UPSET BY FACTS.

This Country Has Tumed the Two Billion Bollar Mark-Alike in Its Foreign Commerce and in the Amount of Money in Circulation.

The United States has reached the two billion dollar mark alike as to its foreign commerce and its volume of enoney in circulation. This is an unpleasant fact for two classes of theorists. It is unpleasant for free-traders, because the development of our trade with foreign nations up to and beyond the two billion dollar mark knocks the life out of a cherished freetrade belief and shows that the freetrader was hopelessly, absurdly at fault in his contention that a protective tariff was fatal to foreign trade expansion. Equally unpleasant, indeed actually distressing, is the fact of a two billion dollar volume of money in circulation to those who have based all their political hopes and ambitions upon the effort to show that "16 to 1" was the only thing that could make money plenty and cheap.

Curiously enough, the facts that make both the Cobdenites and the Bryanites look silly are the product of a single month in the history of the United States under "McKinley and Prosperity." On the 14th of January of this year it was announced by the freasury bureau of statistics that in the year 1899 our foreign commerce had crossed the two billion dollar line while on the lst of February the treasury bureau of loans and currency made known the fact that the total money in circulation had also crossed the two billion dollar line, while gold and gold certificates alone had crossed the 890 million dollar line. The total foreign commerce for the year 1899 was \$2,-454.345.242, while the total money in circulation on February 1 was \$2,003,-149,355. The use of ten figures with which to show the business conditions of the country is indeed becoming surprisingly frequent. The tables of the December summary of commerce and finance show, for instance, the total resources of national banks at \$4,475. 243,924; the latest report of the comptroller of the currency shows the deposits in savings banks to be \$2,230,-366.964; the total resources of all banks same report as \$5,196,177,281, and the latest number of the summary of commerce and finance shows the December clearing house returns of all cities outside of New York at \$3,012,896,164, and ahead. those of the city of New York at \$5,-248,285,867.

The announcement that the money in circulation in the United States has for the first time crossed the two billion dollar line also calls attention to the fact that the amount of money for each individual is greater today than ever before. The treasury bureau of loans and currency publishes each month a statement of the amount of money in circulation, and by combining with this the actuary's estimate 1960, at 77,116,000, the money in circu- | ticket next campaign. To this end February 1, 1898, \$23.42; on February | work when organized. 1, 1897, \$22.65, and on February 1, 1896. Senator Beveridge has sounded a \$22.47

has shown a more rapid growth in too much confidence in the continuathe amount of money in circulation tion of the existing condition of than that covered by the past three or things without effort on their part four years. The total money in cir- The Senator as well as other leaders culation today is 23 per cent greater of the party in this state at Washingthan at the beginning of the fiscal year | ton see danger ahead, and therefore 1897, and the gold and gold certificates | they are solicitous. St. Joseph county in circulation 61 per cent greater than Republicans have set a good example at that time, the actual increase in | for other portions of the state by permoney in circulation during that pe- feeting a complete organization for riod being \$493 424,155, and of gold and campaign work thus early in the year gold certificates \$305,886,000, practical- and by sustaining a well officered, perby two-thirds of the increase, there- manent Republican club of large memfore, having been in gold.

amount of gold and total money in party locally put in shape for aggrescirculation at the beginning of each live and effective work. If every comquarter of the fiscal year, from July 1. | munity in the state would do the same 1656, to date:

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Pute. Dollars.	Dollars.
1896-July 1498,449,242	1,509,725,200
Oct. 1517,508,129	1,582,302,289
1897-Jan. 1555,620,668	1,650,223,400
April 1554,582,096	1,669,000,694
July 1556,422,594	1,646,028,246
Oct. 1,564,997,212	1,678,840,538
1858-Jan. 1584,125,049	1,721,100,640
April 1618,448,941	1,756,058,645
July 1696,789,519	1,843,435,749
Oct. 1658,643,721	1,816,596,392
1899-Jan. 1732,989,132	1,897,301,412
April 1727,748,591	1,927,846,942
July 1734,716,728	1,932,484,239
Oct. 1745,234,744	1,948,703,186
1990-Jan 1779,190,627	1,980,398,170
Feb. 1804,230,065	2,003,149,355
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## THE LABOR VOTE.

Always an Uncertain Quantity When the Country is in a Prosperous Condition.

The Republican party naturally expects a large increase in its voting strength this year as a result of the great prosperity which the country has enjoyed under the present Republican Ky., reports that the jeans clothing he favored in 1890 was a very different administration. When the people have business in that section is booming. passed from a condition of depression | Shipments last month showed a gain of and extreme hard times under one 25 per cent over those of January, 1899, party to a condition of unparrelleled and manufacturers have more orders activity and good times under another for spring shipments than they ever party, the reasonable conclusion must had before. There are eight or ten be that the former party will lose and jean mills in the vicinity of Louisthe latter gain at the next general ex- ville, and all are sharing in the gen- the McKinley bill raw sugar, molasses, pression of popular sentiment. As la- eral prosperity. view implicitly.

THEORIES they did. The Democrats piled up The result is peace and quiet, instead VICTORY OF RETREAT. LAST who have been well nigh ruined be- spear tip, that all around the horizon promises that times for themselves and | trade. everybody else might even be better. and they voted to usher in a condition of things which, instead of helping

them, swamped everybody. Again in Ohio last year, Golden Rule Jones, on a platform wholly theoretical and unsubstantial, drew almost his entire support of over a hundred thousand votes from the manufacturing Italy finds fault with the French treaty cities of the state. An almost unexampled business boom was in progress. Everybody with the will and the strength to work were hard at work | adapted to the country's interests and and prospering. The state campaign needs-a tariff which treats all foreign was generally regarded as a skirmish | nations on a basis of absolute equality, line fight for advantage this year, and to stand by the party of sound money ces, was a surprisingly large inroad on | tariff in a dozen different and bewil-

ty's gains this year, therefore, may be tent and security nowhere. expected to come chiefly from business men and farmers, who know the advantages of living under a sound money and business stimulating adminis- | the medium of a swarm of special treatration, and are not willing to take chances under any other kind-and last degree. If the tariff is imperfect, from Democrats who cannot indorse their own party's narrow sighted policy against national expansion.-Kansas City (Mo.) Journal.

## REPUBLICANS MUST WORK. Danger to Be Apprehended as the Re-

suit of Overconfidence.

Although the Republican party stands before the country and the world with a splendid record and with all its promises to the people made four years ago faithfully fulfilled; although the nation is now in the enjoy-

less than overconfidence. Republicans know that they have a wily foe to contend with; one always on the alert and ready to take advantage of every opportunity to get in an effective blow, revenue, but which have not originated Democracy, no matter in what guise it in the house of representatives, nor may appear, will bear very close been submitted to that body's judgwatching. It is not known what ment and authority. scheme the opponents are now hatching or what trap will be sprung to eatch unsuspecting Republicans.

of population, presents a monthly ton who have been watching the drift and Possum Fork in that respect. But statement of the amount of money in of things see in the Democratic plan a desire to get together on general prin- to say ridiculous, situation, which puts puts the population on February 1. ciples in order to beat the Republican lation at \$2,003,149,355, and the circu- fusion with every disturbing element lation per capita at \$25.98. This gives in the country under the leadership of a larger per capita than in any earlier Bryan is invited. The only way for month in the history of the country. Republicans to counteract this influ-On February 1, 1899, it was \$25.42, on ence is to organize for work and then

note of warning to the Republicans No period in our financial history of this state, fearing that they have The following table shows the locest in the cause is kept up and the there would be no complaint on the part of the leaders of lack of enthusiasm or fear of the result next November .- South Bend (Ind.) Tribune

READY FOR ALL COMERS.



Work Idstead of Mischief.

A recent dispatch from Louisville,

bor has been one of the chief benefi- There is very little doubt that the free list, our sugar growers being comciaries of this changed condition, it is present trouble in Kentucky would pensated by a bounty on production. natural to suppose that there would have taken on a very much uglier as- but the President was empowered, is victory! be an especially large gain to the Re- pect if there had been as many idle whenever satisfied that countries expublican party from the labor vote- discontented men hanging about to porting those articles were imposing particularly in the manufacturing dis- swell the mob on the one side or the on United States products duties which tricts. The ripe student of political other, as there would have been when under the circumstances were unfair. history, however, will not accept this Wilson law free trade had closed our to promptly impose a "reciprocal" factories, put business at a standstill duty on those articles imported from When President Harrison was de- and thrown men out of work. Men such a country. That is not a bad kind frated for re-election the country was with work to do haven't time to hang of reciprocity, and it is the only kind in a prosperous condition. Nearly all around looking for trouble, and our which Mr. McKinley advocated when

ware good It was difficult to be- that men have work to do-all they TALMAGE'S SERMON. | file of unbelief. Fly before they cut the city. He stands in such a conspic-Here that the wage-earners in any want of it. It sees to it in Kentucky number would vote for a change. But as well as in the rest of the country. some of the largest majorities in sec- of discontent and mob violence. Work tions dotted with mills and furnaces. instead of mischief is only another way A great many wage-earners listened to of saying protection instead of free

> THOSE RECIPROCITY TREATIES Absurdity of Creating a Tariff by Law

Only to Smash by Means of Treaties. We are not at all surprised to hear that Germany finds fault with our Italian treaty, nor shall we wonder if and so on throughout the list. No other result was to have been expected from such a system. To construct a tariff and which can be understood and reckhence the wage-earners were adjured oned with by our producers and exporters on a basis of simplicity and acand protection. But, nevertheless, Mr. | curacy-and then to set about the Jones made what, in the circumstan- amendment and modification of that dering directions strikes us as the most This unnatual and unreasonable notable modern instance of the opencourse on the part of labor is due to ing of Pandora's box. It introduces two causes. Demagogues make their into our financial equation the factor appeals specially to the labor vote, and of a mischievous confusion. It lays laboring men are too often suspicious us open to the charge of favoritism of the party which makes business and discrimination. It sets in motion good, because of an absurd belief that the machinery of an interminable and whoever helps capital to prosper is an pestiferous complication, at home and enemy of labor. The Republican par- abroad. It can give satisfaction, con-The very idea of setting up a tariff

law only to honeycomb and dismantle and emasculate it afterwards through ties strikes us as objectionable in the unsuited to our necessities and policies, why not modify it in congress? Why amend this schedule to satisfy Germany, and that schedule to placate France, and so on to the end of the catalogue, and conclude by satisfying not "originate in the house of repre-This danger is nothing more nor sentatives." Apparently their purpose under the operation of the reciprocity clause of the Dingley act, a set of laws which refer solely to the raising of

It is no part of our purpose, however, to make free with the constitution. We recognize the monopoly of The Republican leaders a: Washing- the members from Podunk, Wayback it seems to us a very grotesque, not the house of representatives in the predicament of formulating a tariff which somebody else can tear into tatters and which subjects American producers and exporters to the bewildering uncertainties of laws that reduce the chameleon to a dull, neutral and unchangeable complexion.

the senate to reject the whole lot of these absurd "treaties," and for congress to abolish the High Thingabob Plenipotentiary Nonsense under which they have been bred. We have a congress to make tariffs for us, and foreign nations should be left to approve them or not, according to their fancy to the torch. and caprice.-Washington Post.

## Firm Basis of a Protected Market-

The United States by the growth of its foreign trade has passed completely from the ranks of the debtor to those of the creditor nations. And this in bership to aid in this work. Thus in- the face of the free trade theorists who predicted that so long as this country maintained the protective system it could never build up foreign trade, and would always remain a debtor. Our agricultural exports will rise or fall with the seasons in other parts of the world, and as other nations are able or unable to raise their own food. This is inevitable, and no legislation can anticipate or remedy these fluctuations. But legislation can assist and has assisted manufacturing industry by preserving for it the home market and encouraging it from that firm foundation to seek foreign markets for its surplus products. Our exports of manufactures are expected to reach \$400,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 next, as against \$380,000,000 for the calendar year 1899. With the firm basis of a protected home market ter-Ocean.

## Right Sort of Reciprocity.

It is true that as the chairman of the Ways and Means committee and the author of the "McKinley bil!" of 1890, Major McKinley did at that time report and doubtless favor a "reciprocity" clause, but the reciprocity which article from that incorporated in the present law. The "reciprocity" of 1896 was a manly notice to all nations that if they did not treat us fairly we would raise the duties on certain of their products. There was no proposal to lawer our duties in any case. By coffee, tea and hides were upon the

SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Much Accomplished by Walting for Opportunities-Joshua's Plan of Ambuscade Cited as a Successful One for the Righteous.

[Copyright, 1906, by Louis Klopsch.] rise up from the ambush and seize upon the city."

ily around me, we were talking over seem to suffice him as a retreat. Fallthey had been defeated, but now they of the pulpit and men of the in an ambush on the west side of the pared with this falling back. city of Ai. No torches, no lanterns, no sound of heavy battalions, but 30 .clicking of swords against shields, lest the watchmen of Ai discover it and

A Seeming Repulse.

are flying, throwing blankets and can- tian men do business.

which had taken the city marched down against the men of Ai on the one side, and the troops under Joshua doubled on their enemies from the other side, and the men of Ai were back, ground between the upper and for Israel!

Victorious Retreat. ing by leaps and bounds.-Chicago In- decanter were your fierce foes. They stratagem, by Christian ambuscade, your retreat is your victory. There is been many a man up to his chin in has almost been the ruin of your soul. | was no Christ and no divine revelation, hurled into inebriety and the grave one | God. \* \* \* of the best friends I ever had. Retreat

Here is a converted infidel. He is so | There is Joshua, but how are those strong now in his faith in the gospel people in ambush up yonder to know the mills were running full time and policy of a protective tariff sees to it in Congress.—San Francisco Chronicle. you. Turn your back on the rank and 'lung the colors of cattle, points toward gersoll.

you with their swords and transfix you | uous position, and there is so much of with their javelins. There are people | the morning light dripping from that cause they risked a foolhardy expedi- they see it. It was as much as to say: tion in the presence of mighty and overwhelming temptations, and the men of Ai made a morning meal of them. \* \* \*

Reasons for Retreat.

But there is a more marked illustration of victorious retreat in the life of our Joshua, the Jesus of the ages. First Text: Joshua viii. 7, "Then shall ye falling back from an appalling height to an appalling depth, falling from celestial hills to terrestrial valleys, from One Sabbath evening, with my fam- throne to manger; yet that did not the scene of the text. In the wide ing back still farther from Bethlehem open eyes and the quick interrogations to Nazareth, from Nazareth to Jerusaand the blanched cheeks I realized lem, back from Jerusalem to Golgotha, what a thrilling drama it was. There back from Golgotha to the mausoleum is the old city, shorter by name than in the rock, back down over the preciany other city in the ages, spelled with pices of perdition until he walked amid God would strike me dead if I dared two letters, A, I, Ai. Joshua and his the caverns of the eternal captives and to point the spear in any other direcmen want to take it. How to do it is drank of the wine of the wrath of Al- tion. Oh, for some of the courage the question. On a former occasion, mighty God, amid the Ahabs, and the and enthusiasm of Joshua! He flung in a straightforward, face to face fight, | Jezebels and the Belshazzars. Oh, men are going to take it by ambuscade. Christ's descent from heaven to earth to get stronger muscle and fresher General Joshua has two divisions in does not measure half the distance! It brain and purer heart for God's work. his army. The one division the battle was from glory to perdition. He de- I feel on my head the hands of Christ worn commander will lead himself, the scended into hell. All the records of in a new ordination. Do you not feel other division he sends off to encamp earthly retreat are as nothing com- the same omnipotent pressure? There

Sin's Triumph Brief.

The triumph of the wicked is short. 000 swarthy warriors moving in si- Did you ever see an army in a panic? lence, speaking only in a whisper; no There is nothing so uncontrollable. If you had stood at Long bridge, Washington, during the opening of our sad the stratagem be a failure. If the rois- civil war, you would know what it is tering soldier in the Israelitish army to see an army run. And when these forgets himself, all along the line the men of Ai looked out and saw those men of Joshua in a stampede they ex-Joshua takes the other division, the pected easy work. They would scatter one with which he is to march, and them as the equinox the leaves. Oh, puts it on the north side of the city | the gleeful and jubilant descent of the of Ai, and then spends the night in men of Ai upon the men of Joshua: reconnoitering in the valley. There But their exhilaration was brief, for he is, thinking over the fortunes of the tide of battle turned, and these no one, not even ouresives? Section 7 coming day with something of the feel- quondam conquerors left their miser- the most stupendous year that heaven of Article 1 of the Constitution of the ings of Wellington the night before able carcasses in the wilderness of ever saw. The nations are quaking United States provides that "all bills Waterloo or of Meade and Lee the Bethaven. So it always is. The tri- now with the coming of God. It will for raising revenue shall originate in night before Gettysburg. There he umph of the wicked is short. You be a year of success for the men of the house of representatives." It stands in the night and says to him- make \$20,000 at the gaming table. Do Joshua, but of doom for the men of goes on to say, however, "but the sen- self, "Yonder is the division in am- you expect to keep it? You will die in Ai. You put your ear to, the rail ate may propose or concur with bush on the west side of Ai. Here is the poorhouse. You made a fortune by track, and you can hear the train comamendments as in other bills." Section the division I have under my especial iniquitous traffic. Do you expect to ing miles away. So I put my ear to 2, article 11, provides that the presi- command on the north side of Ai. keep it? Your money will scatter, or the ground, and I hear the thunderment of its greatest era of prosperity, dent shall have the power, by and There is the old city slumbering in its it will stay long enough to curse your ing on of the lightning train of God's Jesus was not necessary; and he also chiefly through the fulfillment of these with the advice and consent of the sin. Tomorrow will be the battle." | children after you are dead. Call over | mercies and judgments. The mercy promises and the wise administration senate, to make treaties. The ques- Look! The morning already begins the roll of bad men who prospered and of God is first to be tried upon this of President McKinley; although it is tion, then, is whether we can, by cali- to tip the hills. The military officers see how short was their prosperity. nation. It will be preached in the pula foregone conclusion that McKinley ing these tariff arrangements with for- of Ai look out in the morning very For awhile, like the men of Ai, they pits, in theaters, on the streets- ev- with such wondrous power from God. eign countries "treaties," use article 2 early, and, while they do not see the went from conquest to conquest, but erywhere. People will be invited to and although there never was a time of the constitution to nullify article 1 division in ambush, they behold the after awhile disaster rolled back upon accept the mercy of the gospel, and the when the Republican party was more of the same instrument. Apparently other division of Joshua and the cry, them, and they were divided into three story and the song and the prayer will united than now, yet there is danger the arrangements under discussion did "To arms!" rings through parts. Misfortune took their property, be "mercy." But suppose they do not all the streets of the old town, and the grave took their body and the lost accept the offer of mercy-what then? every sword, whether hacked and bent world took their soul. I am always Then God will come with his judgis to "raise revenue." Thus we have, or newly welded, is brought out, and interested in the building of the pal- ments, and the grasshoppers will eat all the inhabitants of the city of Ai aces of dissipation. I like to have the crops, and the freshets will devaspour through the gates, an infuriated them built of the best granite and have tate the valleys, and the defalcations torrent, and their cry is, "Come, we'll the rooms made large and to have the will swallow the money markets, and make quick work with Joshua and his pillars made very firm. God is going the fires will burn the cities, and the to conquer them, and they will be turn- earth will quake from pole to pole, ed into asylums and art galleries and Year of mercies and of judgments: No sooner had these people of Ai churches. The stores in which fraud- year of invitation and of warning: come out against the troops of Joshua | ulent men do business, the splendid | year of jubilee and of woe. Which than Joshua gave such a command as | banking institutions where the presi- | side are you going to be on-with the he seldom gave-"Fall back!" Why, dent and cashier put all their property men of Ai or the men of Joshua? Pass they could not believe their own ears! in their wives' hands and then fail for over this Sabbath into the ranks of Is-Is Joshua's courage failing him? The \$500,000, all these institutions are to rael. I would clap my hands at the retreat is beaten, and the Israelites become the places where honest Chris- joy of your coming. You will have a

than Bull Run defeat. And you ought get through your ill-gotten gains? The cannot stand what is to come upon to hear the soldiers of Ai cheer and wicked do not live out half their days. you and upon the world unless you cheer and cheer. But they huzza too For awhile they swagger and strut have the pardon and the comfort and soon. The men lying in ambush are and make a great splash in the news- the help of Christ. Come over! On straining their vision to get some sig- papers, but after awhile it all dwindles this side are your happiness and safenal from Joshua that they may know down into a brief paragraph: "Died ty; on the other side are disquietude In our opinion it would be well for what time to drop upon the city. Josh- suddenly, April 8, 1900, at 35 years of and despair. Eternal defeat to the men ua takes his burnished spear, glittering age. Relatives and friends of the fam- of Ai! Eternal victory to the men of in the sun like a shaft of doom, and lly are invited to attend the funeral Joshua! points it toward the city, and when the on Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the men up yonder in the ambush see it late residence on Madison square. Inwith hawklike swoop they drop upon | terment at Greenwood or Oak Hill." Ai and without stroke of sword or Some of them jumped off the docks. Indian agent of the manner in which stab of spear take the city and put it | Some of them took prussic acid. Some | a doll averted an Indian war. On one of them fell under the snap of a Der- occasion Gen. Crook was trying to put tory, secular and ecclesiastical. Among So much for the division that was ringer pistol. Some of them spent a band of Apaches back on their reserin ambush. How about the division | their days in a lunatic asylum. Where | vation, but could not catch them withunder Joshua's command? No sooner are William Tweed and his associates? out killing them, and that he did not does Joshua stop in the flight than all Where are Ketcham and Swartwout, wish to do. One day his men captured bols of the dead. Medieval romancing his men stop with him, and as he absconding swindlers? Where are a little Indian girl and took her to the wheels they wheel, for in a voice of James Fisk, the libertine, and all the fort. She was quiet all day, saying not thunder he cried "Halt!" one strong other misdemeanants? The wicked do a word, but her beady black eyes arm driving back a torrent of flying not live out half their days. Disem- watched everything. When night breasts. One of the old chroniclers troops. And then, as he points his bogue, O world of darkness! Come came, however, she broke down and describes an apparition seen in the spear through the golden light toward up. Hildebrand and Henry II. and sobbed, just as any white chilld would that fated city, his troops know that Robespierre and, with blistering and have done. The men tried in vain to they are to start for it. What a scene blaspheming and ashen lips, hiss out, comfort her, until the agent had an it was when the division in ambush "The triumph of the wicked is short." idea. From an officer's wife he bor-Awaiting Opportunities.

How much may be accomplished by her little daughter, and when the lying in ambush for opportunities. Are Apache was made to understand that you hypercritical of Joshua's maneu- she could have it, her sobs ceased and soo was a hedles manne." ver? Do you say that it was cheating she fell asleep. When morning came caught between these two hurricanes for him to take that city by ambus- the doll was still clasped in her arms. of Israelitish courage, thrust before cade? Was it wrong for Washington She played with it all day, and apparand behind, stabbed in breast and to kindle campfires on Jersey heights, ently all thought of getting back to her giving the impression to the opposing | tribe left her. Several days passed and the nether millstones of God's indigna- force that a great army was encamped then the little Apache girl, with her tion! Woe to the city of Ai! Cheer there when there was none at all? I doll still in her possession, was sent answer, if the war was right, then back to her people. When the child Joshua was right in his stratagem. He reached the Indians with the pretty jasper that lay at the foot of the There is such a thing as victorious violated no flag of truce. He broke doll in her chubby hands it made a cross. The crimson crept through the retreat. Joshua's falling back was the no treaty, but by a lawful ambuscade great sensation among them, and the structure of the stone, and this was the first chapter in his successful besiege- captured the city of Ai. Oh, that we next day the mother came with the parent of this beautiful jewel. The American manufacturers are reaching ment. And there are times in your all knew how to lie in ambush for child to the post. She was kindly re- dark red spots and veins were supposout all over the world, and already the life when the best thing you can do is opportunities to serve God. The best ceived and hospitably created, and ed to represent the blood of Christ, total of our foreign trade is only a lit- to run. You were once the victim of of our opportunities do not lie on the through her the tribe was persuaded and many wonderful properties were tle behind Great Britain's, and is gain- strong drink. The demijohn and the surface, but are secreted. By tact, by to move back to the reservation. came down upon you with greater fury you may take almost any castle of sin than the men of Ai came upon the men | for Christ. Come up toward men with of Joshua. Your only safety is to get a regular besiegement of argument. away from them. Your dissipating and you will be defeated, but just wait companions will come around you for until the door of their hearts is set your overthrow. Run for your life! ajar, or they are off their guard, or Fall back! Fall back from the drink- their severe caution is away from ing saloon! Fall back from the wine home, and then drop in on them from party! Your flight is your advance; a Christian ambuscade. There has a saloon down on the next street that scientific portfolios which proved there Then why do you go along that street? his pen a scimeter flung into the heart Why do you not pass through of theological opponents, who neversome other street rather than by the theless has been discomfited and capplace of your calamity? A spoonful tured for God by some little 3-year-old of brandy taken for medicinal pur- child who has got up and put her poses by a man who 20 years before snowy arms around his sinewy neck had been reformed from drunkenness and asked some simple question about castor oil and rub their gums with a

Importance of Good Aim. The importance of taking good aim.

he says he can read anything. What when they are to drop on the city, and are you reading? Bolingbroke? An- how are these men around Joshua to drew Jackson Davis' tracts? Tyndall's know when they are to stop their flight | Politician-So? Expansion or silver, I Glasgow university address? Drop and advance? There must be some them and run. You will be an infidel signal-a signal to stop the one divibefore you die unless you quit that. sion and to start the other. Joshua,

"There is the city. Take it!" God knows and we know that a great deal of Christian attack amounts to nothing simply because we do not take good aim. Nobody knows and we do not know ourselves which point we want to take when we ought to make up our minds what God will have us to do and point our spear in that direction and then hurl our body, mind, soul, time, eternity at that one tar-

The Need of Courage. I have heard it said: "Look out for a man who has only one idea; he is irresistible." I say look out for the man who has one idea, and that a determination for soul saving. I believe two armies from the tip of that spear. pew. It is sinful for us to rest unless it is is a work for all of us. Oh, that we might stand up side by side and point the spear toward the city! It ought to be taken. It will be taken. Our cities are drifting off toward loose religion or what is called "libera! Christianity," which is so liberal that it gives up all the cardinal doctrines of the Bible; so liberal that it surrenders the rectitude of the throne of the Almighty. That is liberality with a gently, as in the phrase "continuing invengeance. Let us decide upon the work which we as Christian men have to do and in the strength of God go to work and do it. \* \* \*

A Year of Mercles. I believe that the next year will be poer chance for this world and the great faith, no, not in Israel," where it teens on every side under this worse How long will it take your boys to world to come without Jesus. You

> Saved by a Doll. An exchange gives a story told by an

The Editor's Mistake. Editors have their troubles. One of these men, who presides over the destinies of a western newspaper, is mourning the loss of two subscribers. No. 1 wrote asking how to raise his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how he might rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answers went forward by mail, but by accident the editor put them into the wrong envelopes, so that the man with the twins received the answer: "Cover them care- he is, when he noticed that there were fully with straw and set fire to it, and no pockets in them he said he didn't then the little pests, after jumping in the flames for a few minutes, will be speedily settled." And the man with the grasshoppers was told to "give bone."-The Columbian.

An Annual Disturbance.

Politician-How are things up in your country? Farmer-Waal, I tell you, the country's likely to be consid'able disturbed most any time now. suppose. Farmer-Spring plowin'.

Insolence is not logic; epithets are pan as the "lightning burglar," goes to the arguments of malice.-R. G. In- his doom with a total of seventy-one

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON IV. APRIL 22 - LUKE, CHAP. VII, VS. 1-10

Golden Text-"Like As a Father Pitieth His Children, So the Lord Pitieth Them That Fear Him."-Psa. 103:13 -Healing a Servant.

1. "When he had ended all his sayings." Those of the Sermon on the Mount. Both in Luke and in Matthew a series of miracles follows close upon the promulgation of the laws and principles of the kingdom of God. In Luke the Sermon on the Mount condensed into thirty verses (Luke 6: 20-49) is followed by two miracles and the summary of many more presented as a proof to John the Baptist that Jesus was the Mes-

2. "He entered into Capernaum." By the Sea of Galilee, where he seems to have made his home during his Galilean ministry, and the center of his work in that whole region. "And a certain centurion was a Roman military officer. "All Palestine was under Roman military government; this centurion was probably connected with the garrison at Capernaum. "Centurion's servant, who was dear unto him." R. V. margin, "precious to him," or "honorable with him." "Was sick, and ready to die," R. V., "at the point of death." His disease, according to Matthew, was the palsy, and he was "grievously tormented."

3. "And when he heard of (concerning) Jesus," the words and the deeds which showed his character and his power, "He sent unto him the elders of the Jews.' Not of the synagogue, for which another word is used, but of the people, the Jewish government, the leading men, heads of families. The centurion probably felt that Jesus, being a Jewish prophet, would be most influenced by the leaders of his own people, who were the centurion's

4. "Besought him instantly," i. e., urstant in prayer."-Cambridge Bible.

"He loveth our nation," attracted doubtless by the great superiority of their religion, their loftier hopes, their better morality. "He hath built us a synagogue," thus expressing his interest and faith in their religion.

6. "Then Jesus went with them." saying according to Matthew, "I will come centurion's house, "which was probably in the suburbs," in order to releve his anxiety before Jesus could arrive. As message. He probably had heard of the

is all powerful in the ranks which I command. Military service demands instant, unquestioning obedience 9. "He marveled at him." "Only twice

lesson on faith, "I have not found so would naturally be expected, for they report of Matthew (8: 11-13) follows an earnest warning to the Jews, and com-

10. Jesus sent word to the centurion, 'As thou has believed, so be it done unto thee." "Found the servant whole," restored to health. The authoritative word had gone forth, as the centurion had expected.

Headless People.

It is curious how often and how persistently, headlessness has figured in popular legend and in legendary histhe men of the prehistoric age, in the very dawn of time, roughly drawn or scratched headless figures were symtravelers wrote gravely of strange races of men who were said to be destitute of heads, and to have eyes in the thirteenth year of King Edward IV.'s reign. There was a voice heard, he says, in the air between Leicester and Banbury, and "in dyverse other places, rowed a pretty doll that belonged to crying for a long time Bowes! Bowes! which was herde of forty menne; and some menne said that he that cryed

Bloodstones Almost every jewel has a superstition of some sort attaching to it, and the bloodstone is not wanting in this particular. The story is told of it that at the time of the Crucifixion some drops of blood fell on a piece of dark green attributed to the stone. It was thought to preserve its wearer from dangers, to bring good fortune and to heal many diseases.

Wanted Pockets.

The Ladies' Aid society is sewing steadily these days for the benefit of the families who have been worsted by misfortune. One family of children they are trying to get ready for school, and recently they called with a pair of small trousers for a little tot. He needed trousers, but, like the true boy want them. The motherly women tock the hint, and all trousers, however small, now have pockets in them.

The Latest Wrinkle. "See here," demanded the irate customer, as by the aid of the mirror be

"what does this mean?" "That, sir," explained the quick-witted tailor, "is the latest wrinkle.

detected a pucker across his back.

Japanese Burglar.

An extraordinary criminal, known as Sakamonto Keijiro, and famed in Jacrimes