Golden Text: "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So"-Psalms 107:2 - The Apostle of Prayer the Great Conqueror of All Evil.



N overture, an antiphon, a doxology is this chapter, and in my text David calls for an outspoken religion, and requests all who have been rescued and blessed ne longer to hide the splendid facts, but to recite them,

publish them, and as far as possible let all the world know about it. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." There is a sinful reticence which has been almost canonized. The people are quite as outspoken as they ought to be on all subjects of politics, and are fluent and cence. Now, if you have been redeemed deemed of the Lord said so! of the Lord, why do you not say so? If you have in your heart the pearl of great price, worth more than the Koh-ilet others see it? If you got off the wreck in the breakers, why not tell of story you are rescued in time of conflagration, why not tell of the fireman and the ladder down which he carried you? If you have a mansion in heaven awaiting you, why not show the deed to those who may by the same process get an emerald castle on the same boulevard? By the last two words of my text David calls upon all of us who have received any mercy at the hand of God to stop impersonating the asylums for the dumb, and in the presence of men, women, angels, devils, and all worlds, "say so."

How, then, shall a universal revival home and roll on the floor in agony. start? By all Christian people telling and shouted for joy. All that discour- so. eges me, for I was never knocked sense- There are men to whom life is a grind Christian man got up in some meeting be met and conquered, and they never ued at \$5,000. and told us how he was brought up by a so much as had a rose pinned to their devout parentage, and had always been coat lapel in admiration. They never thoughtful about religious things, and had a song dedicated to their name. gradually the peace of the Gospel came They never had a book presented to into his soul like the dawn of the morn- them with a complimentary word on ing-no perceptible difference between the fly leaf. All they have to show for moment and moment-but after awhile their lifetime battle is scars. But in all perturbation settled down into a the Last Day the story will come out, hope that had consoled and strength- and that life will be put in holy and ened him during all the vicissitudes of transcendent rhythm, and their courage a lifetime. I said, "That is exhilarat- and persistence and faith and victory ing; that was my experience," and so I will not only be announced, but rewas strengthened. In another prayer warded. "These are they that come meeting a man got up and told us how out of great tribulation and had their he once hated God, and went through all the round of iniquity, until we were all on nettles lest he should go too much into the particulars, but one day he was by some religious power hurled at, and ' then got up a Christian, and had ever since been going around with a Baxter Bible with large flaps under his arm, a floating evangelist. Well, under this story many are not helped at all, for they know they never hated God, and they were never dissolute. But after awhile some Christian woman arises and says, "I have nothing extraordinary to tell; yet I think the cares of life, the anxieties about my children and two graves opened in our family plot, made me feel the need of God, and weak and helpless and heart-broken, I flung myself upon his mercy, and I feel what the Bible calls the 'peace of God which passeth all understanding,' and I ask your prayers that I may live nearer to the Christ who has done so much for still, needs no last judgment to get me." I declare that before that woman got through we were all crying, not bitter tears, but tears of joyful emotion, and in three days, in that neighbor-

say so." What a confirmation would come if all who had answers to prayers would

hood, all the ice had gone out of the

river in a springtime freshet of salva-

speak out! If all merchants in tight | who in all ages have encouraged their places because of hard times would tell | husbands in the battle of life, women how, in response to supplication, they | whose names were hardly known begot the money to pay the note. If all | youd the next street or the next farmfarmers in time of drought would tell | house, must have God say to them, how, in answer to prayer, the rain came | "You did well! You did gloriously! just in time to save the crop. If all I saw you down in that dairy. I parents who prayed for a wandering | watched you in the old farmhouse, son to come home would tell how, not | mending those children's clothes. I long after, they heard the boy's hand on heard what you said in the way of the latch of the front door.

should put on his spectacles and read this, I salute him as more qualified than any man since Bible times in demonstrating what prayer can do. Dear Brother Lanphier! The high heavens are full of his fame. Having announced a meeting for 12 o'clock, September 23, 1857, he sat in the upper room on Fulton street, New York, waiting for people to come. He waited for a half hour, and then a foot fall was heard on the steps, and after awhile in all six persons arrived; but the next day twenty, and the next day forty, and from that time to voluble on the Venezuelan question, and this, for over thirty-eight years, every bimetallism, and tariffs, ...gh and low day, Sabbath excepted, that Fulton well for my children as the old folks and remodeled, and female suffrage, Street Prayer Meeting has been a place did for me I will be thankful forever. and you have to skillfully watch your | where people have asked prayer and | The years of my life passed on until, chance if you want to put into active answers to prayers have been an- at about eighteen years of age, I felt conversation a modest suggestion of nounced, and the throb of that great the pressure of eternal realities, and your own; but on the subject of divine heart of supplication has thrilled not after prayer and religious counsel I goodness, religious experience, and only in the heavens, but clear around passed into what I took to be a saved eternal blessedness they are not the world, more than any spot on earth, state, and joined the church, and I atonly silent, but beastful of their reti- That has been the place where the re- test before earth and heaven that I

have hard work to make sermons be- panionship so well that I cannot be satcause no one expresses any apprecia- isefied if I have a day less of it than noor among Victorian jewels, why not tion. They are afraid of making him all eternity. After graduating at colvain. The moment the benediction is legiate and theological institutions I pronounced they turn on their heels had the hands of ten or twelve good men the crew and the stout life boat that and go out. Perhaps it was a subject put upon my head in solemn ordinasafely landed you? If from the fourth on which he had put especial pains. He tion, at Belleville, New Jersey, and I sought for the right text, and then did attest before earth and heaven that his best to put the old thought into the work of the gospel ministry has some new shape. He had prayed that | been delightful, and I expect to preach it might go to the hearts of the peo- until my last hour. Many times I have ple. He had added to the argument passed through deep water of bereavethe most vivid illustrations he could ment, and but for the divine promise think of. He had delivered all with of heavenly reunion, I would have gone a power that left him nervously ex- under, but I attest before earth and hausted. Five hundred people may heaven that the comfort of the gospel have been blessed with it, and resolved is high, deep, glorious, eternal. Many upon a higher life and nobler purpose. | times have I been maligned and my ing a revival of religion. I can tell you good?" Why did not some woman and "The gates of hell shall not prea way of starting a revival, continental, come up and say, "I shall go home to vail against you." hemispheric and world-wide. You say take up the burden of life more cheera revival starts in heaven. Well, it fully?" Why did not some professional starts in heaven just as a prosperous man come up and say, "Thank you, harvest starts in heaven. The sun dominie, for that good advice. I will business and are patient. The assault must shine and the rains must descend, take it. God bless you." Why did of the world is only being rubbed down but unless you plow and sow and culti- they not tell him so? I have known by a rough Turkish towel, and it imwate the earth you will not raise a ministers, in the nervous reaction that proves the circulation and makes one bushel of wheat or a peck of corn be- comes to some after the delivery of a more vigorous. While the future holds tween now and the end of the world. sermon with no seeming result, to go for me many mysteries which I do not

But to make up for this lack of outthe story of their own conversion. Let spoken religion there needs to be and I shall go through the gates and meet ten men and women get up next week | will be a Great Day, when amid the | my Lord and all my kindred who have in your prayer meeting and, not in a solemnities and grandeurs of a listenconventional or canting or doleful way, ing universe God will "say so." No miss more and more as the years go by, but in the same tone they employ in the statistics can state how many mothers and I attest before earth and heaven family or place of business, tell have rocked cradles and hovered over that the glories of the heavenly world how they crossed the line, and the re- infantile sicknesses and brought up illume my pathway. In courts of law vival will begin then and there, if the their families to manhood and woman- the witness may kiss the Bible or lift prayer meeting has not been so dull hood, and lauched them upon useful his right hand in oath, but as I have as to drive out all except those concern- and successful lives, and yet never re- often kissed the dear old Book, I now ing whom it was foreordained for all ceived one "Thank you" that amounted lift my right hand and take oath by him eternity that they should be there, to anything. The daughters became that liveth forever and ever that God There are so many different ways of queens in social life and are affianced is good, and that the gospel is a mighty being converted that we want to hear in highest realms of prosperity; the consolation in days of trouble, and all kinds, so that our own case may be sons took the first honors of the univer- that the best friend a man ever had helped. It always puts me back to sity and became radiant in monetary is Jesus, and that heaven is absolutely hear only one kind of experience, such or professional spheres. Now the secret | sure to those who trust and serve the as a man gives when he tells of his of all that uplifted maternal influence blessed Redeemer; to whom be glory Pauline conversion-how he was must come out. Society did not say and dominion and victory and song, knocked senseless, and then had a vis- so; the church did not say so; the world and chorus of white-robed immortals, ion and heard voices, and after a cer- did not say so, but on that day of all standing on seas of glass mingled with tain number of days of horror got up other days, the Last Day, God will say fire. Amen and amen!

> robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb!" God will say so!

We miss one of the chief ideas of a Last Judgment. We put into the picture the fire, and the smoke, and the earthquake, and the descending angels, and the uprising dead, but we omit to put into the picture that which makes the Last Judgment a magnificent opportunity. We omit the fact that it is to be a day of glorious explanation and commendation. The first justice that millions of unrewarded, and unrecognized, and unappreciated men and women get will be on that day, when services that never called forth so much as a newspaper line of finest pearl or diamond type, as the printers term it, shall be called up for coronation. That will be on the day for enthronement for those whom the world called "Nobodies." Joshua, who commanded the sun and the moon to stand justice done him, but those men do need a last judgment who at times, in all armies, under the most violent assault, in obedience to command, themselves stood still. Deborah, who encouraged Barak to bravery in battion. "Let the redeemed of the Lord tle against the oppressors of Israel, needs no Last Judgment to get justice self. done her, for thousands of years have | The man who minds his own business will clapped her applause. But the wives

cheer when the bread winner of the There lingers on this side of the river | household was in despair. I remember that divides earth and heaven, ready all the sick cradles you have sung to. at any time to cross over, the apostle of I remember the backaches, the headprayer for this century, Jeremiah Cal- aches, the heartaches. I know the vin Lanphier, the founder of the Ful- story of your knitting needle as well as ton Street Prayer Meeting, and if he I know the story of a queen's scepter. Your castle on the heavenly hill is all ready for you. Go up and take it!" And turning to the surprised multitudes of heaven. He will say, "She did

what she could." God will say so. And now I close with giving my own personal testimony, for I must not enjoin upon others that which I decline myself to do. Born at Boundbrook, N. J., of a parentage as pious as the world ever saw, I attest before earth and heaven that I have always felt the elevating and restraining influences of having had a good father and a good mother, and if I am able to do half as have found it a most helpful and in-There are hundreds of ministers who spiring association. I like the com-

For the cheer of younger men in all departments, let me say you will come out all right if you mind your own pretend to solve, I am living in expectation that when my poor work is done preceded me, a precious group whom I

less, and I never had such a sudden and a conflict, hereditary tendencies to the smallest organizations in this counburst of religious rapture that I lost be overcome, accidental environments try, claiming but one organization, with my equilibrium. But after awhile a to be endured, appalling opposition to 100 members. They have a church val-

TEMPERANCE.

The effort to repeal the Sabbath law was defeated in the Pennsylvania house of representatives.

A Young Woman's Christian Temperance union has been formed among the Cherokee Indian girls at Tahlequah,

Michigan legislature has prohibited the sale of liquor within one and onehalf miles of the Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids.

The W. C. T. U. of Covington, Kentucky, has lately given a reception to all the Sunday school workers and teachers of the city. Ways and means were discussed as to the best plans for teaching the next temperance lesson.

Judge Myers of the district court, Leavenworth, Kan., in a case for damages against Dr. Leslie Keeley rules that he must make known the ingredients of his bi-chloride of gold remedy; that it is neither a property right nor a trade secret.

Two illustrious Englishwomen, Florence Nightingale and Jean Ingelow, celebrated their 75th birthday this year. Each lives in London. Miss Nightingale in the west end and Miss Ingelow in Kensington.

A. J. Blackwell, the millionaire aborigine, who owns the cities of Blackwell and David in the Indian Territory, has but the acids in some of them are pretty decided to erect a \$300,000 temple at weak.-Detroit Tribune. David City, O. T., for the perpetuation of Indian religions.

Berlin is to have soon a "sport exhibition," in preparation for which, and to save the German language from foreign taint, a committee offers a prize of \$125, \$50 and \$25 for German equivalents for all foreign sporting terms

A French judge, before whom a divorce case was recently tried, complicated matters seriously by handing abroad, the Prince of Wales never fails down a decree divorcing the lawyer who appeared for the man who had asked for a divorce instead of the man him-

always bave something to do

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON V., FEB. 2-THE POWER OF JESUS-LUKE 5:17-26.

Golden Text: "The Son of Man Hath Power Upon Earth to Forgive Sins"-Luke 5:24-Massing the Miracles of Christ.



N OUR LESSON FOR this Sunday we deal with the miracles of the Redeemer of Mankind. All these miracles seem to have been performed in the vicinity of Capernon. which Jesus made the central point of his labors: Christ was now 32 years old. John the Baptist is still in prison at Castle Mach-The miracles erus.

performed by Christ greatly irritated the king. The tribunes were ordered to misrepresent the Redeemer. The trade of Pagandom was terrific. It caused many to be deceived into the belief that Jesus was an adventurer. But truth always triumphs, and not long afterward the strongholds of Paganism-Rome and Athens-were destined to fall before the truths of the Son of Man. The full text of the lesson is as follows:

17. And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18. And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him 19. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the

multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. 20. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21. And the scribes and Pharisees began

to reason, saying. Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God 22. But when Jesus perceived their thoughts,

he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? 23. Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? 24. But that ye may know that the Son of

man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy.) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. 25. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today. The explanations are as follows:

Vs. 18, 19. 18. "Men," there were four of them. "A bed." The name given it by Mark shows that it is a thin mattress, held Yet all he hears is the clank of the work misrepresented, but all such by the four corners. "A man which was taken pew door, or the shuffling of feet in falsehood and persecution have turned with the palsy." The word palsy is a contraction of paralysis. The term is used by the the aisle, or some remark about the out for my advantage and enlarged tion of paralysis. The term is used by the In these January days, thousands of | weather, the last resort of inanity. | my work, and I attest before earth and | by our modern men of science. It included ministers and private Christians are Why did not that man come up and heaven that God has fulfilled to me the not only what we call paralysis, which is wondering about the best way of start- say frankly, "You have done me promises, "Lo! I am with you always," rarely very painful, but also catalepsy and teis caused by a contraction of the muscles in the whole or part of the body, and is very dangerous. The effects upon the parts seized are very violent and deadly. For instance, when a person is struck with it, if his hand happens to be extended, he is unable to draw it back. The cramps, in Oriental countries, is a fearful malady, and by no means infrequent. It is caused by the chills of the night. The limbs when seized by it remain immovable, sometimes turned in, and sometimes out, in the same position as when they were first seized. The person afflicted resembles a man undergoing the torture, and experiences nearly the same exquisite sufferings.-McClintock and Strong's Cyclopedia.

. The four men that brought the sick man were very enterprising and determined. Some ne has called them the first Christian En-

deavor society. 19. "Went upon the housetop," by the usual outside stairway. "The roof in all cases was flat," and projected over the court like an awning.-Canon Tristram. Let him down through the tiling, after they had broken a hole through. The roof was so low that they could let it down so that those below could receive it, without the aid of ropes, but simply by holding the corners.-Morison.

Vs. 20, 21, 20, "When he saw their faith," both of the sick man and of the bearers. The faith was founded on the knowledge of what Jesus had already taught and done for the sick. It was shown by their words. Man, in Matthew he is called Son, and then follow the words, "Be of good cheer," take heart, thy sins are forgiven thee. "Nothing is said about the man's character, or about his previous life, or the cause of his illness." 21. "And the scribes." The leaders, the theologians, the politicians of the Jews. Blasphemies, speaking evil of, slandering God. Blasphemy is practically uttered treason against God. The blasphemy consisted, to their minds, in his saying that he forgave sins, a prerogative which belonged to God alone. No one can forgive any sins except those The Greek Orthodox church is one of against himself. Thus Jesus declared himself to be divine. Jesus could announce God's forgiveness, but whence could he obtain the knowledge that this unknown man had received it, except by divine insight?

> 23. "Whether is easier to say," etc. "In our Lord's argument it must be carefully noted that he does not ask which is easier, to forgive sins or to raise a sick man; for it could not be affirmed that that of forgiving is easier than this of healing; but which is easier, to claim this power or that; to say. Thy sin be forgiven thee, or to say, Arise and walk? It would be easier for a man equally ignorant of the French and Chinese languages to claim to know the last than the first. Not that the language itself is easier, but that in the one case, multitudes could disprove his claim; in the other, hardly a scholar or two

in the land."-Trench. 25. "Immediately he arose," etc. The cure was complete at once, thus showing its miraculous nature. Took up that whereon he lay. To carry such a bed rolled up under the arm is an every-day affair. Many an eastern servant sleeps at his master's door, on such a bed, bringing it with him at night and taking it away in the morning. It is scarcely more than carrying a mat to sit or lie on. On the steamer decks in the Eastern Mediterranean the use and portability of these beds are seen in every voyage.-Prof. Isaac H. Hall. 'Glorifying God." The author of his new-found blessings. This shows that his heart was renewed as well as his body.

26. "Amazed . . . filled with fear, glorified God." All three emotions went together. There was a religious awe, such as men must feel in the presence of a great and mysterious power, but it was such a power for good, and good alone, that their hearts sang with joy in

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PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales receives daily on an average between five hundred and six hundred letters, two hundred of which are begging letters.

It is said that whether at home or to glance through a copy of the London Times each morning.

Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) has been engaged for a tour in the United States and Canada for the season of 1896-7, beginning in October.

NAUGHTIEST SINGER IN PARIS.

She Has Caused a Sensation and Is Coming to America. Yvette Guilbert is comig to America. Yvette Guilbert's principal characteristic is that she is French. Five years ago Yvette Guilbert was a seamstress, living in a Paris garret with a widowed mother and a few sous a day. Sometimes, to eke out their slender income. Yvette would pose "for the altogether" in the Paris studios. Then she tried the stage and as an actress and even as a spearbearer failed. Then she got an idea. Why not sing topical songs in a new way-new pantomime, new intonation? She got permission to try one night at the Alcazar. It made her fortune. Yvette Guilbert is a good woman, they say. She has had one grande passion, but the man died, and her heart has been virgin ever since. She is good to her mother, and will probably die rich.

The late Theodore Child, who first made Yvette Guilbert known to Americans five years ago, could not learn anything about her early history, except that she had at one time been employed in a shoe shop in Paris. She became famous in six months from the time of her first appearance. From the Divan Japonais, where she was discovered by some Bohemian journalists, she went to the Moulin Rogue, and her she first began to be talked about in the newspapers. Xaurof, a famous fiaveur, author of the "Chansons Sans Gene."



One of Yvette's Poses. wrote some songs for her that made her at once the talk of the town-"L'Hotel du Nemero Trois," "Le Petit "Tres Convenable Ma and save your time, your money Serpent," Chere."

It is impossible to translate these songs, as the wit would evaporate in the process, and, besides, no respectable paper would publish them if they could be translated.

At the Molin Rouge Le Courrier Francais took her up, sent an artist to draw her attitude and published her portrait, and so she became a celebrity, though her fame was still confined to the artistic Bohemia of Montmarte. She made a tour in elgium, and after that her real Paris debut was made, in November, 1890, at the Concert Parisien, a cafe chantant in the Faubourg St. Denis, which was also the cradle of Paulus.

Here she became the rage, and to see what a good shoe you can buy for become the rage in Paris means fortune. Since then she has sung in every part of Europe except Germany where she refuses to go on patriotic grounds, and has made instantaneous successes everywhere except in Italy. where they hissed her. They would probably have hissed her in London, too, if the English people had known what she was singing about.

An Epidemic of Cleverness, Cleverness runs in families nowa-

days, and amounts to a fin-de-siecle profession. Even the household baby is hauled out at deadly night hours to do his little turn, and the grandmother of the family is clever.

Now, it's very satisfactory to find a family woman who is not clever, i. e., who makes no pretensions; who has not prepared an oration on the science of government, nor yet the moral attitude of clams, nor any of the burning questions of the hour. For the sake of the workers in the world down town let us quaff the cup to the health of the woman who is satisfied to stay at home and mend the stockings and make pie and doughnuts and jelly cake; make anything, in fact, provided she is contented while she is doing it. Maybe she is contented, too, when she doesn't know what you are thinking about, and does not even care if you do not talk about anything and does not cherish it up against you if you do not hear what she is saying, even though you seem to be listening and looking right at her. What a dear, restful thing she is, to be sure! She knows good, old, tried and true remedies for ailments, and she does not even ask whether you want specifics for your ills or not, but she just claps them on, or pours them in, and hustles around and hangs up things and tells you that you will be better in the morning, and, sure enough, you are, Dear, unselfish prophet that she is; and yet she is not clever. Have you such a one in the family? Then all the clever world envies you and says hurrah for her! and three cheers for you!-Philadelphia Times.

Strange But True. Bertha-Sometimes you appear really

manly, and sometimes you are abso-

lutely effeminate. How do you account for it? Harold-I suppose it is hereditary. Half of my ancestors were males and the other half females.

A Vain Fellow. Young Lady (standing on the bank

of a river with a gorgeously attired army officer)-Oh, did you see that fish jump up out of the water? Officer-I suppose he wanted to get a

good look at me.-Fliegende Blaetter. An Unfortunate Present. Mamma-Oh, Johnny, are you going

to break all your toys? There, he's trying to open that bank again! Papa-First thing we know he'll grow up to be a burglar. - Truth.

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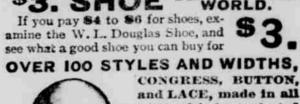
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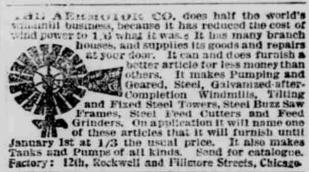




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