

THE PULPIT.

AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY BISHOP C. C. McCABE.

Subject: God's Little Ones.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bishop C. C. McCabe preached in Hanson Place M. E. Church Sunday morning.

There are two thoughts that claim our attention as we study this text. One is the kind of workers God chooses to do His greatest work in this world—the little ones; and, second, the possibility with which God's work may go forward in this world.

Our Lord carried on His work after the same plan. He chose the humble and lowly workers and sent them out to preach His gospel.

I will just call your attention to the possible rapidity with which the kingdom of God can grow in this world, a little one becoming a thousand.

Now these are commercial figures. Let us take them into the light and try to understand them. In the parable the master speaks of three rates of gain.

In 1620 the island of Manhattan was bought by the white man from the Indians for \$24, which is an insignificant sum.

way the kingdom of heaven ought to grow. And if you keep that money out at interest for 450 years it will be able to buy Manhattan Island with all there is on it, and then there will be enough left to buy every State in the Union, and then there will still be enough left to buy Great Britain.

And the Master said: "The kingdom of heaven is like that; and that is the way it ought to grow, and that is the way it would grow if we would simply keep the idea of the power and compound spiritual interest of the church of God. If you kept out the \$24 with interest added to interest for 600 years it would wreck the world.

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Left-over Cauliflower—Cooked cauliflower which is left over may be used in a variety of ways, and forms a very savory and inexpensive addition to the table.

Quince Jelly—Wipe the fruit, quarter, core, but do not pare. Select those medium ripe; they should be a fine yellow; put them in a preserving kettle with a teacup of water for each pint; stew gently until soft; do not mash; put in a muslin bag, press lightly; to each pint of the juice put a pound of sugar; stir until it jellies; turn it into pots or tumblers, and when cold cover and put in dark closet.

Plum Pie. Have a light crust of puff paste, bake this in the oven then put in, if fresh, plums, previously stoned, sweetened and slightly stewed. If canned add sugar. Place on the top of the pie and heat again.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS



CONVENIENT TABLE DEVICE.

A convenient little table device is a spoon rest for use in connection with jellies, jams and other sticky preserves.

LEFT-OVERS.

When working up left-overs in croquettes season by taste rather than by rule, as the food has already been seasoned and is easily made too salty or peppery.

AFTER DINNER CHEESE.

A new way of preparing an after-dinner cheese will be found worthy trying. Put two-thirds of a cup of salted almonds twice through the meat chopper, and mix with a cup of grated American cheese; add a very little salt, a pinch of cayenne and a desert spoonful of some suitable flavorings; mix well, press into a small mould until needed; turn out and pass salted wafers with it.

FOR STUDIOS AND DENS.

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As soon after they are made as is possible. Wash out milk or meat stains with warm water. When the linen is stained by tea, chocolate, coffee or fruit stretch the portion of linen discolored over a bowl. Have ready a kettle of water, at the boiling point; hold the kettle high and let the water fall from it onto the stain until it disappears.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24.

Subject: The Character of the Messiah, Isa. 1: 1-7—Golden Text, Matt. 1: 21—Memory Verses, 6, 7—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Great darkness (vs. 1, 2). "Verdureless." A transition word from the dark picture of chapter 8: 25—describing the woes from Assyrian predominance to the bright dawn and consummation of the Messianic era.

2. "The people... in darkness." The people of Judah. They were at this time under a two-fold darkness. 1. The darkness of outward trouble. See 2 Kings 15: 37; 16: 4-8, 17; 2 Chron. 28: 5-8.

3. "Hast multiplied the nation." Isaiah with prophetic eye pierces the centuries and sees the hosts that would come under the reign of the Messiah and be numbered with the true spiritual Israel.

4. "Thou hast broken the yoke." The Jews were successfully delivered from the burdensome and galling yoke of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians and Macedonians, but these deliverances were only a shadow of redemption from the yoke of Satan, and that redemption seems here especially predicted as already accomplished.

5. "For every battle." It was the custom of antiquity to pile the arms of prostrate enemies, the spoils of less value, and their spotted garments, into a heap and burn them. All that belongs to war shall be swept away; the war itself shall die. The Messiah abolishes all war, but not until His foes are either swept away by His judgments or melted into penitence and won over by His love.

6. "Unto us." The prophet speaks of the predicted blessings as if already communicated. "A Son is given." God's gratuitous gift, upon which man had no claim (John 3: 16). A gift of love, of joy, of universal fitness to our needs.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24.

A Christmas Gift to the Christ.—Matt. 2: 11; 2 Cor. 8: 5; 1 Chron. 29: 5.

The passages selected for our Christmas lesson teach the duty of giving all to Jesus. The example of the Magi who brought precious gifts to the infant Jesus, that of the Macedonian Christians who first "gave themselves to the Lord," and the old invitation of the king of Israel "Who is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" form the foundation of a fitting appeal to us to entirely consecrate ourselves fully to God as a worthy Christmas gift of love.

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KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

GOVERNOR'S LIBRARY SOLD

Then Thousand Dollars Realized from Pennypacker's Franklin Library.

The first of the series of sales at which Governor Pennypacker's great library will be disposed of took place in Philadelphia. It included all the Governor's collection relating to Benjamin Franklin, in it were books printed by Franklin, letters written by Franklin and his son William, and books relating to Franklin. "Poor Richard's Almanac," records of the Pennsylvania Assembly and 100-year-old copies of the Pennsylvania Gazette. About \$10,000 was realized.

The state superior court at Philadelphia, after declaring portions of the miners' certificate act, passed by the legislature in 1897, to be unconstitutional, upholds the law as a whole. The court confirms the conviction of a miner convicted in Lackawanna county who was found guilty of having engaged in the occupation of a miner in the anthracite field without having previously obtained a certificate of competency from the miners' examining board of the district, and without having been duly registered as provided by the act.

Sheriff George Seanor took possession and announced a sale of all the holdings of the J. M. Rumbaugh Brick company situated in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. The suit was brought at the instance of Lucien Clawson, of Greensburg, trustee. The property consists of about 35 acres in Mount Pleasant township, on which is erected a brick plant; 10 acres in North Huntingdon township, which is divided into separate tracts and on which are erected brick plants and seven acres in Allegheny county, at Pitcairn, on which are erected brick works.

Judge W. D. Porter in court at New Castle, decided the pure food laws unconstitutional and dismissed the indictment brought against Grocer William Arrow, by agents of the Pure Food commission. Attorneys for Arrow moved to have the indictment quashed and it was argued, the defense pleading that the pure food act was defective in that the title falls to specify that the law prohibits both the manufacture and sale of adulterated foods, the title merely declaring that it is to prohibit the adulteration of edibles.

Thomas H. Hartman, Jr., William Reagan and Charles J. Juge, election officers in the twelfth precinct of the Fourteenth ward, of Philadelphia, were fined \$500 and sentenced to two years imprisonment. They were convicted of padding the assessors' lists and conspiracy to make fraudulent returns of the election held last February. Benjamin Williams, another officer of the same precinct, was fined \$250 and sentenced to one year in prison.

John Belford and John Metzker, each aged 15 years, charged with wrecking a passenger train on the Cresson and Clearfield Railroad, near Mahaffey, November 20, confessed their crime in the Clearfield County Court and were sentenced to the House of Refuge. The boys opened a switch leading to a coal mine, derailed the passenger train and three persons were injured.

Six of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home on the outskirts of Clayville, Jefferson county and Mrs. Morgan was fearfully burned. Mr. Morgan made a heroic effort to save his family, but fell unconscious from the window, suffocated by the smoke, after getting his wife and two of the children out of the house.

Prof. H. F. Brooks, ex-principal of the public schools at Uniontown, who was convicted for alleged embezzlement of school funds, is in the Fayette county jail, his bondsmen having surrendered him. It is said his attorneys will appeal to the United States District court for a writ of habeas corpus.

The new Western Allegheny railroad, being built from New Castle to Butler for the Pennsylvania railroad in order to have the freight traffic avoid the congested Pittsburgh district, it is stated, will be extended westward from New Castle to Tomstown.

On account of the discovery that the insane and convalescents at the Philadelphia hospital are suffering from over-crowding and disgraceful neglect, a special session of councils will be called to make emergency appropriations to remedy the conditions.

Erma, the 12-year-old daughter of N. W. Silvermore, of South Sharon, was smothered to death. The child had been ill and, it is said, its head was covered with bedclothes to prevent her catching cold.

Norman, the 11-year-old son of George Nace, of New Haven, died from injuries received by being run over by a Pennsylvania railroad train.

Rev. Thomas B. Anderson, D. D., of Rochester, has announced that he has declined a call to the Presbyterian Church at Derry, tendered him a week ago.

An oil well boiler in Rich Hill township, Greene county, exploded and killed McCracken, aged 3 years, was killed. One Englishman in the dock confessed that members of his profession would never "burgle" houses with the number 22, 93, 111 and 444.

Fifteen per cent. of error, says Chief Willis L. Moore is the record of the weather bureau. Not only is this proportion lower than in any foreign bureau, but in ten years not a criticism of its work has come from any commercial, maritime or scientific organization.

Harry Wonder, 21 years old, of Lovett, was killed by a train at South Fork. He was crossing the tracks in a buggy when a coal train struck him.