will find that you are incapable of dis-tinguishing one from another. This experiyou will find that you are incapable of dis-linguishing one from another. This experi-ence proves to a certainty that alcohol is not only a violent irritant, but also a narcotic. Can you believe that the still more tender and important internal organs of the body can be less injuriously affected than the mouth?-Dr. McColloch.

Absolute prohibition still prevails in Okla-A nona. The beneficence of the isw is unque-tioned. A man at Guthrie voiced the general sentiment when he said: "Probibition is our salvation; without it there would be a mur-der every day."____

is reserved of the whole world. Wait upon im and benetient.

Him and benation: 11. "Send and totch him, for we will not sit down till be comes inflor." So every-tiding has to stand still till the slighted son is brought. In reply to Samuel's question as to whether these seven were all his some bese replied that the youngest was at home keeping the sheep, and it was for him that they were row sending and waiting. 12. "And he sent, and brought film in. *** and the Lord said: Arise, anoint him, for this is he." As we are thus for the first time per-senally introduced to David, the son of Jessa the history of whose kindom past and future fills so much of Scriptore, and with whom we expect to be somewhat intimately associated when Jesus, the son of David, who is also the church's Bridegroom, shall sit on David' throne, we can only stand and gaze upon this ruldy, good-looking young man and wondes at the grace of God in choosing a mortal mar for such a glorious immortal future; and then turning to our own souls we would say: O, my soul, see that thou dost nover coase to adver, and cry aloud the prices of Him, whose grace has called you, passing by se many others, to be a king-prices unto God, washing you in His own precious blood. 16. "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren." He was afterward, at Hebron, anointed king over the house of Judah, and some 11. "riend and fetch him, for we will not

the was afterward, at Hebron, anointed king over the house of Judah, and some-what later, at the same place, anointed king over all Israel. (II Sam ii, 4; v, 1-5.) Af-ter Samuel anointed him that day there were ter Samuel anointed him that day there were long years of waiting and rejection and per-secution ere he came to the throne, so now although Jesus, the Son of David, is Godh chosen and anointed King of Israel and of all nations, we are still living in the time when lie is rejected and persecuted. "The spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward." (See R. V.) Here is the power by which alone we can suffer of serve or wait or in any way glorify God From beginning to end of Scripture the power of the Spirif of God is the only power re-vealed for effectual service, and whether it is playing upon the harp or writing palms, sobplaying upon the harp or writing palms, sub-duing energies or reigning over Israel, what-ever David did that was acceptable to God

was by the Holy Spirit. "So Samuel ressup and went to Ramah." "So Samuel rose up and went to Kaman," For the second time he has anointed a Cap-tain over the Lord's inheritance, and now he retires to his own home, no doubt to con-tinue in prayer for the Lord's people and for His anointed.—Lesson Helper.

NOT FAST ENOUGH.

Rev. A. Pearson, Vicar of St. Margaret's, nev A. rearson, vicar of St. Margarets, recently presided over an enthusiastic gospel temperance meeting at Brighton. In ad-dressing the assembly he said that the tem-perance cause was not progressing fast smough, that England's drink bill had been reduced from 145 millions to 125 millions in twenty years - a million a year - and at this twenty years - a million a year - and at this rate it would take 125 years to complete the work. If a fire brigade was called to a fire it would be of no use to march to the tune of the "Dead March in Saul" and then try to extinguish the fire with a watering can

THE MOST VITAL QUESTION.

THE MOST VITAL QUESTION. There is to-day in the English-speaking countries no such tremendous, far-reaching vital question as that of drunkenness. In its implications and effects it overshadows all else. It is impossible to examine any sub-jects connected with the progress, the civili-ation, the physical well-being, the religious condition of the masses, without encounter-ing this monstrous evil. It lies at the centre of all social and political mischief. It paralyzes beneficent energies in every di-pection. If neutralizes educational agencies. rection. if neutralizes educational agencies, It silences the voice of religion.

This is young Mr. Dolt, Who took a stroll one day, ie wandered through the meadows green) H. Where buttercups were gay.



And this was what he found that day. He punched it with his cane; The cane was half a mile too short, Which Dolt can now explain,



And this is Mr. Dolt again, Distorted, sick, and sore; He's not as handsome as of old, But knows a great sight more.

The Empress of Germany is to have a pecial body guard, composed of twentyfour of the largest men in the Prussian army, and commanded by an officer and two sergeants. They are to wear the uniform of Frederick the Great's body guard, which has been specially chosen by the Emperor himself.

The stealing of an umbrella on a clear day is held to be a theft by an Omaha Judge; but the stealing of the same article on a rainy day is held to be justifiable We preon the ground of self-defense. sume this decision was rendered in order to protect the court .- Buffalo Express.

Both the Russians and the British, as they push farther and farther into Asia, pay great attention to arboriculture, planting trees, shrubs and flowers where over they form a settlement. The result is that Central Asia is being reforested.