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Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson has had a fire-proof vault built in her San Francisco house, where she keeps the numerous unfinished or unpublished manuscripts of her husband.

A commercial weekly, in reviewing current prices, says that lemons are "stronger" and raspberries "firmer." Unfortunately this does not mean that a dozen lemons will make more lemonade or that it will be harder to convert raspberries into jam.

The first gold pens made in this country were all manufactured by hand, the gold being cut from strips of the metal by scissors, and every subsequent operation being performed by hand. These hand-made gold pens cost from \$5 to \$20, and were far inferior to the machine made article of the present day.

The sixth contract for American locomotives to be delivered in Japan has just been closed with the American locomotive company and will be filled from Schenectady. It is for eighteen engines. An order for thirty locomotives for the government railroads of New Zealand is being filled at the Baldwin works in Philadelphia.

The tendency among the British middle classes is rather to live above their incomes than within them. There is also a passion for luxury in London and a desire to display, which seems a peculiarly stupid and useless desire in a huge city, where one seldom knows one's neighbors. And so, too, the cordial "pot luck" dinners of a generation ago have given place to ceremonial champagne functions, in which a man out of dress clothes is out of place.

A detective of a big department store said the other day: "Winter is by all means our busiest season. In summer time the stores are bothered but little by shoplifters, but as soon as cool weather sets in their annual reapparance begins. Why? Well, I figure it this way. First, there are fewer persons in the stores in hot weather and the nimble-fingered ones | The modes and methods of fifty years run a greater risk of discovery. Then, again, winter clothes-long overcoats and wraps-are the best possible means of concealing their booty. That is probably the main reason for the shoplifter's inactivity during the warm months."

schaum pipe in this country is now in interesting in what we say unless we process of coloring by a New York merchant, who bought it from a local which we live. All the woebegonish manufacturer recently for \$1,800. The statistics are given by those who are pipe is known as a "character" pipe trying in our time to work with the to the trade, and is a wonderfully carved reproduction of the painting "St. John at His Bath." It represents six maidens grouped around a fountain and substitute the foot stoves which and either St. John is concealed behind the fountain or in it; he is not in sight, at any rate. The figures are chiseled from a solid piece of meerschaum, which was imported from Turkey. The labor expended upon it extended over a period of two years, and the amber mouthpiece alone cost

The money value of a title in other than a matrimonial market is illustrated by the policy of an old established manufacturing business in New York city which sells its products all over Europe. The present manager, like his father, is very democratic, but for business reasons he continues the policy established by his father. No agents are employed abroad except men with titles. This is easily arranged in Germany and France and Russia, but it sometimes causes inconvenience in England. A titled agent on the continent, no matter how poor he may be, can usually get a hearing in a business house easier than a man without a title. No bogus titles are allowed, and the company's list of foreign agents reads like a court circular.

Books that sell by the hundred thousand are not common, yet there are some instances that are not modern. It is now just about two hundred and forty years since one John Bunyan was shut up in Bedford jail. He stayed there twelve years; but a book of his went free, and no man since that day could have suppressed or imprisoned it, even had he wished. Millions of copies of it have been printed. Probably more copies are sold in any one month, now, than could have been disposed of in a year during the author's lifetime, and the book is as vital a part of this twentieth century as it was of any preceding time. There are excellent books among the "popular novels," but-spite of all the adulatory comment-it would be hard to point out one that seems likely to weather two centuries and more as bravely as has "Pilgrim's Progress."

the combatants acidentally touched the our immortal nature-a Christ who point of his sword to the ground. The seconds immediately stopped the compat until the sword could be sterilized. One cannot help recalling the famous :artoon in Punch which represented the two Irishmen waiting behind a tock for their landlord, one with a thotgun, the other with a club. "Sare the master do be very late," says one. enxiously. "He is," says the other. "I a Christ for every trial and every tope he have met wid no accident." After this one cannot regard that caroon as merely a humorous fancy.

DAY'S SUBJECT.

Saw That Church Attendance Is on the brews x: 25.

(Copyright, 190), by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.1 Washington, Sept. 15 .- Most encouraging to all Christian workers is this discourse of Dr. Talmage while denying the accuracy of statistics which represent Sunday audiences as diminishing; text. Hebrews x: 25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves to-

Startling statements have been made in many of the pulpits and in some of the religious newspapers. It is heard over and over again that church attendance in America is in decadence. I deny the statements by presenting some hard facts. No one will dispute the fact that there are more churches in America than ever before, one denomination averaging two new churches every day of the year. The law of demand and supply is as inexorable in the kingdom of God as it is in the world. More churches supplied argues more church privileges demanded. More banks, more bankers; more factories, more manufacturers; more ships, more importers; more churches.

more attendants. In all our cities within a few years churches have been built large enough to swallow up two or three of the oldtime churches. I cannot understand with what kind of arithmetic and slate pencil a man calculates when he comes to the conclusion that church attendance in America is in decadence. Take the aggregate of the number of people who enter the house of God now and compare it with the aggregate of the people who entered the nouse of God twenty-five years ago, and the present attendance is four to one. The facts are most exhilarating instead of being depressing. That man who represents the opposite statistics must have been most unfortunate in his church ac-

Use of Modern Methods.

Churches are often cleared of their audiences by the attempt to transplant the modes of the past into the present. ago are no more appropriate for to-day than the modes and methods of to-day will be appropriate for fifty years hence. Dr. Kirk, Dr. McElioy, Dr. Mason, Dr. De Witt, Dr. Vermilyea and hundreds of other men just as good as they were never lacked audiences, because they were abreast of the time in Probably the most elaborate meer- which they lived. People will not be understand the spirit of the day in wornout machinery of the past times. Such men might just as well throw the furnaces out of our church basements our grandmothers used to carry with them to meeting, and throw out our organs and our cornets and take the old-fashioned tuning fork, striking it on the knee and then lifting it to the ear to catch the pitch of the hymn, and might as well throw out our modern platforms and modern pulpits and substitute the wineglass pulpit up which the minister used to climb to the dizzy height of Mont Blanc solitariness and then go in and out of sight and shut the door after him. When you can get the great masses of the people to take passage from Albany to Buffalo in stage-coach or canalboat in preference to the lightning express train which an illustration of the vicarious sufdoes it in four hours, then you can get the great masses of the people to go to field, N. J., two little children were

Sympathies of the People.

At a meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States a clergyman accustomed on the Sabbath to preach to an audience of two or three hundred people. in an audience room that could hold fifteen hundred, was appointed to preach a sermon on how to reach the masses. I am told the incongruity was too much for the risibilities of many of the clergy in the audience. Now, a young man coming out from such bedwarfing influences, how can be enter into the wants and the woes and the sympathies of the people who want on the Lord's day a practical gospel that will help them all the week and help them forever?

Young ministers are told they must preach Christ and him crucified. Yes. but not as an abstraction. Many a away, but the mail carrier perished. minister has preached Christ and him crucified in such a way that he preached an audience of five hundred down of deliverance, then falling back into to two hundred, and from two hundred to one hundred, and from one hundred to fifty, and from fifty to twenty, and on down until there was but little left save the sexton, who was paid to stay until the service was over and lock up. There is a great deal of cant about Christ and him crucified. It is not Christ and him crucified as an abstraction, but as an omnipotent sympathy During a recent French duel one of applied to all the wants and woes of will help us in every domestic, social, financial, political, national strugglea Christ for the parlor, a Christ for the nursery, a Christ for the kitchen, a for the banking house, a Christ for the street, a Christ for the store, a Christ for the banking house, a Christ for the factory, a Christ for the congressional assembly, a Christ for the courtroom,

> emergency and every perturbation .. Meeting Public Needs.

THE NORTHWESTERN, TALMAGE'S SERMON, we ministers can meet their wants, tion for my soul because I met the "CHURCH DECADENCE" LAST SUN- If there be a church with small help. and said the body of the man who had audience; large help, large audience, tricity? If there be a famine in a city and three depots of bread and one depot has 100 Increase "Not Forsaking the Assem- loaves and another 500 loaves and aubling of Ourselves Together" - He- other depot 10,000 lonves, the depot that has 100 loaves will have applicants, the depot that has 500 loaves will have far more applicants, the depot that has 10,000 loaves will have throngs, throngs, throngs.

Oh, my brethren in the Christian ministry, we must somehow get our shoulder under the burden of the peogood stout life, and we can do it. We have it all our own way. It is a great pity if, with the floor clear and no interruption, we cannot during the course of an hour get our hymn or our prayer or our sermon under such momentum we can, by the help of God, lift the people, body, mind and soul,

often empties the church of auditors. reading newspapers and by active association in business circles, will not on the Sabbath sit and listen to platitudes. Hearers will not come to sermons which have in them no important facts, no information, no stirring power, no adaptation, no fire. The pew will not listen to the pulpit unless the pulpit knows more than the pew. Ministerial laziness has cleared out many churches. Such ministers saunter around from parlor to parlor under the name of pastoral visitation and go gadding about through the village or the city on errands of complete nothingness and wrap their brains around a cigar and smoke them up, and then on Saturday afternoon put a few crude thoughts together and on Sunday morning wonder that the theme of Christ and him crucified does not bring a large audience, and on Monday sit down and write jeremiads for the religious newspapers about the decadence of church attendance.

Churchgoing as a Duty.

People will not go to church merely as a matter of duty. There will not next Sabbath be a thousand people in any city who will get up in the morning and say: "The Bible says I must go to church. It is my duty to go to church, therefore I will go to church.' The vast multitude of people who go to church go to church because they like it, and the multitude of people who stay away from church stay away because they do not like it. I am not speaking about the way the world ought to be, I am speaking about the way the world for serpent slaying, and these ibises is. Taking things as they are, we must make the centripetal force of baskets, and they were carried at the the church mightier than the centri-

We must make our churches magnets to draw the people thereunto, so that a man will feel uneasy if he does not go to church, saying: "I wish I had gone this morning. I wonder if I can't dress yet and get there in time. It is 11 o'clock; now they are singing. It is half-past 11; now they are preaching. I wonder when the folks will be home to tell us what was said, what has been going on." When the impression is confirmed that our churches, by architecture, by music, by sociality and by sermon, shall be made the most attractive places on earth, then we will want twice as many churches as we have now, twice as large, and then they will not half accommodate the

Vicarious Suffering.

Why should we go away off to get fering of Jesus Christ when at Blooma church half a century behind the walking on the rail track and a train The Professor's Remarkable Feats of was coming; but they were on a bridge of trestlework, and the little girl took her brother and let him down through the trestlework as gently as she could toward the water, very carefully and lovingly and cautiously, so that he might not be hurt in the fall and picked up by those who were standing near by; while doing that the train struck her, and hardly enough of her body was left to gather into a funeral casket? What was that? Vicarious suffering. Like Christ, Pang for others. Wee for others. Death for others. What is the use of our going away off to find an illustration in past ages when in Michigan a mail carrier on horseback, riding on, pursued by those flames which had swept over a hundred miles, saw an old man by the roadside, dismounted, helped the old man on the horse, saying, "Now, whip up and get away" The old man got Just like Christ dismounting from the glories of heaven to put us on the way the flames of sacrifice for others. Pang for others. Wee for others. Death for others. Vicarious suffering. What is the use of our going away off in ancient history to find an illustration of the fact that it is dangerous to defy God when in the Adirondacks I saw a flash of lightning and bolt so vivid I said, "That struck something very A few hours afterward we found that two farmers that Monday morning had been seated under a tree. the one boasting how the day before on the Lord's day-he had got his hay in and so cheated the Lord out of when the lightning struck one dead own.-Baltimore Sun. instantly, and the other had been two weeks in bed when we left the Adirondacks and has become an invalid, I suppose, for life. He did not make tocratic families?" inquired the seeker Ah, my friends, churches will be as much out of the Lord as he thought after knowledge. largely attended just in proportion as he did. Was it any less an illustra- promptly replied the man who knew.

reavements and meet their sympathies. funeral, and he told me of the facts small audience, medium help, medium been destroyed was black with elec-

The Blessed Rest. What is the use of going away off to get an illustration when in a house on Third avenue, Brooklyn, I saw a woman dying, and she said, "Mr. Talmage, heaven used to be to me a great way off, but it now is just at the foot of the bed?" What is the use of your going away off to get illustrations of a victorious deathbed when all Wales was filled with the story of the dying experience of Frances Ridple on the Lord's day and give them a ley Havergal? She got her feet wet standing on the ground preaching temperance and the gospel to a group of boys and men, went home with a chill, and congestion set in, and they told her she was very dangerously sick. "I thought so," she said, "but it is really too good to be true that I am going. Doctor, do you really think I clear out of their sins, temptations and am going?" "Yes." "Today?" "Probably." She said, "Beautiful, splendid, I think that ministerial laziness to be so near the gate of heaven." Then after a spasm of pain she nestled Hearers, who are intelligent through down in the pillows and said, "There now, it is all over-blessed rest." Then she tried to sing, and she struck one glad note, high note of praise to Christ, but could sing only one word, "He," and then all was still. She finished it in heaven.

No Need for Apologies.

It is high time that the church of God stopped writing apotogies for the church. Let the men who are on the outside, who despise religion, write the apologies. If any people do not want the church, they need not have it. It is a free country. If any man does not want the gospel, he need not have it. It is a free country. But you go out. O people of God, and give the gospel to the millions of America who do want it! It is high time to stop skirmishing and bring on a general engagement I want to live to see the Armaggedon, all the armies of heaven and heli in battle array, for I know our conqueror on the white horse will gain the day. Let the church of God be devoted to nothing else, but go right on to this conquest.

When Moses with his army was trying to conquer the Ethiopians, profane history says, it was expected that he would go in a roundabout way and come by the banks of the river, as other armies had done, because the straight route was infested with snakes, and no army and no man had dared to go across this serpent infested region. But Moses surprised them. He sent his men out to gather up ibises. The ibis is a bird celebrated were gathered into crates and into ing up to the serpent infested region, the crates were opened, and the ibises flew forth, and the way was cleared, and the army of Moses marched right on and came so unexpectedly on the Ethiopians that they flew in wild dismay. O church of God, you are not to march in a roundabout way, but to go straight forward, depending upon winged influences to clear the way. Hosts of the living God, march on, march on! Church attendance, large now, is going to be larger yet. The sky is brightening in every direction. i am glad for the boy and girl five years old. I think they may see the millennium. The wheel of Christian progress has never made one revolution backward. The world moves, the kingdom advances. All nations will yet salute the standards of Prince Immanuel. To him be glory in the church throughout all ages! Amen.

## ABSENT-MINDED SCIENTIST.

Lack of Memory The absent-mindedness of Dr. Alfred Emerson, the archeologist, formerly of the Johns Hopkins University, and who is now abroad making a collection of antiquities for the museum of the University of California, is well known among his Baltimore friends. The memorable occasion when, booked for a public lecture at the Hopkins, he let his audience wait in ghastly suspense while he, all unconscious of the engagement, was found busily employed unpacking a box of casts, will long be remembered. His carefully adjusting a fresh collar over one already on, his going to the station and forgetting to take his train, are historic in university lore; but it remains for his friend and co-laborer, Joseph Thatcher Clark of the British Museum, to teil the fol lowing story. The pair were en route to make some important excavations and had reached Southern Europe. when Dr. Emerson appeared with an indignant face and a letter from America in his hand. He explained that the letter was from one of his several brothers, accusing him of having absent-mindedly carried off several shirts belonging to the brother when starting abroad. "To prove hom basely false and unjust his suspicions are." said the troubled doctor, "I will get all my shirts and spread them out before you and see if you can find a single one bearing any initial other than my own." The shirts, eleven in number, were produced, and consternation followed when they were found to be variously labeled Arthur Hale, G. Emthat part of the time anyhow, and erson, H. Emerson, I. Z., N. F. K. In both of them laughing over the fact, all except two-these bearing no achievement by which they had label at all, and presumably Dr. Emwronged the Lord of his holy day, erson's bore initials other than his

> "What is the name of that book that shows the social standing of the aris-"'Bradstreet's'

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XIII. SEPT. 29 A REVIEW OF THE QUARTER.

Golden Text-"The Memory of the Lord Is from Everlasting to Everlasting Upon Them That Fear Him"-Psa. 103: 17 Beginnings of History.

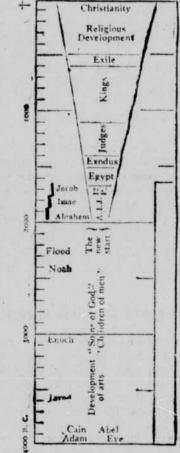
The history may be taught in three methods according to the guiding prin-

I. By the Historical Method. Noting the great events which mark the progress by pochs. It is not worth while to learn by heart all the details; but the great events, which are like milestones, denoting the stages of progress in the onward march of human history, should be committed to memory.

"God, Creation, Man, Paradise, The Fall, The Progress of Wickedness, The Deluge, The Call of Abraham, The Great Covenant.

The exact dates no one knows. But it s well to keep in mind the dates in the margins of our Bibles, so that we may realize the time element and the relation of the events to one another. Read the first thirty-live chapters of Genesis

II. By the Biographical Method. This is the basis of the selections of the International Committee for the present scheme of six years, "Universal history." says Carlyle. "the history of what man has accomplished in this world, is at bottom the history of the great men who "One comfort is that great men, taken up in any way, are profitable company. We cannot look upon a great man without gaining something from him." "We all love great men. 'Does not every true man feel that he is himself made higher by doing reverence to what is really above him?" "It is well said, in every sonse, that a man's religion is the chief fact with regard to him. A man's or a nation of men's." Let us, therefore, make character sketches of the men we have been studying, giving lirst a brief biography, and the traits



which make them influential, the characteristics that make them attractive, the faults to be avoided!

"Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Enoch, Noah. Abraham, Sarah, Lot, Isaac, Rebekah,

Jacob, Esau, Laban. III. By the Travel Method. The different places, and the journeys between them, are the connecting thread of the Use the map, or draw an outline, and have the scholars locate the

places and trace the journeys: "Ur, Chaldea, Haran, Canaan, Shechem. Bethel, Hebron, Beersheba, Oaks o Mamre, Cave of Machpelah, Gerar, Egypt Padan-aram, Peniel, The Brook Jabbok. In The Outlook find the following, which can be used by many students with

great advantage: "Another new course will be introduced

this year in Brooklyn, following the method of the study of literature in the schools. For instance, a boy in studying Whittier is told to make for himself book. On the cover which he will design he will introduce a picture of Whittier's home. Then he will write for this book a brief life of the author, and a list of his principal writings with quotations, gaining as a result a simple, clear, and permanen knowledge of Whittier. What boy would fail to be delighted with such study? plying this method, a portion of the Bible such as (the Book of Genesis for this quarter or) the Pentateuch will be taken, torn from its binding, and each boy will design a cover for the same, either in black and white, or in water colors. He will, by the inductive process, seek in the book the suggestions for his designs. He will also write an outline of the principal distorical or religious facts, and other items of information, that will give a simple idea of that portion of scripture. The books or the Bible will be divided into their natural groups, and after cov ers are designed for these, the whole will enclosed in a cover designed for the

entire Bible. "It is hoped that after this course a boy will have such an intelligent grasp of the Scripture, with its wealth of history, poetry, prophecy and spiritual help, will reverence and love it, and have a foundation for rapid progress in the study of the Word, which will lead to rich results in succeeding years. There is room for much more work in this kind of Bible study, and it is suggested that those in charge of work utilize the privileges suggested and make an effort

Once Reporter, Now Oil King. D. R. Beatty, one of the new Texas oil kings, was a reporter when the news of a great oil "strike' came in. He got together \$10 and by putting that up as a security he "bluffed" the discoverers and got valuable lands. which proved so fruitful that he was able to pay the balance due on them in a few weeks.

## JACKSTRAWS.

Ready for the fray-a wornout garment.

The land of plenty-from the immigrant ship.

Even a big fat man may feel a personal slight.

It takes time to bring many a jailbird to his senses.

The more a man is envied the less real happiness he has. "There's no use talking," thought the conceited parrot, "I'm a bird."



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#### "OH, MAMA, Something is Biting Me."

It is not itching piles that alls you or your child. It is the pin or seat worm that causes you or your child to have rectal trouble. Soon after retiring for the night the worm appears. It bites and stings and causes scratching and aching. Mothers know what it means when the child cries out: "Ma, Ma, something is biting me." And sure enough, upon examining her child, she finds the naughty, white, sharp pointed at both ends, the troublesome pin worm imbedded in the child's rectum. This worm causes more nervousness to young orold persons causes more nervousness to young or old persons
than any other disease. And the itching is not
piles but pin worm. The only sure and harmless remedy is STEKETEE'S PIN WORM
DESTROYER. Ask your druggist for Steke-DESTROYER. Ask your druggist for Steke-tee's Pin Worm Destroyer. In order that you get the right medicine, send me 25c postage. Will send by return mail. Address GEO. G. STEKETEE, Grand Rapids, Mich. Please mention this paper.

Cranks are persons who do not see things as you do.

How Clothes Are Blistered.

Many of the starches now being used in washable fabrics contain ingredients that break and blister the goods so that after a few washings they are of little service. Defiance starch (made in Nebraska) is manufactured with a special view to obviating the difficulty. It contains a solution that can in no way injure the linen-but instead gives it a smooth, glossy finish that makes goods look new after each ironby Magnetic Starch Co., Omaha, Neb.

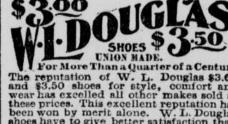
Hope is the froth that hides the dregs in life's cup.

## 123 PAINT

When you paint you want it, 1 to last; 2 look well; 3 protect your house. Some paint does 1, not 2 or 3; some does 2 awhile, not 1 or 3; lead and oil does 2 well, 3 fairly, 1 badly.

Better have it all; 1 2 3 paint: Devoe ready paint; the best isn't too good.

Get Devoe of your dealer; take nothing less. Pamphlet on painting sent free if you mention this paper. GOOD-PAINT DEVOE, CHICAGO.



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