# SERMONS BY EMINENT DIVINES.

### GOSPEL MESSAGES.

Martyrdom of Stephen the Theme For an Able Sermon – Glimpses of Heaven Through the Eyes of the Great Preacher – The Eternal Sleep.

Heaven Through the Eyes of the Great Preacher - The Eternal Sleep. Txx: "Behold I see the heavens opened," etc.-Acts vil., 56-60. Stephen had been preaching a rousing semon, and the people could not stand it. They resolved to do as men sometimes would like to do in this day, if they dared, with some plain preacher of rightcousness -kill him. The only way to silence this man wax to knock the breath out of him. So they rushed Stephen out of the gates of the city, and with curse and whoop and bellow they brough thin to the citf, as was the custom when they wanted to take away life by stoning. Having brought him to the dge of the citf, they pushed him off. After he had fallen they came and looked down, and seeing that he was not yet dead they began to drop stones upon him, stone after stone. A mid this horrible rain of missiles Stephen clambers up on his knees and folds his hands, while the blood drips from his temples to his checks, from his fore his garments, from his garments to the ground, and then, looking up, he makes two prayers-one for himself and one for his murderers. "Lord Jesus, re-ceive my spirit;" that was for himself. "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge;" "that was for him self.

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the stones hurt his bend nor what would become of his body. His first thought was about his spirit. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." The murderer standing on the trap door, the black cap being drawn over his head before the execution, may grimace about the future, but you and I have no shame in confessing some anxiety about where we are going to come out. You are more we are going to come out. You are traj door, the black cap being drawn over his head before the execution, may grimace about the future, but you and I have no shame in confessing some anxiety about where we are going to come out. You are not all body. There is within you a soul, I see it gleam from your eyes, and I see it irradiating your countenance. Sometimes I am abashed before an audience, not be-cause I come under their physical eyesight, but because I realize the truth that I stand before so many immortal spirits. The probability is that your body will at last ifnd a sepuleher in some of the cemeteries that surround your town or city. There is no doubt that your obsquies will be decent and respectful, and you will be able to pillow your head under the maple or the Norway sprace or the eypress or the bloom-ing fir. But this spirit about which Stephen prayed-what direction will that take? What guide will secort if? What elor the your head under the maple or the way? Will the soul have to travel through long deserts before it reaches the good will be cleft for its pathway? After i thas got beyond the light of our sum will there be torches lighted for it the rest of the way? Will the soul have to travel through long deserts before it reaches the good land? If we should lose our pathway, will there be a castle at whose gate we may ask the way to the city? Oh, this myste-rious spirit within us! If has two wings, but it is in a cage now. It is locked fast to keep it, but let the door of this cage of and case what you do with my body world and canch that you with it. When the soni leaves the body, it takes fifty worlds at a bound. And have I no anxiety about it? Have you no anxiety about it? Shall sleep just as well in a wrapping of sackeloth as in satin lined with eagle's down. Lut my soul -before this day passes I will flud out where it will land. Thank ford for he intimation or inbunation. I shall sleep just as well in a wrapping of sackeloth as in satin lined with eagle's down. Lut my soul abefore this day passes I will flud out where it w

### THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSOF

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR MAY I

Lesson Text: "The Triumphal Entry," Matthew xxi., 6-16-Golden Text: Mat. thew xxi., 9-Commentary on the Less son of the Day by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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6. "And the disciples went and did as Jesns commanded them," The time had come to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah, quoted in the previous verse from Zech. ix., y, and, like all other fulfillments of prophecy, it shall be literally fulfilled, the King of Jernel, the meek and lowly One, shall ride upon an ass coli into Jerusalem. There is a set time known to God for the fulfillment of every prediction and a sufficient reason for all seeming delays. It was when the fullness of the time was come that God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law (Gai ti, 4, 5). Everything concerning Him and His great redemption shall take place at the appointed time.
-- ". "And brought the ass and the coli and put on them their clothes, and they yeet to loss and bring to Him. It is written that they went their way and found even as He had said unto thom (Marx Xi, 24; Luke Xi, 30-32). The disciples did not have to hire a colt and have it at the appointed time. He Himself arranged it all. When a king was to be provided for Isnel, Samuel did not have to wonder what kind of a man would do and then scour the countyto 1 find him, but the Lord said, "I will send thee a man, and thus shalt anoth thim" (I Sam ix., 16).
8. "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way? "Not only their garments on the colt, but also on the ground to have the Strowed to a was loosed and brought to Jesus, an instrument to carry Him, itself hidden, but Jesus exalted.
9. "And the multitude stat went before and that followed cried, saying: Hosanan the size, "Z, and back to Ex., x., 2, and all carry us on to the fulfilment to carry Him, itself hidden, but Jesus exalted.

a to "And when He was come into Jerusalera all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" Dr. Weston says that it should be, "All the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" Dr. Weston says that it should be, "All the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" Dr. Weston says that it should be, "All the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" Dr. Weston says that it should be, "All the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" Dr. Weston says that it should be, "All the city was moved, saying, and the calls attention to the same word in Math. xxvii, 51; xxviii. 4; Heb. xii., 26. This last takes us back to Hag. II., 6, 7, 21, and onward to the time when He will come in power and glory, not on an assolut, with as a man of war upon the white horse, followed by all the armies of heaven (Rev. xir, 11-16).
11. "And the multitude said. This is Jesus, the prophet or Nazareth of Galilee." But there was doubless more in the testimony of one Nathaniel than in a multitude of these volces when he said: "Rabbi, thon art the Son of God. Thou art the King of Israel" (John 1, 49). What does your own heart say? What is He to you personally, for He expects from every one an answer to the question, What think yo of Christ? He does not look for words merely, but for a leart utterance.
12. "And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of the money changers and the seats of the noney changers and the seats of the word, we are not of the word, but eitizens of heaven and the for Marrie Beson that He should do the same thing both at the beginning and end of His ministry. It reminds us that in us, who are temples of the word, but eitizens of heaven and here for His service and pleasure only.
13. "And said unto them, It is written, hydroge shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of this word the names given to the church, which is His body. The church collectively and every believer in

## HEIRS DISSATISFIED.

Salvation Army Receives a Large Bequest of Real Estate.

Charles Eaton, of Hickory township, leaves in a few days for St. Paul, Minn, to settle up a vast estate left by his brother, who died about a year ago. The brother, in his will, left \$60,000 in rcal estate to the Salvation army, which portion of the will has been hot-ly contested. An agreement has been made whereby the Salvation army will accept \$10,000 and pay half the costs in the case. Jonathan Eaton, another brother, of Sharon, was cut off with \$1,000.

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 The following pensions were granted last week: W. P. Levy, Sealp Level, \$5; Peter Karleskind, Newville, Cumberland, \$8; Thomas Barnes, Huntingdon, \$8; John T. Tarr, Hammondville, \$8 to \$12; David Polard, Rimersburg, \$8 to \$12; David Polard, Rimersburg, \$8 to \$12; Christian Flannigan, Garland, \$8 to \$12; Christian Flannigan, Garland, \$8 to \$12; Christian Flannigs, Garland, \$8 to \$12; Adbert Roberts, Bellefonte, \$6 to \$5: Charles B. Reddick, Allegheny, \$12; Anna Hucker, Pittsburg, \$8; Jonn Mulson, Shields, Gilpin, Indiana, \$8; Joseph L. Kerr, dead, Apollo, \$8 to \$12; Garvey, North Hope, Butler, \$8; John Wilson Shields, Gilpin, Indiana, \$8; Joseph L. Kerr, dead, Apollo, \$6 to \$12; Jacob Bernett, Newry, \$16 to \$10; Dohn T, Warden, Indiana, \$8 to \$10; Dohn T, Warden, Indiana, \$8 to \$10; Dohn T, Warden, Indiana, \$8; to \$10; Christian Elitner Meyersdale, \$12; Sarah Ann Turner, Julian, Center, \$8; Nancy Stroup, Franklin, \$8; Elizabeth Kerr, Apollo, \$8; Abraham J. Riggle, Coyleville, \$8 to \$10; Mulsen Hohmann, Erie, \$8; robert M. Dunn, Rew, McKean, \$6; William Bee, Reynoldsville, \$8 to \$10; Warder, Pittsburg, \$8 to \$10; Warder, Pittsburg, \$8 to \$10; Money C. Zeigler, Shade Gap Huntingdon, \$8 to \$10; Warder, Pittsburg, \$10; Money C. Zeigler, Shade Gap Huntingdon, \$8 to \$10; William Mee, Reynoldsville, McKeesport, \$6 to \$12; Maron Addit, Starbara, \$12; John Dy, Rochester Mills, Indiana, \$10; Andrew J. Gosser, Irwin, \$8 to \$12; John T, McCandless, Euclid, Butler, \$12; Janoba Adars, Milledgeville, Mercer, \$3; Rebecca L, Hundha Spricer, Confluence, \$3; Hannah Adams Milledgeville, Mercer, \$3; Rebecca L, Hundha Spricer, Confluence, \$3; Rannah Adams Milledgeville, Mercer, \$3; Reblecca L, Henderson, Black Gap, Franklin, \$12; Bar

Carbondale, \$12. Deputy Attorney General W. F. Reeder, at the request of the Center county commissioners, handed down an oplnion regarding the right of tax as-sessors to assess ore and other mineral rights to an individual or corporation when the land covered by the right is assessed to another party. General Reeder holds that the commissioners have the right to do so, and that it is obligatory on them to have all such rights assessed, and that such taxes can be collected the same as any other tax on real estate.

tax on real estate. John J. Laue, an cil man at Sample, in attempting to alight from a freight train the other day, was thrown be-neath the wheels in such a manner as to grind his entire left arm into a quivering mass. Laue was dragged in this mangled condition for some dis-tance and hurled into a stream. His desperate struggles in attempting to keep his head above water attracted a passerby and he was rescued. Hopes are entertained of his recovery. passerby and he was rescued. are entertained of his recovery

re entertained of his recovery. The northbound passenger train on he Pittsburg & Lake Erie road col-ided with the New Castle branch pas-ienger at New Castle Junction the ther afternoon. The branch train was in the siding and the wreck was due to on open switch. The main line train, lue at 3:42, crashed into it, wrecking oth engines. Several people were in-ured, but nore seriously. The road vas blocked for an hour. Both en-times and firemen jumped.

was blocked for an hour. Both en-gineers and firemen jumped. A shooting affray betwen two colored men, which may result in murder, co-curred the other night at Gallizin. Robert Barber- was shot three times by George Clark, alias "Roving Jack," and is at the hospital at Altoona in a bad condition. Clark escaped. Barber says Clark came to his room when he was asleep, aroused him and began shooting. The trouble was the result of an old feud. Secretary of Agriculture Edge has been conducting a quiet test of the milk supply of Pittsburg and Philadelphia and the report of the former examina-tion has been filed. Samples were se-lected from the milk at farms, dairies, railroad depots, milk wagons, groceries and restaurants, and the conclusion is reached, that Pittsburg has furnished the poorest sample found anywhere in the State.

the State Fire at the mineral spring resort of Saegertown Tuesday morning destroy-ed Porter's carriage shop, loss \$10,000; Appleby's jewelry store, building and stock, loss \$5,000; Hornschenn & By-ham's undertaking and furniture store. Loss \$500 Mrs. Miller's dwelling house \$2000; Mrs. Allier's dwelling house \$2,000. The total loss above insur-will be \$20,000. The big hotels nar-r escaped the flames. rowly escaped the flames. —Philip Brandt, 26 years old, a brake-man on the C. C. & Y., railroad, was run over by the caboose of his train at Pittsburg and cut entirely in two. The body was found by fellow-workingmen iast Saturday. Brandt leaves a widow und one child. Mrs. Brandt's first hus-band was killed in the same manner and almost in the same place some years ago. years ago. Harry, a 2-year-old son of Frank Truesdale, of Shenango township, while playing about a horse the other morning, received injuries that will likely cause his death. The animal kicked him in the face. His jawbone was broken in a half dozen places, sev-eral tecth were knocked out and his lips and nose were frightfully cut. ears ago. Ups and nose were frightfully cut. Miss Mary Solomen, employed at the Hotel Simpson, at New Castle, was found in bed a few days ago suffer-ing intensely from poison. She was un-conscious. There is no evidence that she took the polson with suicidal in-ient, and the case is wrapped in mys-tery. She cannot live. Near Webster, a few days ago, Ar-chie Keltz was shot in the neck by Dick Speer while shooting at a mark and may not recover. Thomas Robinson of Butler has re-



It is an excellent time to talk about turesque workers. They are two old flags, particularly the American flag— sailors, and expert sailmakers. It is the finest of them all. It takes an in-readible number of them to supply the turesque workers the rings, the tape that adds transfer and the part the radius of the particular the radiu

annual demands of the nation. Nobody knows how many are made. There is one firm in Elizabeth street, There is one firm in Elizabeth street, says the New York World, that manu-factures more than 150,000,000 each year, and there are scores of other makers in this country. From which it may be inferred that there are half a dozen flags made annually for each man, woman and child in the United States State

Of course the majority of these flags are little affairs three inches long and two inches wide, which sell for twenty-seven cents a gross. They are printed on muslin and are turned out by the

on mushin and are turned out by the million. Cheap mushin flags are made six feet long and forty inches wide. The good flags, those made of bunt-ing, sewed together, and with care-fully arranged stars, are manufactured by flag-making firms and by every sail and awning maker in the country. The most intraceting place where

The most interesting place where flags are made is Building No. 7 in the Brooklyn Navy-Yard. There every flag used in the United States navy is where made. There are the various United States flags, signal flags, pennants, en-signs, flags of high officials, from the President of the United States down. and the flags of forty-three foreign nations. Wherefore it will be seen that the flag outfit of a United States

Just now the workers under James Crimmins, master flagmaker, are very crimmins, master flagmaker, are very busy. Nowhere are flags so carefully made. Every star, stripe, bar and device is measured to geometrical ac-curacy, and each flag must stand a strength test. They are being turned out at the rate of 100 a week.

touches—the rings, the tape that adds strength, and many other things. They wear a white canvas uniform, use the queer sailmakers' thimble and

talk in a fascinating sea jargon. Directly the flags are finished they must be measured. Triangles, squares and stars of polished brass mark off the floor. If a flag is an



inch or two out of the way it is re-jected. The width of an American ensign must be ten-inneteenths of its length. The largest flag made at the Navy Yard is thirty-six feet long and nineteen feet wide. The foreign flags give the greatest

Some of the designs are extrouble. tremely intricate and the colors are as



PRETTY GIRLS WHO MAKE THE STARS AND STRIPES.

The bunting is made in Massachu-petts. It is entirely of wool and of the best quality. It must have so many threads and a fixed tensile strength. The colors must be fast. The stripes are cut out just as cloth-ing is qui is word to be the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to wake is that of the most difficult flags to

Alace. The stars are cut out thirty at a fime by means of a cold chisel and a big iron-bound mallet. Folds of goods, smoothly woven, of a standard grade, are laid in yard lengths, thirty thicknesses together, on a large square block made of cubes of oak, botok out the flags used by the colo-nit core the woll the grain running the source of the nation on a blue field, sur-rounded with stars. The eagle is white, and the shield he holds is properly colored. There has been a deal of dispute over the evolution of the American flag. When the Revolutionary War booke out the flags used by the colo-nists were English ensigns heaving

best quality. It must have so many threads and a fixed tensile strength. The color is cut out by it-self and sewed in place. It requires expert needlewomen to do this work. One of the most difficult flags to make is that of China. It is triangular by means of a circular knife that is kept as sharp as a razor. Then they are sent to the sewing-room, where skillful young women sew the stripes 'ogether and place the blue field in place. The stars are ent out thirty at a control of the most difficult flags to make is that of China. It is triangular black, open-monthed dragon crawling arms of the nation on a blue field, sur-arms of the nation on a blue field, sur-

square block made of cubes of oak, put together with the grain running in different directions. A metal star, used as a model, is placed on the mns-lin and carefully marked around with a lead pencil. Then the workman places his chisel on the pencil line The American ensign was adopted in 1777 by the Continental Congress. There is a dispute as to the significance of the flag. The explanation accepted as the most probable is that the blue field is intended to represent the night of affliction that in 1779 sur-rounded the thirteen States which rounded the thirteen States, which were typified by the white stars ar-arranged in a circle, signifying the endless duration of the new Nation, while the stripes were chosen out of compliment to New York and the Dutch Republic, and were a compliment to Republican principles. The number of stripes symbolized the thirteen States, the first and thirteenth, both red, representing New teenth, both red, representing New Hampshire and Georgia respectively. General Washington was a member of the committee appointed to design a flag. Mrs. John Ross, of Philadel-phia, made the first flag. She de-signed the five-pointed star. John Paul Jones put the new flag to the first public use. He ran it up

created the Babylonish nobles to his table;
George I, entertained the loris of England
fragate (here the suitan of Turkey to bis feast; the Emperor of Germany was glad to have our inhister, George Ban creats; the Emperor of Germany was glad to have our inhister, George Ban creats; the suitant of the world's table, but the flash and the devil," but peace is to ady and stand at the head of the abandoned and the foriora and the world's to day and stand at the head of the darkest alley in any city and say: "Come Clothes for your rage, salve for your scena it reads this that and pardone like that -do you wonder that stephen stood, looking at Him?"
T pass on now and look at Stephen in his dying prayer, Stephen stoned. The world has always wanted to get rid of good men. Their very life is an assauk upon wickedness. Out with Stephen through the gates of the city Down with him over the precipies. Levery man come up and drop a stone upon bis head. But these mendid not so much its head such systemet stoored, but Stephen and the drop a stone upon stone work is lowest ever strong while has heaving a store upon bis head. But these mendid not so much its no ellogod men. While these murderers were transfixed by the soorn of all cord men. Stephen stoned, but Stephen alive. So all good were, stephen alives in the arges on record. The average value per ton. World the show with they be average value per ton was the lowest ever known, oon the largest or record. The average value per ton was the lowest or everage value per ton was the lowest ever known, oon the largest or ther or lowest or everage value per ton.
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 If all mon speak well of you, it is because you are either a largard or a dolt. If as steamer makes rapid progress through the twaves, the water wilk boil and found all around it. Brave scilders of Jesus Christ Will hear the earloines eliek. When I sees a man with voice and money and influence all on the right side, and some carlcature him, and some sneer at him, and some de nounce him, and men who pretend to be extuated by right motives conspiret our ple him, to east him out, to destroy him, ary, "Stephen stoned."
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15. "And when the chief priests and seribes saw the wonderful things that Ho did and the children crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were sore displeased." Truly they were the flat rew with leaves only (verso 19), the tree that had been specially dealt. with for three years (Luke xill, 6-9), the wicked husbandmen of Math. xxi., 38. Oh, how patiently the had borne with them How He would have blessed them if they had only been willing! But they would not. They would have none of Him. 16. "And sald unto Him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea, Have ye never read, Out of the mouth of habes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?" I have wondered if they past all shame and dead to all but their own thoughts and ways? They would not let Him make them children of God, and yet they valle they mad youghts. So He left them and went out of the such. So He left them and yet here. [verse 17],—Lesson Helper.] city to Bethany and 17).—Lesson Helper.

The Japanese Government has under consideration a plan for the establish-ment of banks with foreign capital. The plan, as outlined, is designed to encourage foreigners to become inter-ested in the support of industrial en-terprises in Japan.

What struck a Fiume, Austria, ware-house and set it on fire turns out to have been a meteor. It was assumed to have been lightning till a four-ton met-eoric stone was found in a deep hole in the cellar.

The largest proportion (Y single per-sons is found in Ireland and Scotland, and the smallest in the United States. In Irelard 67 per cent, in Scotland 65 per cent, but in the United States only 59 per cent are in that condition.

The Bergian government offers a prize of \$10,000 to anyone who will dis-cover a chemical that will take the place of white phosphorus in match-making.

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and drives it through. A few blows and a constellation of thirty snowy stars are released. The sewing of the stars upon the blue field is very exacting work. There are ninety stars on eack flag, forty-five on either side, and they are put on so evenly and carefully that

forty-five on either side, and they are put on so evenly and carefully that when the flag is held up to the light there appears to be but one star. The stitching is wonderfully even and dainty. The flagmakers are the most pic-since 1818.