IAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

GOSPEL MESSAGE.

Practical Lessons From the L' of Joseph.

"They drew and lifted up Joseph it and sold Joseph to the Ishmael-nenty pieces of silver."—Genesis "He is governor over all the ypt."—Genesis xiv., 26,

ot keep a good man down. God d for him a certain point of eleva-will bring him to that though it thousand worlds. You sometimes thousant works. I describe the properly earful they will not be properly it. Every man comes to be valued at he is worth. You cannot write him down, are powerfully illustrated in my would be an insult to suppose re not all familiar with the life of by his jealous brothers throw him but seeing a caravan of Arabian trudging along on their camels, and gums that loaded the air a, sold their brother to these mer-be carried him down into Egypt; re sold to Potiphar, a man of in-formers in the position in the common of the common ream he was freed and became an in the realm, the Bismarck of how in the time of famine Jose control of a magnificent storeenty; how when his brothers, who him into the pit and sold him its, applied for corn he sent them asts of burden borne down heft of the corn sacks; how the their brother, which had so long , came out at last and was rethe only revenge he took in the first place, that the world

to honor Christian character. as only a man of the world, yet in his estimation until all of that great house were com-is charge. From his servant no confidence was withheld. When in prison, he soon won the heart per, and though placed there for andrel, he soon convinced the in, and released from close conan and received from close con-ic became general superintendent affairs. Wherever Joseph was bether a servant in the house of or a prisoner in the penitentiary. the first man everywhere, and is tion of the fruth I lay down, that is compelled to honor Christian There are those who affect to eligious life. They speak of it of phiebotomy by which the man all his courage and nobility. They bemeaned himself. They pretend pore confidence in him since his than before his conversion. hypocrisy. There is a great deal of hypocrisy outside the church, sible for any man not to admire oin a man who shows that he has me a child of God and is what he ord God Almighty. Of course we dimiration for the shame of religion.

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together many happy years, niest time of all our life. Yo be happy together forever, I ave now, he brave, I will not say 'Goo at' to you, for we shall soon be in the kir or of our Father together.' Persecuti hows the heroes and heroines. I go in other department, and I find that it great department is great department.

nominations of Christians whi ave been most abused have spread the reapidly. No good man was ever m violently maltreated than John Wesley-lied and caricatured and slandered untue day he stood in a pulpit in London,d a man arose in the audience and sat You were drunk last night," and John dev said: "Thank God, the whole catalo is now complete. I have been charged hevery-thing but that!" His followers hooted

drunk last night," and drunk last night, "and drunk last night," and drunk last night, "and drunk last night," and drunk last night, "and drunk last night," His followers hooted at and maligned and called very detestable name that infernal in the could invent, but the hotter the petion the more rapidly they spread upon on know touch sounding through the ages.

We also learn from this story the propriety of laying up for the future. During the seven years of plenty Joseph prepared for the famine, and when it came he had a spread our land first to civil libert id afterward to religious freedom. Yea, night go lant and gave the world the great salva of the The ribald mockery, the agering the seven years of plenty. During those seven years your business bears a rich harvest, You seareely know where all the money comes from, it comes so fast. Every bargain come man passes to turn into gold. You man passes the world better the money comes from it comes so fast. Every bargain comes from the far use.

The ribald mockery the agering the form now, fifty vears from now, flow one, fifty vears from now, gave the word the great satisfies gospel. The ribald mockery, the agering and thirsting, the unjust ege, the ignominious death, when all three of hell's fury was hurled against the ss, was the introduction of that religiowhich is yet to be the earth's deliveranced our part of the second of the second our production. The State second second our yet to be the earth's deliveranced our sternal salvation. The State sommes said to the church, "Come, take my har and I will help you." What was the rest The church went lack, and it lost it e of holiness, and it became ineffect ther times the State said to the chb "I will crush you." What has been result? After the storms have spent the graph of its church, so far from having let of its church, so far from having let of its church, so far from having level force, has increased and is wor at more after the assault than b. 30 Read all history and you will find tha . . The church is far more indebted to the desirion of civil government than to it a proval The fires of the stake have or ben the The fires of the stake have or len the torches which Christ held in H send, by he light of which the church haparened to her present glorious posities In the sound of racks and implements the rure I hear the rumbling of the grant fariot. The scaffolds of martyrdom histories by which the church mon

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Learn also from our subject come to exposure. Long, long a brothers sold Joseph into Egypt made the old father believe the child was dead. They had so crime, and it was a profound se by the brothers. But suddenly out. The old father hears that Egypt, having been sold there be of his own brothers. How their have burned and their hearts flaming out of this long support the smallest iniquity has tongues, and they will blabe. Saul was sent to destroy the their shear and their speak on their speak on their speak on their speak on their speak of their speak o their sheep and their oxen, but down there among the pastures fine sheep and oven too fat to thought he would steal then would know it. He drove sheep and oxen toward home, to report to the prophet how outed his mission, when in the sheep began to bleat and the oxe secret was out, and Samuel blushing and confused Saul: "V eth the bleating of the sheep tha the bellowing of the cattle?" At

system. Great and marvelous are Thy works. Lord God Almighty! I was years ago in New Orleans at the exposition rooms, when a telegram was sent to the President of the United States, at Washington, and we waited some fifteen or twenty minutes, and then the President's answer came back, and the presiding officer waved his handkerchief, and the signal was sent to Washington that we were ready to have the machinery of the exposition started, and the President put his finger on the electric button, and instantly the great Corliss wheel began to move, rumbling. singer on the electric button, and instantly the great Corliss wheel began to move, rumbling, rumbling, rolling, rolling. It was overwhelming, and 15,000 people clapped and shouted. Just one finger at Washington started that vast machinery, hundreds and hundreds of miles away, and I thought then, as I think now, that men sometimes touch influences that respond in the far distance, forty years from now, fifty years from now, 1000 years from now, 1,000,000 years from now—one touch sounding through the ages.

comes from, it comes so fast. Every bargain you make seems to turn into gold. You contract few bad debts. You are astonished with large dividends. You invest more and more capital. You wonder how men can be content with a small business, gathering in only a few hundred dollars while you reap your thousands. Those are the seven years of plenty. Now Joseph has time to prepare for the threatened famine, for to almost every man there do come seven years of famine. man there do come seven years of famine. You will be sick, you will be unfortunate, you will be defrauded, there will be hard times, you will be disappointed, and if you have no storehouse upon which to fall back you may be famine struck. We have no admiration for this denying oneself all personal comfort and luxury for the mere pleasure of hoarding up, this grasping, grasping for the mere pleasure of seein, how large a pile you can get, this always being noor because as soon as a dollar comes in it is sent out to see if it can find another dollar, so that it can carry it home on its back. We have a contempt for all those things, but there is an intelligent and noble minded fore-cast which we love to see in men who have families and kindred depending upon them for the blessings of education and home. God sends us to the insects for a lesson. which, while they do not stint themselves in the present, do not forget their duty to foreeast the future. "Go to the ant, thou slug-gard, Consider her ways, and be wise, which, having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gath-ereth her food in the harvest."

ereth her food in the harvest,"

Now, there are two ways of laying up money. One of these is to put it in stock and deposit it in bank and invest it on bond and mortgage. The other way to lay up money is giving it away. He is the safest who makes both of these investments. There are in this house men who if they lose every dollar they have in the world would be millionaires for eternity. They made the spiritual investe the fight ways are described.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR APRIL 19.

Lesson Text: "The Lost Found," Luke xv., 11-24-Golden Text: Luke xv., 10-Commentary.

11. "And He said, A certain man had two one. In our last lesson we saw the mea-engers bidding the people to come to the feast, but in this chapter, which is all one story in several parts, we see the great first and continual see ker of men showing us how it should be done. We see the love of Christ in the shepherd, the love of the Spirit in the woman with the candle, and the love of the love of the spirit in the woman with the candle, and the love of the spirit in the woman with the candle. of God in the father receiving the pentient son. The lost sheep suggests our inclination to go astray; the lost money, our deadness to a sense of our condition; the lost son, our selfishness, ingratitude and rebellion, while

selfishness, ingratitude and rebellion, while
the elder son makes us think of the self
righteousness and lack of sympathy of some
Christians.

12. "He divided unto them his living."
The younger son's request, which led to the
father's doing this, indicates a greater regard for the goods that for the father, more
thought of possessions than of God. It is
the proud, self willed spirit of insubjection
and of independence of God, the I, me, mine
spirit that wants its so called rights. God
sometimes lots such spirits have their own
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solves.

13. There wasted his substance with riotous living." This is briefly the story of the younger son who took all he possessed into a lar country. Illustrations may be found in

Cain, Esau, Absalom, Manassch, and can be seen in the lives of those about us who live only for themselves and the present world.

14. "He began to be in want." Those who forsake the only fountain of living water will soon find that their broken eisterns can hold no water (Jer. H., 13) that all that is under the sun fails to satisfy and is only vanity and vexation of spirit (Eest, i., 14, fi., 11), and that there is a longing in the soul still unsatisfied.

"He sent him unto his fleids to feed swine." See a son of a wealthy father join-ing himself to a citizen of a far country. The world is in its thoughts and ways a far country from our heavenly Father's home, and in chapter xix., 12, the heavenly country is spoken of as a far country from this world, When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we become citizens or heaven

(John 1., 12: Phil.jini., 29, R. V.).

16. "No man gave unto him." He would fain have sought to satisfy his hungry body with the awine's food, and there was nothing better for him, for no man cared for him. Those who have turned from God to feed on the hunks that this world offers are indeed to the district which would be the district. the huses that this world diets he prodigal in dire distress. Whether the prodigal makes us think of the sunner as one of the all who wandered through Adam sain, or of the saved soul set are the

SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

PREFECT SALVATION

Our salvation, so far as perfected in this life has a negative and a positive side—something is to be subtracted and something else to be added, to make it complete. Perfeet sulvation implies the elimination of the guilt of sin. Guilt is the trade mark of hu-manity; wherever you see a man you see one who has incurred guilt. In all history you find but one man who could stand up in the face of day and say. "I have not sinned."
The spirit convicts of sin. Under
His realizing light men are constrained
to cry out for help and deliverance from
the intolerable sense of guilt. No burden is as heavy as the burden of guilt; it crushes men to the earth; it causes the soul to realize that no buman hand can lift it. But, thanks o God, there is an Arm mightier! Jesus hrist came into humanity and unbarred the gates of death on purpose to afford man de iverance from the guilt of sin. He is able, He is willing; at Histonen your guilt will disap-pear. Perfect salvation implies deliverance from the power of sin. Sin is a greattyrant; be had us in hold, barred and guarded, and londed with chains. On the plea of faith Jesus breaks the bars and sets the captive free. But he hears out the chains. Though often concealed under his clothing, he come at length to find how heavy they are and what great power they have over him. Ib what great power they have ever him. He not only needs to get out of prison, but out of himself as well; tastes, passions and appointes are too much for him. Though pardoned out of sin's prison, sin somehow has a strange power ever him. But Jesus is a complete Savier; the work He began in you He is able to complete. He stands ready with His sharp sword to strike off the fetters of sin and to make you an entirely free man. Look to Him and live. Behold! now is the accepted hour and the day of deliverance. He who is Him and live. Behold! now is the accepted hour and the day of deliverance. He who i hour and the day of deliverance. He who is a perfect, is at the same time a present Saviour. Perfect salvation implies, also, the morning of the breine falness. Subtraction does much raddition does more. The removal of the guilt and power of sin is a great achievement, but the conting of the Spirit of God is greater. The presence and power of the Spirit complete the work of our salvation. The fainess of God comes in to dill the vacuum made by the easting out of evil. The small is thus restored to its normal con-dition. It was made for God, and can find its completeness only in Him. The fulness of God gives us control over our selves over our pride and passion and selfistness and ambition—holding us in our allegians and devotion to Jesus Carist, with the worl and sin under our feet. The divine fulness steadies our lives and movements, gives direction to our labors, and powers to our words and example. With all this, the fulwords and example. With all this, the ful-hess of God is our grand source of combut —a source which never falls us, is never in-adequate, is always the resource and help adapted to the hour and exigency.

CHRIST OUR SACRIFICE FOR SIX.

Windover else may be true of the work of William to the may be true of the work of the complete which overlooks or builthe it sacrifficial aspect. Perhaps men always will continue to also to what was necessary for a real stop, and there is such a several differences. But the Christian tally to night in the belle ation are seenged theory, a tunity shed upon the creeto be essential. and precious surri-bried have ten-ition that Chest o pardon possible at the way of re-

hence some prodigal presents a backsliding rather than a pentitent sinner coming to God for the first time, but there are lessons here for each.

19. "And am no more worthy to be called thy son." It is an excellent thing for us when we have some to see that we are "no more worthy;" that in use that is, in our fiesh—alwelleth no good thing (Rom, vii., 18), for as long as we think that there is a particle of good in us we cannot appreciate the Lord Jesus as we hould. Better houghts of Jesus, as revealed if the Word of God, will dust us to be carried which the condition of the secretic which Jesus has now to the divine invitation and contained. It has appreciation of his testing the same than the divine and the first tender of a various which Jesus has now to the divine invitation and contained to the secretic which Jesus has now to the divine invitation and contained to the secretic which Jesus has been given but it was far betterto arise and come. Many say the first who never do the last. It was sheen hear a may be obtain pentionly for himself. continue that of others, he matter so it be extrement to never him to the necessary type. The much speculation has been given of the effects of Christ's sacrifice upon the lighter character and upon Jesus himself, is offerty upon correctly are more to the surpose. Highly comprehended, it presents the deepest gratitude and division while. The thristlan whose thoughts conserved on and indifferently upon Christlan aritimals likely to be one of the most supersacilly is likely to be one of the most supersacilling is likely to be one of the most supersacilling is likely to be one of the most supersacilling is likely to be one of the most supersacilling in the consequence. Briai picty, the least consistent behavior the weakest influence for rightconemes. The sincere, strong, growing behave dwell-most in thought and love more and more to dwell upon what Christ has done for him.

ALL THE STARS AND OUT.

Now all the stars are out, Arcturus with hit some and the ban is of Orien; the crean places by the houpails running with their bang on of heaven had between us, they hams on of heaven had living spleits. Xo sum not suit after the ever stripped subarous even a breath between. How near the constellations are, how we seem a part of them, to be going on with them, how they swing down towards us out of the Milky Way, the Path of socia up which our imagination travels towards universes beyond and yet beyond, and comes out upon the far super-nal light, while the wind sings by us as if it knew the way! And they grow paler and the moon sends a glory before her as she floats up, up, up so low she tode in summer, so high she rides to night! In the middle of the highest sky she spreads for wings like a great hovering, breeding mother, while far, far off and faint the stars still bang like distinct palace lights. What broad histors, what sharp shadows on the snow, what reflection into heaven, what height, what depth, what tenderness in the midnight blue, what sense of divine pres-ence-for exalted and enlarged to all the limit of our vision on this winter might, we see the say is full of God! Harriet Present

SPIRITUAL SULSTS.

Among all the spiritual guests that cross our theshold desire is not only incomparably the best by the excellence of this divinity, but also the most intende by the present ence of the same divinity. If any one receive him into his soul, Jesus comes to have a place of his own that has no paralled in life and which has no proof save in experience. While the public come and go through the house in the busy daytime to though the house in the busy dayline this guest keeps his room, but in the quiet hours he sits with us. We make him the confidant of our secrets, but in the end he tells as things about ourselves we have not known. We turn to him for help, but find that he has promised what we were about to ask. We declare a good intention, only to remember that it was his suggestion. His presence is an i r sistlide condomnation of wrongdoing, a projectual inspiration of well-doing.—John Watson.

The greatest evils are from within us and from ourselves also we must look for our greatest good, for God is the fountain of it out reaches it to us by our own hand, and when all things look badly around about us, then only weishall find how excellent a for-tune it is to have God for our friend, and of all friendships that only is created to support us in our needs, -Jeromy Taylor,

These two thoughts together the divine ove perfected and manifested in submission and sacrifice, the human sympathy actual sorrows - seem to me to constitute the

mystery of Passion Week,-F. D. Mauric

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

DYNAMITE DROPPED.

And Frank Grannell Was Blown to Pieces by the Explosion.

Frank Grannell, son of C. A. Grannell, of Smithfield, Fayette county, was blown to pieces by an explosion of dynamite at Greensburg. His father has a contract for the Radebaugh tunnel, and Frank had charge of the teams. While he and three other men were unloading some dynamits, it exploded with terrific force, killing young Grannell instantly, and badly injuring John Marshall, of Bhursville, and a man named Charles Parker. Grannell shot and killed John Me-Dowell at Dunbar during a dance more than a year ago, and was sent to the Huntington reform school. He was released from that institution a few menths ago.

FIRE AT WILDERDING.

The general offices of the Westingbouse Airbrake Company and the Young Men's Christian association rooms, are quartered in a building known as the Ciub House, at Wilmerding, were totally destroyed by fire Wednesmay morning. The building was probably the thest in the horough and its destruction will entail a less of \$10,000. The interior was elegantly furnished and with the contents a torm loss of \$70,000 is estimated. Valuable papers belonging to the company were hurriedly placed in a fireproof safe when the flames were discovered and thus

NEW BAILBOAD.

A charter was granted at Harrisburg to the Butler and Pittsburg Radrond company, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000. The new line is to connect the Pittsburg, Shenango and Lake Eric road at Butler with the Union railroad owned by the Carnogle Steel company which will thus find a more direct and quicker route for creamd coal shipments

A PINE LIBRARY SOLD.

The sale of the law library of the late Samuel Griffith of Mercer, was concincted Westnesslay. It was one of the finest libraries in Western Pennsylvania. Among the layers were Judges Wallings, of New Castle. Greer, of Batier, and Wilson, of Heaver.—It netted about \$2,000.

With the opening of the spring term over 700 students much their appearance at the State Normal school at Lock Haven so that the present attendance is the largest ever shown. The teaching force has been increased by the addition of Miss Ella Herrick, the Cameron county superintendent of pusitic schools, James Florin and W. J. 1994. There are now students from New York, Ran-sas, Mississippi, Indiana, Maryand and Pennsylvania.

Mike Bevaria, a blave employed at Marmoth, is dying from a wound inflicted by a follow countryman monet Parents during a fight. A pick was arreen into Bovaria sales. The foreign element of the vallage was enterting the localinate of one of the number and feer and whisky were there in along ance, causing a riot. Parento has be

Westminster's preliminary protories test to choose her represental inter-collegiate contest Arc Lag. Breakin B. Sav A harge talegra

did such great work ... money has all been raised and work will be commenced at case. It will be large mough to seat several did such great won. thousand people.

George C. Fagan, Democrat, was inaugurated as mayor of Bradford, and appointed Malacew Ruddy Chief of Police, James Augura SUryt Complessioner, and Bert McAnster Chief of the Fire Department, the latter being a Republican. This is the first Demo-erate administ ation this town has had for a number of years.

Mass Kate Story, of Greensburg, has donated her valuable collection of minerals, formula and botanical specimens to the Greensburg high school. A number of solleges of the Clarge some of money for the collection, which is about as the "Kate Story Collection."

At Kittanning Justice William Brown has decided that the impure food act does not empower justices with summary jurisdiction timpose lines upon conviction. Accord-Fred Aye, prosecuted for selling impure vin-A THE Jan X Oftrea street the Statuston-Bang-

or state syndicate, made an assumment to Frank Jacob and Onver Not. The famure is considered one of the heaviest in the his-tory of the Lebich state regions.

Colon I Wimam R. Waimer, of near Lifen-burg, was struck by a train and dist. Ho was 80 years of age, a saider in the late war.

The Central Presbyterian congregation at Canonistoria, presented its retiring postor, Lev. 1. M. Lewis, with a study chair, and his wife with a growt war it.

Executions of \$15,431 were issued against on 1. He initials, a paint dealer of Lancaswith #23,000 mortgages.

Brayer court held a memorial session, at which addresses were made and resolutions about a deposing the death or Attorney E. It Issue stances.

Fire descrayed the large barn of D.C.Conad in Pymatuning township, near Sharon. The ross in customs wheat and other articles will

A wroning erow at work near Lunwas run into by a freight, a harles Lorsin and Patrick a re-ingua were allied

Or orge Windish, of Liberne county, will be hanged on June 30 next, that date having been fixed by the governor.

Hev. W. F. Shermer, of Jeannette, has de-fined the call of the Connellsville Baptist

An execution for \$1,502.62 was issued against George W. Feelmer, a jeweler at Co-The Lounner from works at Holidaysburg

was damaged by fire to the extent of \$3. William Williams was fatally injured by a

fall in the Hill Farm mine at Dunbar. Annie, the 8-year old daughter of Andreas Long, of Beating, was killed by a trolley

Fred Bernad, an 11-year-old boy, of Uniontown, died from injuries incurred while paying loupfrog.

At Export, a Slav named Morosco was fashot by a man named Wineski. The

Henry Jewell had both feet amputated in the Conway vards.

New Wrinkle in Advertising. A new wrinkle in Berlin, Germany, in ad-

vertising is for the firm to insure, free of cost, its patrons in life and fire insurance intes, provided the purchase exceeds a sertain amount. One firm in Frankfort-on-Main, to outdo its rivals, insures even when the goods are bought on credit.

Vesuvius Sponting.

Vesnvius is again active, liquid lava flowing from many little outlets from the crater opened last July, and making the mountains very picturesque at night. itors climb no THE THE PLANT

ne of His disciples, all that there id noble in your soul rises up into n, and you cannot help it. Though

the rebel against government. y would willingly have yieldand dignity for a thousandth e heroism which beamed in eat in the heart of that unconwered refore Paul. The inflling are compelled to honor in Shough they may not eulogize a Caristian firm in persecu-in poverty, trustful in losses, a death. I find Christian s and occupations, and I find and honored and successful, k Oberlin alleviating ignorance Howard passing from dungeon with healing for the body stabeth Fry going to the profigate prison to shake its obdurangel came to the prison at ving open the doors and snap-ne chain, as well as the lives of of followers of Jesus who have selves to the temporal and fare of the race are monuments stian religion that shall not le the world lasts. A man said cars: "What is religion? Judgcharacter of many professors of not admire religion." I said we went to an artist in the and while in his gallery asked

the art of painting? Would no iow aliey and show us a pretender at paintings, or is down into the corridors Rubens, and the Raphaels. Angelos? When we asked att of painting? he would its of these great masters (painting.' Now, you pro-mere caricature of religion, which is the mare pretenwhich is the mere pretensplendid men and women has bleased and lifted and the masterpieces of divine ant to know what religion is."

from this story of Joseph
of persecution is elevation. en for his being sold into Egypt by his malicious brothers and overnor. Everybody accepts sed are they that are per ighteousness sake, for theirs is of heaven," but they do not at that this principle applies to ell as spiritual success. It is rtments. Men rise to hig is through misrepresentation s all that some of our publi to rely upon for their elec-grought to them what tale ce could not have achiev who are making great effwer will never succeed not of enough importa It is the nature of men-tl is and reasonable men and they are apt to forget who are the subjects of atta ing to drive back the sland ion is elevation. Helen Sri rtyr, standing with her his ace of execution, said: "Hi cloice to-day We have ity

ing how you will get your acr back." And it was found that Francis L. 161 not Ameril. d noble in your soul rises up into a, and you cannot help it. Though to as far beneath you in estate as an slave of whom we are distant slave of whom we are distant slave of whom we are distant beneath his rulers, by an irreture of your nature, Potipher and dill always esteem Joseph. Cadonia, the empress, threatened a with death, he made the reply, empress I fear nothing but sin." are as that compels the admiration or id. There was something in the Felix which demanded their return of the rebel against government. that if you dare; that/selongs to the Lord Jesus Christ." And the rufflan slunk into the forest, Conscience! Conscience! The rufflan had a pestol that Whitefield shook at him the finger of doors. Do not think you can hide any great and protracted sin in your heart, my brother. In an unguarded mo-ment it will slip off the lip, or some slight action may for the moment set ajar this door that you wanted to keep closed. But sup-pose that in this/life you hide it, and you get along with this transgression your heart, as a ship on fire within for days hinders the flames from bursting out by keeping down the hatches, yet at last in the judgment that iniquity will blaze out before

God and the univere.

Learn also from this subject that there is an inseparable connection between all events, however remote. The universe is only one thought of God. Those things which seemed fragmentary and isolated are only different parts of that great thought. How far apart seemed these two events—Joseph sold to the Arabian merchants and his rulership of Egypt—yet you see in what a mysterious way God connected the two into one plan. So the events are linked together, You who are aged men look back and group together a thousand things in your life that once seemed isolated. One undivided chain of events reaches from the garden of Eden to the cross of Caivary, and thus up to the kingdom of heaven. There is a relation be-tween the smallest insect that hums in the summer air and the archangel on his throne. God can trace a direct ancestral line from the blue jay that this spring will build its nest in the tree behind the house to some one of the flock of birds which, when Noah hotsted the ark's window, with a whir and a dash of bright wing went out to sing over Mount Ararat. The tuites that bloom in the garden this spring were nursed by the snowflakes. The fartness star on one side of the universe could not look toward the farthest star on the other side of the universe and say, "You are no relation to me," for from that bright orb a voice of light would ring across the heavenresponding, "Yes, yes, we are sisters," Nothing in God's universe swings at loose ends. Accidents are only God's way of turning a leaf in the book of His eternal decrees. From our cradie to our grave there is a path all marked out. Each event in our life is connected with every other event in our life. Our losses may be the most direct road to our gain. Our defeat and our victory are

twin brothers. The whole direction of your life was changed by something which at the time seemed to you triffing, while some occur-rence which seemed tremendous affected you but little. God's plans are magnificent beyond all comprehension. He molds us and turns and directs us, and we know it not. Thousands of years are to Him as the flight of a shuttle. The most terrifle occurrence does not make God tremble. The most triumphant achievement does not lift Him into rapture. That one great thought of God goes

swered to the print in the soil, sme false day sooner than you are deal. They will be right glad when you are deal. They will be right glad when you are deal. They are suffered are many men now atthe same thing—half a heart for half a heart for the world—and it outraged law hurled them into the dungeon of the only successful assault ever Christianity is the inconsistency of fors. You may have a contempt for a to religion, but when you behold easy of Jesus Christ come out in one of His disciples, all that there have treasures in heaven. Amen!

COMPRESSED FOOD FOR SOLDIERS.

A Board is Trying to Solve How to Main-

tain Them on the Smalfest Amount. A board is now meeting at the War Department. Washington, trying to solve, for the benefit of the army, the problem of how to

maintain a soldler strong and healthy upon the smallest possible amount of food.

The way the matter will finally be settled will, of course, be by means of compressed food. There are so many different varieties of this material that it will be a difficult matter to select the best, especially in view of the great number of recommendations which have been made by the Major-General commanding the army, the Commissary General of Subsistence and the Boards which were assembled some months ago in the sexeral departments to make suggestions as to the character of an emergency ration for the

The reports of these Boards were accompanied by samples of the food they recommend, and the room in which the Board re-cently appointed is sitting is littered with any quantity of food products, all of the compressed type.

PLENTY OF HAY IN THE COUNTRY Reports From Points Throughout the Leading States.

Reports from points throughout the leading hay States and Canada, received during the present week by the Hay Trade Journal, of Canajoharie, N. Y., indicate that about twenty-live per cent, of the marketable hay is still to come forward. In the face of the short crop of last year, the paper says this is considered a large percentage, but as grains of all kinds have brought low prices, farm-ers have used grain and coarse fodder, of which there was an abundance, and fed sparingly of hay. This, together with large shipments into the seaboard markets from Canada, accounts for the present surplus. Advanced prices of \$2 to \$3 a ton over last season have drawn to the markets an a supply, and, as Canada has about thirty per cent, of her crop still on hand and warm weather is approaching, the scale of prices is being barely maintained.

TO TRAIN PICEONS FOR WAR. Homing Birds to Be Utilized by the Navy

Department. Secretary Herbert, of the United States Navy, added a novel chapter to our naval strategic tactics when he signed the order adopting a messenger pigeon service for coast defenses. Many hundreds of homing pigeons defenses. Many hundreds of homing pigeons are shortly to be distributed in groups among about twenty different points along the Atlantic Coast. Here they will be kept in coops until educated to regard their new quarters as permanent homes, to which they will return when liberated from vessels plying the seaboard. Having been thus domesticated they will be placed aboard coasting vessels and circfully trained to find their homes without losing time. The coops will homes without losing time. The coops will all be placed in telegraphic connection with Wasnington.

Two Dead in a Burning Room.

panalt achievement does not lift Him into rapture. That one great thought of God goes out through the centuries, and Nations rise and fall, and eras pass, and the world changes, but God still keeps the undivided mastery, linking event to event and century. To God they are all one event, one history, one plan, one development, one

say the first who never do the mst. It was when he arose that the father say him afar off and ran to meet him. Jesus, who knew the father's heart so well, here gives us a picture of His leve to the erring and His welcome for them when they return. See Jer. 111, 12, 14, Here viz. 1 2, 10

10., 12-14, Hos. siv., 1, 2.
21. "Father, I have staned against heaven and in thy sight and am to more worths to be called thy son.' That was as tar as ho be called thy son." That was as far as he got with what he lead thought to say. Compare verse 13. It is agreed thing to be a servent of God and of Jeons Christ our Lord, and in one sense we cannot seek anything higher, but our relationship to God is in Christ, that of children and noire flow will, 16, 17), and until we see and enjoy this relationship we cannot well serve.

22. "Bring forth the less released over the

22, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him." What a royal welcome from the father whose love he had so slighted and whose passessions he had wasted. It seems impossible, but our Lord here shows forth the Father's heart toward every refurning position, and they are the robust of the robust and seems in the conflict and a re-heart toward every refurning to all forther and the robust and a re-heart toward every refurning to all forther and the robust and the robus the Father's heart as Jesus did, for He was 2God manifest in the flesh." and He could trilly saf, "He that bath soon Me hath soon the Father' (I Tim. ii., 16, John xiv., 9).

23. "Let us cut and be merry." The best clothing, a token of endless love, and abundance of food with green.

ance of food with great joy. If the son had said, "Father, I am more times for than I can tell," it would have only been right, but to see the wronged and ill treated father show-ering such love upon the penitent son and to hear him say, "Left us end und be merry," is more than human love as ordinarily seen. May we know and believe such amazing love as manifested in our Lord Jesus Christ, and hearing Him say to us the words of Canticleav., I, let us reply with the words of Isa.

24. "And they began to be merry." And have not finished yet, for the joy over the penitent sinner is unending. See verses 7 and 10 and compare isa, xxxv., 10, and Rev. vii., 17, as suggestive of the eternal joys of the redeemed. But whatever we may now know of these joys as revealed by the Spirit we know only in part until with all the re-deemed we shall see somewhat of the breadth and length and depth and height of His love (Eph. III., 18, 19).—Lesson Helper,

WHAT THE PALCON STEALS.

A man is entitled to a good living in this world, and the sale of endeavors to deprive him of it, says the U.T. A. News. He is entitled to the comforts of his home, and the saloon would take these from him. He is entitled to the love of the members of his family, and the saleon would rob him of them. He is entitled to the somfort and consolation of his religion, and the saleon would render him a stranger to them.

SAPE TRAVEL WHEN EMPLOYES DON'T DRINK. The Nickel Plate is another railroad that has issued strict prohibitory orders to its em-ployes concerning the drinking of liquor or frequenting saloous. It is said since this or-der was enforced on the Nickel Plate that better class of employes has been seemed, and that a better class of employes has been seemed, insuring better service than ever before known. Emiroad companies are finding out that people would rather travel on a railroad that is conducted on the anti-drinking plan-

Important Railroad Decision. The United States Supreme Court has decided that parallel and competing railroads have no right to consolidate.