ALMAGE'S SERMON.

Revelation viii., 1: "There was ace in heaven about the space of alf an hour."

The busiest place in the universe beaven. It is the center from which all good influences start; it is the goal at which all good results arrive. The bible represents it as active with wheels and wings and orchestras and processions mounted or charioted. But my text describes a space when the als ceased to roll and the trumpets to sound and the voices to chant The riders on the white horses reined in their chargers. The doxologies were hushed and the processions halted. The hand of arrest was put upon all the splendora. "Stop, heaven!" cried an omnipotent voice, and it stopped. For thirty minutes everything celestial stood still. "There was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour."

From all we can learn it is the only time heaven ever stopped. It does not stop as other cities for the night, for there is no night there. It does not stop for a plague, for the inhabitant never says: "I am sick." It does not stop for bankruptcy, for its inhabitants never fail It does not stop impassable streets, for there are no fallen snows nor sweeping freshets. What, then stopped it for thirty minutes? Grotius and Prof. Stuart think it was at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem. Mr. Lord thinks it was in the year 311, between the close of the Diocletiau persecution and the beginning of the wars by which Constantine gained the throne. But that was all a guess, though a learned and brilliant guess I do not know when it was, and I ing or desperate. I ook out for the do not care when it was, but of the fragments of time. They are pieces of fact that such an interregnum of sound took place, I am certain. "There was silence in heaven for the space of the learned blacksmith, the half hours half an hour."

Learn also from my text that heaven must be an eventful and active place from the fact that it could afford only thirty minutes of recess. There have been events on earth that seemed to home batmen shoelests that made demand a whole day or whole week or whole year for celestial consideration. United States, the half hours between If Grotius was right and this silence occured at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, that scene was so awful and so prolonged that the inhabitants of heaven could not have done justice to it in many weeks. After fearful blasting others; the half hour before besiegement of the two fortresses of you go to business, and the half hour Jerusalem-Autonio and Hippicus- atter your return from business; that had been going on for a long while, a Roman soldier mounted on the temple a firebrand, and, the temple the Christian and the infidel, between was all aflame, and after covering the saint and the demon, between may sacrifices to the holiness of God, triumph and catastrophe between heavthe building itself became a sacrifice to the rage of man. The hunger of the people in that city during the tain half hours. The half hour when beeigement was so great that some out. In the parsonage of a country minister , laws were passing a doorway and in- I resolved to become a Christian then haled the odors of food they burst and there; the half hour when I deopen the door, threatening the mother of the household with death unless she pel; the half hour when I first realized gave them some food, and she took that my son was dead; the half hour the United States. He was rich and them aside and showed them that it when I stood on the top of my house in prosperous less than forty years ago, was her own child she was cooking for

yellow fever and cholers doctors, who died not flying from their posts; the temale nurses who faced pestilence in the lazarettos; the railroad engineers who stayed at their places in order to save the train though themselves perished. Hurbert Goffin, the master minor, who, landing from the buckets at the bottom of the mine, just as he heard the waters rush in and when one jerk of the rope would have lifted him into safety put a blind miner who

wanted to go to his sick child in the

him pulled up, crying: My subject also impresses me with half hour mentioned in my text is more widely known than any other the returned heroes of the army, on period in the calendar of heaven. Non e great occasions, the royal family preof the whole hours to heaven are measured off, none of the years, none of the centuries. Of the millions of ages past and the millions of ages to come, not In your first ha hour in heav, in home resources. And here is where one is especially measured off in the some way you will be honored for the the cheapest manure is obtained, and eternity that was ever measured by earthly timepiece was measured by the not asking what you will do with the years or months or days of your life, but what of the half hours! Tell me the history of your half hours, and I will tell you the story of your whole life on earth and the story of your whole life in eternity. The right or wrong things you can think in thirty minutes, the right or wrong thing you can say in thirty minutes, the right or wrong things you can do in thirty minutes are glorious or baleful, inspireternity. It was the half hours between and made white in the blood of the shoeing horses that made Elihu Burritt, lamb."

between professional calls as a physician that made A bercrombie the Christian philosopher the half, hour between his duties as school master that made Salmon P. Chase chief justice, the half Henry Wilson vice president of the canal boats that made James A. Gar field president. The half hour a day for good books or bad books; the half hour a day for prayer or indolence; the half hour a day for helping others or makes the difference between the scholars and the ignoramus, between en and hell. The most tremendous things of your life and mine were cer-

cided to become a preacher of the gos-

walking in the garden at

world never fully appreciated-the | said: "I can make a duke or a marquis. but God only can make a Manmrd." And I say to you, my hearers, God only by his convicting and converting grace

can make a Christian, but he is ready this very half hour to accomplish it, But how will you spend the first half you have gone into stay? After your prostration before the throne in worship of him who made it possible for you to get there at all. I think the rest of your first half hour in heaven will be passed in receiving your reward if you bucket and jerked the rope to have have been faithful. I have a strangely beautiful book containing the pictures

> these medals pinned over the heart of the Victoria ctoss, the Waterloo medal.

bible. The half hour of my text is earthly struggles in which you won the where the best can be made. made immortal. The only part of day. Stand up before all the royal house of heaven and receive the insignia while you are announced as victor over minute hand of my text. Oh, the half the draughts and freshets of the farm hours! They decide everything. I am field, victor over the temptations of the stock exchange, victor over professional allurements, victor over domestic infelicites, victor over mechanic's shop, victor over the storehouse, victor over home worriments, victor over physical distresses, victor over hereditary depressions, victor over sin and death and hell. Take the badge that celebrates those victories through our Lord Jesus Christ. Take it in the presence of all the galleries, saintly angelic and divine! While all heaven chants: These are they who came out of great tribulations and had their robes washed

The saints in all this glorious war Shall conquer though they die Y hey see the triumph from afar And seize it with their eye.

Life's Lights and Shades.

A Baltimore spinster sued a man for breech of promise who courted her for eighteen years.

John Bright once spoke of Cyrus W Field as "the Columbus of modern times," who by his cable had moored the new world alongside the old.

down by a priest in the midst of a mortally hurt, the man asked his as plant food. sailant to administer the last rites of the church, and the priest complied.

A prisoner in Auburn prison was he was ill Warken Durston drew his will, bequeathing the money to his three children. He died recently and the warden has been summoned to prove the will.

Frederick Gleason, in inmate of the Old Men's home in Boston, is said to be the father of illustrated journalism in

DEPARTMENT FARM

Manure the Garden.

This must absolutely be done and it must be done liberally. Sixteen years experience in market gardening has hour of your heavenly citizenship after taught us that when this was done we might expect paying crops, and good seasons or had ones, insects or no insects. In buying you may pay for a sutstance that has the buck, but little plant or food. And in buying such manure, time is lost, laber is lost, money is lost, and the anxious grower is disapointed. To buy manure from of the medals struck by the English livery stables you will get much sawthe immortality of a half hour. That government in honor of great battle: dust and other bedding that made up bulk, but not one cent of value as

manure, until it is thoroughly rotted except what liquid it has absorbed. sent, and the royal bands playing; the Livery stable manure, as a usual thing Crimean medal, the Legion of Honor, is handy to get, and the gardner is often induced to buy it and neglect

To garden successfully one manure heavily, and to be able to do so he must get all the manure he can from every source; but at the same time he should be on his guard not to buy it at a price that will be above the profit that may be derived from it. To be a successful gardner is to make the most from the least outlay of money and labor. Manuring heavily is one of the greatest means to this effect, To secure this, one must be energetic and not despise small things, neither should he be too nice to lay hold, but should carefully husband all material at home, great or small, clean or filthy, and convert it into plant food. Where the gardner fattens hogs for his own mea he will find a grand resource for good manure, for fattening hog evacuates an abundance of manure of the richest quality. If no better way can be arranged, he can pen his hogs in a lot and plant it to some garden crop the following season.

If the gardner is not mindful he will let much valuable manure waste that s dropped around the stables, in the lanes, and and in the hen house. Much good manure might be accumulated by forming a compost heap at a convenient place and then throwing all suds from the laundry, all old woolen rags, waste leather, all rubbish from the garden, In Ireland a Parnellite was knocked stc., upon it. These materials have to be disposed of some way and if compolitical row. Believing himself posted could be made into valuable

Keeping the soll loose and mellow enables it to absorb and store up much amonia from the atmosphere, and ble to earn and save about \$300. When hold the nitrogen brought down by the summer thunder-showers. Where the gardner can so arrange his crops as to keep a part of his garden in clover, he may, through the agency of this crop, supply his soil with nitrogen much faster than his crops take from it. I have a friend who is making gardening Zealand or Vancouver island. Luxa success, and he relies on clover to uriously fitted sleeping apartments keep up his soil, writes Thomas D abounded, and one of her banqueting

Baird in the Ohio Farmer.

the soil and thus it is wasted.

formation very much.

The Fruit Crop of 192.

What the winter will be is an uncer-

to be followed with a total failure? change.

Secently of Feeding.

Jersey Bulletin: In the matter of feeding by far the most important point now under debate is the influence of different foods on the quality of milk. This paper has not now, and never has had, any doubt whatever that within the limits of breed and individual idiosynaracy, the amount of fat in every cows milk is determined by the kind of food she has been fed. There are differences in breeds, the re-

sults of many generations of differentiations; these differences are the average dairyman, practically insurmountable. By long and persistent feeding the breeds poor in fat, such as the Holsteins may, in the course of generations, be much improved. But the improvement does not become fixture in the breeds The tendency to reversion is always present, and if the high feeding is not maintained the old characteristics will assert them-

selves. So, on the other hand, by a con tinued course of underfeeding, a breed rich in butter, as the Jersey, may have its fatmaking powers much impaired in the course of generations. But here too, the tendency to reversion is always present, and a course of high feeding is almost sure to bring it out. These

are fundamental facts in breeding which it is useless to deny and folly to ignore. Again, there are individual idiosyncracies developed in all breeds whereby the individual rises above or fails below its class and its kindred to an extent and in a manner, entirely inex plicable by any known laws. Cows are met with that give milk much richer than their breed or family, or the reverse. There is generally a tendency in such cows to transmit this peculiarity, and here lies the opportunity of the skillful breeder to improve the breed by fixing this tendency. To do this he must continue to feed generously and breed the cow to a bull that has inherited richness from both sire and dam, and persevere in so doing from

generation to generation. While, therefore, it is unreasonable to hope, by any manner of feeding, to convert a Holstein or a scrub-into a Jersey, it is practicable largely to improve them by judicious feeding from year to year. Time, it must be remembered, is an essential element. It takes times to enrich a cow's milk, because this richness is a product of of growth-growth of buttermsking

tissues. All test experiments as to the buttermaking properties of foods should continue at least through two periods of lactation.

A Magnificent Vessel.

In 268 B. C. Archimedes devised a a marvelous ship for Hiero of Syracuse Her three lofty masts had been brought from Britain, whereas our ship, masts are of iron or obtained from New halls was paved with agate and costly

Never set aside a bettle clean and turn with the need it may dry, and no dust you want it. in cleaning any ves strongsmelling vegetables

It is best to buy hominy

AFFAIRS OF

etc , in quantities.

cooked, use half a teaspoo in a little hot water, washing atterwards in hot soapsude Half a teappoonful of nearly always revive a dyin unlike the few drops of co servants are so fond of which have caused so man dents, is perfectly safe,

Red table-cloths and m their fresh, red color soon fully handled. They should for half an hour in cold wate quickly through lukewarm in salt water and hung up in A brass kettle can be dea colored by cooking in it, by

well with soap and ashes fire in half a pint of vinegar and of salt and let them boil on short time; then wash and m in hot water.

To tie a bow knot that we loose of itself, proceed exam were about to tie an ordinar but before you draw it righthand loop through the a steady and simultaneous hops, and the thing is done ing be sure to pull the net and the string will readily is One of the most populars

ing unts is in five-pound of vided you get the best qual Lue orditary mixed outset frequently contain some si and undesirable, and alle sold only at a very low m by themselves. But some dealers make an assortment of the fivest nuts they a when this is done the puria ally finds a five-pound pair

grade to be a very descrable. Webn to Wear Dis-

Diamonds should not ben morning ever, says a good a the February Ladies' Hus They should not be up simple visit is paid before a They should not be work doing charitable work.

They should not us warr are likely to attract so murs that they will cause envy burnings.

They should not be worn any with any street codet, although brooch. a pair of solitairs es a ring which is concealed b are frequently noticed on

They should not be worth this sounds a little odd, in Sicilian stone. Other floors were cun have been seen in such his evidently needs two about them.

the gastly repast. Six hundred priests the half hour in which I entered year. were destroyed on Mount Zion because Jerusalem; the half hour in which I the temple being gone there was nothing for them to do. Six thousand to Josephus. Grotius thinks that this

hour in which I stood on Mars hill; the people in one cloister were consumed, half hour in which the dedicatory There were 1,1000,000 dead, according prayer of this temple was made; and about ten or fifteen other half hours, are the chief times of my life. You was the cause of silence in heaven for half an hour. If Mr. Lord was right may forget the name of the exact year, and this ellence was during the or most of the important events of your tion.

Diocletian persecutions, by which existence, but those half hours, like the half hours of my text, will be immortal 844,000 Christians suffered death from I do not query what you will do with sword and tire, and banishment and the twentieth century. I do not query exposure, why did not heaves listen throughout at least one of those awful what you will do with 1892, but what will you do with the next half hour? years? No! Thi. ty minutes! The fact is that the celistial program is so Upon that hinges your destiny. And crowded with spectacle that it can during that some or you will receive afford only one recess in all eternity the gospel and make complete surrender, and during that others of you will and that for a short space. While there are great choruses in which all Leaven make final and fatal rejection of the full and free and urgent and impascan join, each soul there has a story sloned offer of life eternal. Oh that of devine mercy peculiar to itself, and it must be a solo. How can beaven the next half hour might be the most get through with all its recitatives glorious thirty minutes of your earthly with all its cantatas, with all its grand existence. Far back in history a great marches, with all its victories? grographer stood with a sailor, looking Eternity is too short to utter all the at a globe that represented our planet, and he pointed to a place on the globe praise. In my text heaven spared thirty minutes, but it will never again spare where he thought there was an undisone minute. In worship in earthly covered continent. The undiscovered churches, when there are many to take continent was America. The geograpart, we have to counsel brevity, but pher who pointed where he thought will heaven get on rapidly enough there was a new world was Martin to let the one hundred and forty-four Behaim, and the sailor to whom he thousand get through each with his showed it was Columbus. This last was not satisfied till he had picked that own story, and then the one hundred and forty-four million, and then the gem out of the sea and set it in the crown of the world's geography. Oh, one hundred and forty-four billion, and then the one hundred and forty-tour ye, who have been sailing up and down trillion the rough seas of sorrow and sin, let me point out to you another continent,

Not only are all the triumphs of the past to be commemorated, but all the yes, another world, that you may yourtriumphs to come. Not only what we selves find, a rapturous world, and that is the world a half hour of which we now know of God, but what we will know of him after everlasting study of the Deific. If my text had said there now study. Oh, set sail for it! Here is the ship and here are the compasses was silence in heaven for thirty days, In other words, make this half hour, I would not have been startled at the beginning at twenty minutes of twelve nt, but it indicates thirty by my watch, the grandest half hour of Why, there will be so many your life and become a Christian. Pray for a regenerated spirit. Louis XIV. friends to hunt up; so many of the greatly good and useful that we will while Versaillee, met Mansard, the great e; so many of the scrutable tings of eath we will need explained; architect, and the architect took off his of earth we will experiences hat before the king. "Put on your list," anid the king, "for the evening is damp and cold." And Mansard, the architect. is and the ages will want the rest of the evening kept on his hat at there will be no other tion. How b and in having pointed and has

Oxford street and saw our church burn with an income in 1851 of \$50,000

The intellectual mulishness that ocascended Mount Calvary; the half casionally cloulds the mind of the average jury was shown in a recent verdict of a Schuylkill county jury in Pennsylvania. The twelve men first proclaimed a man innocent of the charge of criminal libel and then assessed him with two-thirds of the costs of the prosecu-

Princes Who Cannot Borrow.

In regard to the Prussian royal famiby there is an excellent law, which, had it existed here, would have saved us much money. No royal prince is allowed to borrow, and no one is allowed to lend money to him. If any one does lend he cannot recover. Acting on this law, Frederick the Great never repaid any Prussian who had lent him for three years has lowered the vitality noney when he was heir to the throne, for he deemed that such a person had not only violated the law, but ought to lose his money for having done an improper action. Where one of our princes to borrow money, and an application to be made to parliament to repay it, the strong probability is that the house of commons would follow the example of Frederick the Great. 1 would inflict a heavy fine on any one asking to be repaid by parliament and on any minister asking for a vote for any such purpose .- London Truth.

Wheat Does Not Grow Wild.

The existence of names for wheat in the most ancient languages confirms the evidence of its great antiquity and of its cultivation in the more temperate parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. From he evidence adduced by botanists of high standing, it seems highly improb- the fruit business tells, and it is not able that wheat has never been found growing persistently in a wild state, although it has often been asserted by posts, travelers and historians.

In the Odyssey, for examply, we are told that wheat formerly grew in Sicily told that wheat formerly grew in Sicily without the aid of man. Diodorus re-pents the tradition that Osiris found wheat and barley growing promiscu-ously in Palestine, but neither this nor other reputed discoveries of wheat growing wild seem at all credible, see-ing that it does not appear to be en-dowed with the power of permistency, except under continued culture. -St Louis Republic.

A fund is being raised by the Danish The dukes and marquises standing with students of Chicago for the purpose of are heads before the king expressed erecting a monument to Hans Chrishat the their surprise at Mansard, but the king tien Andersen in Lincoln park.

be gained by setting a portion of the ningly inlaid with scenes from the

Iliad. Stables for many horses, ponds garden in strawberries. Cultivate them the first year for the fruit and after stocked with live fish, gardens watered bearing turn them under. I have found by artificial rivulets and hot bat baths the strawberry plant almost equal to were provided for use or amusement. -Chambers' Journal. clover as a renovator of the soll. Another thing many gardners neglect. London as a Center. 1 am guilty somewhat myself, and so I know. After their early crops are sold The city of London is put down by the refuse is left, such as cabbage

geographers as the center of the landed hemisphere. In other words, a radius stalks, beets, radishes, bean vines, etc. These draw the plant food already in of about 6,000 miles on the curved surface of the earth, with London as the center, would describe a circumference inclosing more land than any Homestead: What if the present 6,000 mile circle that could be drawn and past two years of abundance were from any other city in the world .- Ex-

Theology a Progressive Science.

tainty. Heavy and continous bearing Theology is always as much a proof trees and plants, there is a probagressive science as theology. If 1,000 bility that if they do not rest and are of the wisest, purest most intellectual. not entirely fruitless they will crop most healthy scholars in Christendom light. Long and continuous wet today were to formulate a creed out of weather during the growing period the New Testament scriptures, as they has caused excessive wood growth, and are known today, that theology statethis is generally followed by imperfect ment could not remain the same of A. fruit-bud formation. The late dry fall D. 2892. The power, the thought the that saved the corn crop has in a large study of a thousand years would throw measure, ripened up the new growth it into new forms of expression, while but this cannot help out the fruit bud the substance would remain the same. -Beacon. Fruit has been plenty and cheap.

Extremities or Animals.

No animal has more than five toes digits or claws to each foot or limb. The horse is one toed, the ox two toed, the rhinoceros is three toed, the hippopotamus is four toed and the elephant and hundreds of other animals are five toed .- St. Louis Republic.

Dickens as an Art Critie.

The son of a neighbor of Dickens, then a very young artist-indeed, quite a boy-had painted his first picture, the subject being an aged knight in full armor, apparently having recently returned from the wars, and overcome with fatigue. Finding himself unable to reach his ancestral castle he sinks exhusted on a fallen tree in a sort of orchard, and some cottage children bring him some fruit to recruit his exhausted strength. Dickens took great interest in the young artis-who, by the way, is now very eminent-and greatly admired his picture, especially the figure of the old knight; but, "My dear fallow," he said "those apples won't be any use-() ring him round?"- Trans

They should not be won tent, even in the evening amusement.

They should never be seen They should not be with who are in mourning.

They should not be work gown is in harmony with soiled, mussed costume and of diamonds is a very bate

They should not be worsh They should not be warni they are real, unless they a

set, and unless they are s wearer. Enormous ear-rives, pull obes of the ear, are the vulgarity. Enormous pitt like electric lights are it

taste. Choose your diamonds for ness and perfection of end their size, and wear them, M young lady who roved all or covered with gems, unless i in the evening when the i upon you and you can feel post who described het, beauty in far beyond your eems.

Persian Lamb in Far

Persian lamb is increasing in favor and grace, especial A few years ago the dealer work to convince custa beauty and elegance; now is daily increasing. Some place and taste bought ad other side, with a bit of the fur for decoration. Some of equal discernment and who couldn't buy gowns side, copied the decorab

spark was kindled. The fickle, capricious was won and now no fur s lar for demiseason wear at tive purposes than this . is removed by its great nance alone from outra for. It is the decoration cace for seal garments, for lars for mantles and a the eas afford It. A pet to veyner" is of mouse P so as to fit close to the A large point of gray velve to form the back, and the the of the cloak are in By fur -Chicago Neve

no thought or anxiety is necessary for next year's crop. Glutted markets and low prices add to this indifference. At this season it is well to remember that a high price during an off year is where too late to work for even yet. A large share of the success of a crop of fruit lies in the cultivation of the trees and plants the season before. This time is part, but severity of the winter can yet be mitigated by mulching strawberry beds, pulling raspberry and blackberry canes and thinning grape vines and covering them with mulch or earth. If bearing apple trees are beavily manured in early winter with ordinary stable manure, they will winter with better and the fertilizer will be of great advantage next summer would have been a long step to a good group mext year, but the many things, of which the above is but an illustration, if done before the freezing of the

The low price has made people care-

less and caused them to drift into the

idea that the conditions that have

lately prevailed will continue, and that