Italy has given up her scheme for DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON building \$104,000,000 worth of warships. She had unfortunately over looked the important fact that she hadn't the price.

The average yield of wheat per acre in France has been steadily in creasing for seventy years, until now it is one of the highest in the world, There is a lesson in agriculture which even the United States might heed with profit.

Steadily American ideas of liberty are invading the sacred precincts of Great Britain. Mill operatives in Lancashire, England, struck because they were not permitted to shut up shop and attend the Barnum circus which is touring Great Britain.

By the launching of the new battleship Illinois one of the five warships of the same displacement of 11,525 tons is placed in the water, to be followed by the Wisconsin, there having been already launched the Kearsarge, the Kentucky and the Alabama. The Illinois exceeds the Iowa by some scores of tons, and the Indiana, Massachusetts and Oregon by over 1200 tons. The armor of the Illinois will not be quite as thick as that of our

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A GOSPEL MESSAGE.

Subject: "Divine Direction' — Advice Aimed to Cheer Those Who Feel They Have No Espécial Mission in the World —Follow God's Guidance.

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After Pilate had suicided, tradition says that his body was thrown into the Tiber, and such storms ensued on and about that river that his body was taken out and thrown into the Thone, and similar disturbances swept that river and its banks. Then the body was taken out and moved to Lausanne, and put in a deeper pool, which immediately became the centre of similar atmospheric and aqueous disturbances. Though these are fanciful and false-traditions, they show the exceration with which the world looked upon Pilate. It was before this man when he was in full life and power that Christ was arraigned as in a court of oyer and terminer. Pilate said to his prisoner, "Art thou a king, then?" and Jesus answered, "To this end was born." Sure enough, although all was born." Sure enough, although all earth and hell arose to keep Him down. He is to-day empalaced, enthroned and eoroneted King of earth and King of heaven. That is what He came-for, and that is what He accomplished.

By the time a child reaches ten years of age the parents begin to discover that child's destiny, but by the time he or she reaches fifteen years of age the question is on the child's lips: "What shall I do? What am I going to be? What was I made for?" It is a sensible and righteous question, and the youth ought to keep asking it until it is so fully answered that the young man, or young woman, can say with as much truth as its author, though on a less expansive scale, "To this end was I born."

Isaac. So some of those who have beer characterized for stupidity in boyhood or girlhood have turned out the mighties benefactors or benefactresses of the humar race. These things being so am I not right in saying that in many cases God only knows what is the most appropriate thing for you to do, and He is the one to ask? And let all parents and all schools and all universities and all coileges recognize this, and a large number of those who spent their best years in stumbling about businesses and occupations, nowtrying this and now trying that, and failing in all, would be able to go ahead with a definite, decided and tremendous purpose, saying, "To this end was I born."

But my subject now mounts into the momentous. Let me say that you are builty you go into a shop where there is only one wheel turning and that by a workman's foot on a treadle, and you say to yourself, "Here is something good being done, yet on a small scale," but if you go into the about the say that you go into a factory covering many acres and you find thousands of bands pulling on thousands of wheels and shuttles flying and the whole scene bewildering with activities, driven by water or steam or electric power, you conclude that the factory wap put up to do great work and on a vast scale. Now, I look at you, and if I should find that you had only one faculty of body, only one muscle, only one nerve, if you could see but not hear or could hear and not see, if you had the use of only one foot or one hand, and, as to your higher nature, if you had only one mental faculty and you had memory but no judgment or judgment but no will, and if you had a sout with only one capacity, I would say not much and let me look you squarely in the face! Eyes capable of grasping everything. Hands capable of grasping a verything. Hands capable of grasping a verything aright to expect of you? What has God a right to demand of you? God is the greates

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 27.

Temperance Lesson Text: Proverbs iv. 10-19-Golden Text: "My Son, if Sinners Entice Thee, Consent Thou Not," Proverbs i, 10-Commentary.

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10. "Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be many." We may think of David addressing Solomon (see verse 3), but it will be more profitable for us to receive the words as from God our Father to all who are His children by faith in Christ Jesus. We may hear His words and not receive them, but when we hear and receive, or believe, for believing is receiving (John i., 12), we thus have life (John v., 24). It will make this teaching simple if when we read of wisdom, as in v. rses 5, 7, etc., we tonink of Him who is the wisdom of God (I Cor. i., 24, 30), In Jas. i., 21, we are taught that the word must be received with meekness.

11. "I have taught thee in right paths." Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace (chapter ii., 17). He always leads by a right way to our city of habitation (Ps. evii., 7). He is the Way, and He is our Peace; when He putteth forth His sheep, He goeth before, and to follow Him is to go in perfect nequiescence there is always perfect rest. Abide in His love.

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always best, and in perfect acquiescence there is always perfect rest. Abide in His love.

12. "When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened, and when thou runnest thou shalt not stumble." There is no straitness with Him. His is an abundant why; abundant grace and glory; all our need supplied according to Hit; riches (Phil, iv., 19). Philip's 200 pence would have given each of the 5000 a little, but our Lord's way was to ill them with as much as they desired (John vi., 1-12). When His people hearken unto Him and walk in His ways. He fills and satisfies them (Ps. lxxsi., 10-16). He makes them to be satisfied withfavor and full with the blessing of the Lord (Deut. xxxiii., 23). The blessing which maketh rich and to which our toil addeth nothing (Prov. x., 22, R. y.).

13. "Take fast hold of 'nastruction, let hereot go, keep her, for she is thy life." She is a tree of life—life unto thy soul (chapterili, 18, 22). By comparing text with text we get the unity of the Scriptures, the one-ness of thought, for all centers in Him who is our life (Deut. xxx., 20; Col. lif., 4). To walk in His way and keep His commandments is life and righteousness (Deut. v., 33; vl., 25), but He is the end of law for righteousness to every one that believeth; so it is summed up in receiving and walking in Him (Rom. x., 4; Col. ii., 6). Having received the word with meckness, the next thing is to hold it fast, for it is a faithful word (Titusi, 9; Rev. ii., 25). When satun by his servants questions any part of the word of God, the believer should take the hint to hold that portion all the more firmly.

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14. "Enter not into the path of the wickel and go not in the way of evil men." Since the devil tempted Eve in the garden of Eden he has been ever seeking whom he may devour, and he seems to find multitudes willing to be devoured.

15. "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away." Be not deceived; evil communications vorrupt good manners, Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowleage of God (I Cor. xv., 33, 34). Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel-of ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (Ps. i., 1). If Eve had not stopped to look at the tree, the fruit of which she was forbidden to eat, she might not have fallen. If Achan had not looked upon the gold and the garment, he, too, might not have fallen. If Achan had not looked upon the gold and the garment, he too, might not have sinned. All that is not of God we must turn away from, lest we fall into temptation. Looking unto Jesus is the only way to run our race. Beholding the glory of the Lord is the way to become like Him.

16. "For they sleep not except they have done mischief, and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fail." To kill and to destroy, to give torment and anxiety, is their master's business and theirs. They speak loftily, they set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth (Ps. lixili, 8, 9). David said concerning them, "They that seek my hurt speak mischievous things and imagine deceits all the day long" (Ps. xxxviii, 12). The Son of Man came to save, not to destroy; He gives life and life abundant and joy and peace and glory. The followers of the devil are ever taking all they can get and give nothing real in return. The Son of God gave Himself for us and bore all the devil are ever taking all they can get and give nothing real in return. The Son of God gave Himself for us and b

Gou gave and the might redeem us from his power.

17. "For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence." Contrast the bread and wine of Melchisedee in connection with the blessing of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth (Gen, xiv., 18, 19); also the bread and wine of the communion, representing our Lord's body given for us and His blood shed for us that we, eating Him, might live by Him (John Vi., 54, 57). The ungodly may be said to live upon the flesh and blood of those whose downfall they accomplish, but our Lord, by humbling Himself unto death, gives His life to be on life. He is the bread from heaven.

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18. "But the path of the just is as the shining light that shinieth more and more unto the perfect day." He is the truly just one who suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust. He is the true light, the light of the world, and as He is increasingly made known His light will shine more and more until He shall have gathered out of all nations His complete body, and after that He will come with all His saints as the Sun of Righteousness, and then it will be the perfect day on all the earth, ushered in by the morning without clouds of H Sam xxili, 3.4. If we are justified by faith in Him, then, though our path may lead through many a dark valley as Joseph's did, and David's and Jeremiah's, it is ever leading on to the perfect day of His kingdom when we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as Heis.

19. "The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble." The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble." The way of the righteous, but the he night and of darkness; they live in darkness and when they die they go out into the outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (I Thess. v., 4, 5; Eph, v., 8; Math. xxv., 30). The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish (Ps. I., 6). Aschildene of light [II Cor. vi., 14; iv., 6). The righteous need not stumble (yerse 12; Jude 24, R. V.), but the wicked, being billni, see not their stumbling blocks.—Lessca Helper.

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Once, when Madame Nordica was singing at a concert in Texas, she forgot her warm overshoes. A cowboy, whom she had utterly fascinated, offered to bring them to her and did so, but he brought only one at a time. When Madame Nordica thanked him, and in her gracious way regretted to have given him so much trouble, he said to her, "Don't name it, ma'am. I wish you were a centipede."

Stockholm has an opera house which is said to be the finest in Europe, although others have a larger seating capacity. It took seven years to complete it and it cost more than \$1,600, 000. Private enterprises made the scheme possible, although the property has already passed into the possession of the municipality.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON. I KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

DEFENDED HIS MOTHER.

Lad Seizes His Stebather's Revolver and Is Wounded In the Head-The Father Was Pointing a Gun at His Wife,

James Clements, of Philadelphia, who has not lived with his wife for some time, the other day entered the grocery store kept by Mrs. Clements, and was pointing a revolver at her with him for possession of the weapon. During the struggle Clements discharged the pistol twice, one of the balls entering the heroic lad's head, causing a dangerous wound, the other inflicting a slight wound in the hand of his brother George, who had come to his brother George, who had come to his assistance. Clements left the store, but was arrested on the street & few minutes later.

The following pensions were granted last week: Peter Hoch, Letterkenny, Franklin, \$6; Susan Brown, Oil City, \$12; John Hollinger, Welsh Run, Franklin, \$6; Susan Brown, Oil City, \$12; John Hollinger, Welsh Run, Eranklin, \$3 to \$12; Levi Brawer, Lewistown, \$21 to \$20; Nathaniel S. Tozer, Rochester Mills, \$6 to \$10; Henry E. Smith, East Charleston, Tioga, \$10 to \$17; Adam Himes, Canister, Blair, \$6 to \$8; Joel H. Betz, Altoona, \$8 to \$10; Morgan Morse, Mench, Berfodd, \$25 to \$30; Charles Caskey, Erie, \$6 to \$8. Emma Buchanan, Ashley, \$8; James P. Glass, Mazepha, \$6; Thomas, Muntz, Hoboken, \$8; Hiram Goodnoe, Bradford, \$12; Royal D. Wykoff, Hammers, Ley's Fork, \$6 to \$8; Daniel Braumgardner, Brookville, \$16 to \$17; Abraham E. Garrett, Mechanicsburg, \$6 to \$8; Moses Haslett, Wolfburg, \$17 to \$24 Lydia J. Sample, McKeesport, \$8; Marry Stoltz, Altoona, \$8; Thomas Rook, Bedford, \$10 to \$12; John Manspeaker, Graceville, Bedford, \$14 to \$17; Nathaniel Lawson, Franklin, \$12 to \$17; Newton Rhodes, Spartansburg, Crawford, \$6 to \$17; Martha Smith, Locust Grove, Fulton, \$8.

The long-looked for proclamation of the Sunday laws of Beaver Falls and the moral purification of the town generally was issued last week. It will be printed in "dodger" form and distributed about the streets, The burgers asks his police to arrest and prosecute all persons owning or patronizing gambling rooms, disorderly houses or drinking places, and any person drund profaning by worldly employmen

out of parts of Cambria, Westmoreland, Somerset and Indiana, leaving
Johnstown about the geographical
center.

Joseph Rath, a prominent farmer of
Sheakleyville, was attacked the other
day by an angry bull and run down.
He succeeded in getting the animal by
the nose ring and subduing him after a
terrible struggle, in which he was
probably fatally injured. T. C. Cochran, an invalid, who was watching the
fight, sustained a shock from which he
was unconscious for hours.
Secretary Thomas J. Edge and Zoologist H. T. Fernald, of the State agricultural department, have just issued
a circular explaining the term "econemic zoology" and showing the importance of the same in exterminating
animals that are injurious to crops and
to stock. They estimate that Pennsylvania loses annually from these
causes at least \$15,000,000.
Two freight cars and a caboyse
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Two freight cars and a caboyse
days ago on the mountain side, a
mile east of Bradford. Conductor
Hobert McKnight jumped, was caught
in a barbed wire fence and crushed to
death. He was 50 years old and leaves
a family.
Herley Brown, of Burg Hill, near
Sharon, has begun a \$10,000 damage
suit against S. W. Sigler, of the same
place. Sigler had Brown arrested for
burglary and larceny, but he was acquitted. The plaintiff alleges that the
arest was made with malicious intent.
Mrs. Clara Dingman of Beaver Falls,
the divorced wife of a street car conductor, has brought suit against Dr.
J. K. White of New Brighton, coroner
of the county, alleging breach of
promise of marriage and asking \$5,000
adamages.
Lawrence county is in aquandary
what to do with workhouse prisoners
after its contract with Allegheny

been done.

A 14-months-old girl of Mr. and Mrs
William Cross, of New Castle, was
terribly burned the other morning. She
had lighted some paper and had been
playing with it, when her clothing took
fire. There is but little hope of her re-

covery.

Albert, aged 9 years, son of William Means, of near Dunbar, last week found some dynamite caps, which he placed on a hot stove. They exploded, damaging the stove and tearing two fingers from the boy's right hand.

J. Otis Reeves of Bellevernon is in jail charged with the embezzlement of \$2,375, said to have belonged to the estate of his father, Capt, John H. Reeves. He had charge of settling the estate.

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An aged man, known as "Italian Jim," was held up by a highwayman in New Castle, knocked down and robbed.

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A new postoffice has been established at Olivedale, McKean county, with Harry Ewing Gaffney as postmaster. Harry Ewing Gaffney as postmaster.

On the charge of stealing \$100, the life savings of Robert Henthman and sister, near Shippensburg, George Kelly has been lodged in Jali.

While hunting on the mountains Thomas Kenvin, of Hazelton, had his right hand blown off as he dragged his gun through the bushes.

Henry Lipps, aged 40, of Grapeville, was killed by a freight train at Jeannette the other day. He was a glass worker.

Adam Johnson of Beavar Path.

worker.

Adam Johnson of Beaver Falls, convicted of illegal liquor selling, has been refused a new trial by Judge Wilson.
Joseph La France, an old machinist of Johnstown, fell dead while at work last week.

THE MARKETS.

| PITTSBURG. | | | |
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| Grain, Flour and Feed. | | | |
| WHEAT-No. 1 red | 690 | | 70 |
| No. 2 red | 66 | | 67 |
| CORN-No. 2 yellow, ear | 34 | | 35 |
| No. 2 yellow, shelled | 34 | | 35 |
| Mixed ear | 33 | | 34 |
| OATS-No. 2 white | 31 | | 32 |
| No. 3 white | 30 | | 31 |
| RYE-No. 1 | 59 | | 60 |
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| Fancy straight winter 3 | | | 60 |
| | 25 | | 45 |
| HAY-No. 1 timothy 8 | 50 | | 75 |
| Clover, No. 1 7 | | 8 | 00 |
| FEED-No. 1 white mid., ton. 16 | 50 | 17 | 00 |
| Brown middlings | 00 | 13 | 50 |
| Bran, bulk | 75 | 13 | 00 |
| | 50 | 6 | |
| | 75 | | |
| | 50 | 6 | 00 |
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| 7, 2 | 20 | 1 | 40 |
| Dairy Products. | | | |
| BUTTER-Elgin creamery\$ | 240 | | 25 |
| Ohio creamery | 92 | | 23 |
| Faney country roll | 14 | | 15 |
| CHEESE-Ohio, new | 9 | | 10 |
| New York, new | 10 | | 11 |
| Fruits and Vegetables. | | | |
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Poultry, Etc.

CHICKENS—Per pair, smal. . \$. 45 @ . 50
TURKEYS—Per th. 14 . 15
EGGS—Pa. and Ohio, fresh . . . 20 . 21

PHILADELPHIA. NEW YORK.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.

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TRADE REVIEW.

Glass Workers Resume Operations Woolen and

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports as follows for last week: The situation is clearer and the im-The situation is clearer and the improvement in business which was expected after the election has begun. Payments through clearing houses are far the largest ever known, for the week 37.3 per cent, larger than last year and 3 per cent, larger than in 1892. The glassworkers have resumed, the anthracite coal output is beavy and much beyond the present capacity of markets, the troubles in Illinois could mines have been settled, and the new strike of shoemakers in Mariburo, Mass, is now the only labor hindrance of consequence.

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It is noteworthy that in spite of all changes the price of spot wheat has but slightly changed. The exports for the week, flour included, have been 1, 57,000 bushels from Atlantic ports, against 2,191,334 last year, making in all for two weeks of November 9,312, 231 bushels, against 9,939,804 last years, amounting for the week to 2,993,200 bushels, against 2,722,457 last year, and for two weeks of November have been 5,055,051 bushels, against 7,197,098 bushels last year. Such shipments after

demand for this grain is destined to be greater than has been expected.

Cotton crop prospects appear so good that even at the extreme low prices quoted there is little encouragement for advance, in view of the heavy stocks held here and abroad. Under the arrangement between the mills several have stopped, while others have started this week, and the production of goods has not materially changed. A break in bleached goods breaks previous records, but in general the demand improves.

The woofen manufacturers have gained in orders for the coming season, which justifies the heavy buying of materials recently seen, and there are also better orders for speedy delivery, but the demand is not large, and much machinery is still walting idly. While sales of wool at the three chief markets are heavy, 28,234,500 pounds in three weeks, against 29,855,392 last year and 17,193,190 in 1892, they include two large sales for export, covering 3,000,000 pounds of Montevideo and Australian wool at 16 and 18 cents respectively, which make clearer the fact that prices asked by holders here are relatively high.

Tron is in bigger demand all the time, and yet production steadily increases, and at Pittsburg bessemer pig is slightly lower at \$10.10, the new association being undersold. Orders for plates are beyond all precedent, including material for cars, bridges, vessels and work of all sorts, and structural work is seasonably quiet, though the mills have much ahead, while in bars the demand is considerably better at Pittsburg, with orders for material of 6,000 cars at Chicago. Some works at the East are short of orders and prices are held back. The expectation is that the proposed rail association will meet an extremely heavy demand for the next year, especially for trolley lines, but it is stated that prices will not be advanced above \$20 at the East and \$21 at Chicago. In iron products the next will probably be a record-breaking year.

The chief of police of Norfolk, Va., fears smallpox. He has given orders

The chief of police of Norfolk, Va., fears smallpox. He has given orders that witnesses will hereafter not be required to kiss the Bible but only to raise the right hand when being sworn.