The Drugs and Nostrums Which the Cobdenite Quacks Would Prescribe for a Patient Not in Need of Such Treat-

Perhaps the ablest and most complete answer yet given to the Havemeyer free trade contention that "the customs tariff is the mother of trusts" is that which is to be found in the paper contributed by Dr. Samuel Adams Robinson to the proceedings of the Chicago trust conference of September, 1899. In the current issue of the American Economist this interesting contribution is reproduced in full. It will be noticed that the paper submitted in behalf of the American policy of protection to American labor and industry is in no sense an apology for or a defense of that policy. Dr. Robinson would as soon think of apologizing for the Apostles' Creed or the Sermon on the Mount. He takes the offensive, not the defensive-how effectively a reading of his very forcible paper will show.

The tone assumed by Dr. Robinson is indicated in the title of his contribution, "Free Trade as a Trust Antidote. Believing as he does that free trade is to a country such as ours a calamity and a curse, the writer loses no time in defining his attitude of vigorous attack upon that doctrine which scans so well as a theory and proves so atroclously destructive in practice. With a well-aimed shaft of irony he begins by puncturing the pretension that free traders are enemies of trusts, and he shows beyond question that it is not the trusts, but the protective finds himself upon the horns of a di- presented, a lady of old New England sarisf, that they wish to destroy. He lemma. Either we need protection to stock, intimated that she would much

of this discussion, that the enemies of tion, and can get along equally well or, accompanied by her friend, picked protection are also the enemies of without it-better, our free trade out some silk dress goods at one of the trusts in equal sincerity, it ought to friends tell us. If we do not need probe plain to every unbiased mind that tection, its removal would be valueless which were accepted by the friend, the remedy for trust oppression is not as a trust antidote. If we do need proto be found in the death of domestic | tection in order to maintain our hold competition. At least we should not upon a market with a consuming camake a headlong rush for that remedy ontil we are sure that it is the right ly, then the removal of protection one. Rather let us be wise and pa- would work such havoc with our countient and inform ourselves as to the try's prosperity as the gloomiest of precise character of the disease before pessimists would find it well nigh imattempting to diagnose and prescribe. possible to adequately foreshadow. I When we shall have done this it is am not a pessimist. I am a protectionnot impossible that the trust antidote will be forthcoming in the shape of cffective laws born, not of guesswork and dogmatism, but of knowledge gained from test and experience.

"If experience has taught anything, it has taught that in a country such as ours, with its limitless latent resources awaiting development, you cannot pluck the fruit of prosperity from the tree of free trade. It does not grow there. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? On general principles the remedy for monopoly is not the limitation of internal competition. Gasoline is not a good medium for fire extinguishment. Free trade is not the remedy we are in search of, unless the people of the United States are prepared to enter upon an experiment certain to overthrow our industries, but not certain to 'smash the trusts.' So I say, for the present:

'Rather bear those ills we have Than fly to others we know not of."

The certain effect of the destruction of new competition through the re- manufacturers of woolen goods in Engmoval of protection, the only guaranty | land that Americans have practically of unrestricted domestic competition, is ceased to buy of them. Under the Wilconvincingly pointed out by Dr. Rob- son low-duty tariff we purchased wool- violation of a constitutional guarantee. inson. He emphasizes the fact that en manufactures in one year to the competition is the only menace which value of \$49,162,992. With the freight of delays, the Michigan parties have at the trust has to fear, and that to de- and other charges added these goods stroy that competition would be to cost the American consumers \$60,000,- them to bring suit against the provplay into the hands of the trusts. It | 000, and the profit went into the pockwould inevitably lead, first, to a sweep- ets of the foreign manufacturers. Uning reduction of American wages and der the present tariff law we purchased of the American standard of living, but \$12,831,967. Is it strange that the and, second, to the formation of the foregin manufacturers should grumble international trust-a trust composed at the loss of this trade? of wage payers against whom the We have used all the woolen goods wage earners of America would be we needed, we have found no fault powerless in the absence of the advan- with the quality, and the prices have tage which they now possess by reason not been unreasonable. The difference of the protective tariff.

about 1/2 a cent per pound, and that instead of paying to foreigners .-- Sanwhile American makers were advanc- dusky (Ohio) Register. ing the price 77 cents a box the Welsh makers put up their price \$1.45 a box -these and other relevant facts are cited by Dr. Robinson to show that the American tin plate trust has not yet been convicted of the crime of arbitrarily advancing prices to a point not justified by the large increases that have taken place in the cost of materials, wages, etc., and that in freetrade Great Britain the advance has been double that put in force in protected America. He also shows that, whereas American tin plate workers have been granted an advance of 25 per cent over the wages they received under the Wilson law, the tin plate

son's article bristles with points well looks after the wage-earner. put. On the question of tariff and Wages he says:

trusts. The fact is that in the general terests. What does it mean? advance of wages, estimated at 15 per | It means that the Wilson-Gorman cent for the entire country, which has tariff act that allowed wolves to run taken place in connection with the at large and destroy sheep has been phenomenal prosperity following the superseded by an act that has fenced restoration of the policy of protection up the wolves so that they will have to American wages and industry, trust to either devour one another or go wage payers have thus far shown no hungry. They cannot feast on mutton disposition to shirk their share. So we to any great extent while the Dingley must conclude that the free trade claim | bill remains intact.-Peoria (III.) Jourthal wages are not affected by tariffs | nal. is a proposition on general principles intended to discredit protection and not nimed at the trusts. Here again the American free trader stands solitary and alone, a gloomy Napoleon on an economic St. Helena. His foreign fellows long ago abandoned the contention. There is at present scarcely a shade of difference among European manufacturers as to the true cause of their inability to compete with America | ments. The demand he described as in the world's markets. With common accord they say it is the result of the prosperity continues at this rate we men, and that the establishment and of people who are unable to get rid of

THE PATHOLOGICAL MOMENT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.



Dr. Protection-In my judgment, there is no present need of such drugs and nostrums in this case. The pathological moment has not yet arrived. When it arrives I shall be ready to prescribe. Quoting from the remarks of Dr. Samuel Adams Robinson at the Chicago trust conference, I would say: "The stage of fits has not yet been reached, though some of the quacks would have us think otherwise. Their antidote is an old and a well-known one. It was tried in 1892, and we all know how it worked. Do we want any more of it? I think not:"

by the operation of the protective principle. The American wage earner has lately had an object lesson along the The Foreign Label Regarded as line of tariff and wages. The lesson lasted four years, and he is not likely to forget it."

pacity estimated at nine billions yearist, a very different thing now and alknown how to confront a danger with a defense. They will know how to tory in this country. meet the trust question at the proper not yet been reached, though some of tions of the Dingley tariff. the quacks would have us think otherwise. Their antidote is on old and a well-known one. It was tried in 1892 and we all know how it worked. Do

Have Used American Goods.

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There is bitter complaint among the

is that we have used American goods, The facts as to tin plate-that, in made in American factories by Ameripractical operation, the ostensible duty can working men and women, and have of 1% cents a pound is reduced to kept our money in the American family

> The Wage-Earner's Share. A dispatch from Youngstown, Ohio,

lated Nov. 8, reads as follows: "At a wage conference today between James H. Nutt, of the Iron Mantee representing the Amalgamated As- (Mo.) Republican. sociation of Iron and Steel Workers, the wage scale for November and December was placed on a basis of 1 6-10 cents, which makes the wages of puddlers \$5.50, an increase of 50 cents per for puddling since 1880."

Thus does the wage-earner come in | C.) Yellow Jacket. workers of Wales have been compelled for his share of the general prosperity. to submit to a 10 per cent reduction | He has not been overlooked in the division of benefits. It is one of the glories The concluding portion of Dr. Robin- of the protective system that it always

What Does This Mean?

American Economist: "Every woo tective tariff upon wages has been in- grower of the country should ask his jected into this discussion somewhat congressman or senator whether the gratultously upon the part of the ene- customs authorities throughout the mies of protection; somewhat unwise- country are collecting the duty on wool ly, too, it must appear, for no one, I as intended by the Dingley tariff," This believe, claims that a reduction in is the statement of a reliable authority wages has yet been put in force by the in close touch with domestic wool in-

A Riotous Demand.

In a late interview the western manager of one of the chief watch making factories of the world stated that he could sell the entire output of the works, 2,000 watches a day, out of hand for cash, and furthermore added that the demand was for the better move-"less than desperate." If McKinley high wages paid American working- may have riots in the cities on the part maintenance of the America's standard their money fast enough .- Topeka of wages has been made possible only (Kan.) Capital.

FOOLISH FALLACY.

Guaranty of Superior Quality.

A short time ago the wife of a prominent manufacturer desired to present The case against free trade as an an- to a friend enough silk dress goods for tidote for trusts is pungently summed two costumes. A sample was shown to the friend, and it was explained that "The free-trade advocate of the re- this sample was of domestic silks. The moval of protection as a trust antidote friend to whom the silks were to be hold the home market against outside prefer to have foreign goods. The "Assuming, however, for the purpose | competition, or we do not need protec- | suggestion was accepted, and the donprominent retail shops in New York, and she was very much delighted at the change from domestic to foreign goods, as she thought. It happened that the husband of the good lady who was making the present was a silk manufacturer, and on arrival at home, when the question had been settled, and the goods which had been accepted, he ways. Protectionists in the past have showed the ladies that the alleged for- field; John Hooper burned at Glouceseign goods were made by his own fac- ter: John Huss burned at Constance;

Such incidents as this illustrate the try; Joan of Arc burned at Rouen. time and in the proper way. They have difficult es attending the introducing never failed in an emergency; they of Andrican goods among a class of will not fail now. A remedy will be consulters who cling to the notion that forthcoming whenever the pathological a foreign label is a guaranty of sumoment arrives. We all remember the perior quality. It is not inappropriate practitioner who could cure but one in this connection to state the fact lisease, and who always threw the pa- that a large amount of the alleged tient into a fit and then prescribed for foreign silks sold in the stores of the fit. History does not, however, re- prominent cities with foreign brands cord that he was invariably successful woven into the goods are made right in curing the fit. The stage of fits has here in this country under the opera-

Canada's Lumber Embargo.

In retaliation against the United States for the Dingley tariff law Canada a few years ago adopted a measure which discouraged the exportation of lumber to this country. Certain Michcontracts with the province of Ontario for lumber cutting privileges, immediately protested that this course was a With difficulty, and after a long series last obtained an order authorizing ince to terminate this interference. The recent addition of Mr. Stratton to the Ontaric cabinet is construed as an indication that the province means to make it easier for the United States to get lumber in Canada than formerly.-New York Tribune.

No Change Wanted.

The Democrats in the different states seem to be running their campaign on the theory that the people are tired of prosperity and want a change. Well, they don't want any change just yet.-Louisiana (Mo.) News.

A Successful Auctioneer. A Nodaway county farmer had a public sale recently which amounted to over \$7,000, of which \$5,000 was paid in cash. General Prosperity must have ufacturers' association, and a commit- auctioneered the sale. - Springfield

Great Promoters.

Today we stand at the head of iron producing nations, and the great promoters of our unexampled advance ton. This is the highest price paid have been protective tariffs and stimulated inventions.-Moravian Falls (N.

Trading in the Transvaal.

store is of galvanized iron, upon hundred years, a line of blood. Not which the sun beats down with all its by the hundreds of thousands, but by intensity, making the air within al- the millions must we count those slain most unbearable. But the trader does for Christ's sake. No wonder John not mind this. Dressed in a pair of trousers, a light pair of shoes and a to an immortal tune, writing: flannel shirt, he reclines on a convenient part of the counter and with the aid of his pipe passes the time until a | Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains customer arrives. Should the customer be a white man, the storekeeper and he will, as a rule, retire into the little side room for a few minutes, and a bottle and a couple of glasses will be produced. Should he, on the other hand, be a negro, the trader will glance at him casually, and, without moving, will ask him what he wants. He does this because Kaffirs often want something which they know the storekeeper has not got. The shelves in the back of the shop are piled up with gaudy blankets, clothing of all descriptions. tinned goods, clocks and vases, cheap "jewelry," and various other commodities. Below these shelves are the bins where the sugar, flour, meal and coffee are kept. On one side are small shelves where patent medicines stand. Outside the store, on the stoop, are the agricultural implements, plows, harrows, new American inventions of all sizes and descriptions that are too big or too heavy to be easily carried away.

Teacher-"What's the meaning of 'elocution,' Harold?" Pupil-"It's the way people are put to death in some states."-Puck.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

PILLARS OF SMOKE, LAST SUN-DAY'S SUBJECT.

Text: Solomon's Song 3: 6: Who Is This That Cometh Out of the Wilderness Like Pillars of Smoke? - Suffering of God's Church.

The architecture of the smoke is

wondrous, whether God with his finger curves it into a cloud or rounds it into a dome, or points it in a spire, or spreads it in a wing, or, as in the text, hoists it in a pillar. Watch it winding up from the country farmhouse in the early morning, showing that the pastoral industries have begun; or, see it ascending from the chimneys of the city, telling of the homes fed, the factories turning out valuable fabrics, the printing presses preparing book and newspaper, and all the ten thousand wheels of work in motion. On a clear day this vapor spoken of mounts with such buoyancy and spreads such a delicate veil across the sky, and traces such graceful lines of circle and semicircle and waves and tosses and sinks and soars and scatters with such affluence of shape and color and suggestiveness, that if you have never toticed it you are like a man who has all his life lived in Paris and yet never seen the Luxemburg, or all his life ia Rome and never seen the Vatican, cr all his life at Lockport and never seen Niagara. Forty-four times the Bible speaks of the smoke, and it is about time that somebody preached a sermon recognizing this strange, weird, beautiful, elastic, charming, terrific and fascinating vapor. Across the Bible sky floats the smoke of Sinai, the smoke of Sodom, the smoke of Ai, the smoke of the pit, the smoke of the volcanic hills when God touches them, and in my text the glorious church of God coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of

In the first place, these pillars of smoke in my text indicate the suffering the church of God has endured. What do I mean by the church? I mean not a building, not a sect, but those who, in all ages, and all lands, and of all beliefs, love God, and are trying to do ens have been black with the smoke of martyrdom. If set side by side you could girdle the earth with the fires ford; John Rogers burned at Smith-Lawrence Saunders burned at Coven-

Protestants have represented Catholics as having a monopoly of persecuhave practiced infamous cruelties. The Catholics, during the reign of Hunneric, were by Protestants put to the worst tortures, stripped of their clothing, hoisted in the air by pulleys with weights suspended from their feet, then let down, and ears and eyes, nose and tongue were amputated, and red-hot plates of iron were put against the tenderest parts of their bodies.

George Baucroft, the historian, says of the state of Maryland: "In the land which Catholics had opened to Protestants mass might not be said publicly; no Catholic priest or bishop might utter his faith in a voice of persuasion; no Catholic might teach the young. If igan men, who at that time already had a wayward child of a Papist would not is she. Do not call those persecutors become an apostate, the law wrested for him from his parents a share of their property. Such were the meth-Popery.' Catholicism as well as Protestantism

has had its martyrs. It does seem as if when any one sect got complete dominancy in any land, the devil of persecution and cruelty took possession of that sect. Then see the Catholics after the Huguenots. See the Gentiles after the Jews in Touraine, where a great pit was dug and fire lighted at the bottom of the pit, and one hundred and sixty Jewish victims were consumed. See the Presbyterian parliament of Pure morals and the happy souls. England, more tyrannical in their treatment of opponents than had been the criminal courts. Persecution against the Baptist by Paedo-Baptists. Persecution of the Established Church against the Methodist church. Persecution against the Quakers. Persecution against the Presbyterians. Under Emperor Diocletian one hundred and forty-four thousand Christians were massacred, and seven hundred thousand more of them died from banishment and exposure.

Witness the sufferings of the Waldenses, of the Albigenses, of the Nestorians. Witness St. Bartholomew's massacre. Witness the Duke of Alva driving out of life eighteen thousand Christians. Witness Herod, and Nero. and Decius, and Hildebrand, and Torquemada, and Earl of Montfort, and Lord Claverhouse, who when told that he must give account for his cruelties. said: "I have no need to account to man, and as for God I will take him in my own hands." A red line runs Ordinarily the Transvaal trading through the church history of nineteen "Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered

saints, whose bones

cold." The smoke of martyrs' homes and martyrs' bodies if rolling up all at once would have eclipsed the noonday sun. and turned the brightest day the world ever saw into a midnight. "Who is like pillars of smoke?"

Has persecution ceased? Ask that young man who is trying to be a Christian in a store or factory, where from morning to night he is the butt of all the mean witticisms of unbelieving employes. Ask that wife whose husband makes her fondness for the house of God, and even her kneeling prayer by the bedside a derision, and is no more fit for her holy companionship God will let the red monsters out of live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer as compared with that last universal Christian, and you may escape criti- lessen, and the world will become a come! cism and social pressure. But be an up great living coal, and that will take and down, out and out follower of on ashen hue, and then our ruined worldling as he speaks your nam nd mountains will smoke, and the valleys cold.—De Bouffices.

en your oldest shoes. When the bridge | will smoke, and the five continents will at Ashtabula broke, and let down the be five pillars of smoke. But the black most of the carload of passengers to vapors will begin to lessen in height instant death, Mr. P. P. Bliss was and density, and then will become seated on one side of the aisle of the harcly visible to those who look upon car writing down a Christian song ! it from the sky galleries, and after a which he was composing, and on the while from just one point there will other side a group of men were play- curl up a thin, solitary vapor, and ing cards. Whose landing place in then even that will vanish, and there eternity would you prefer-that of P. will be nothing left except the charred

card-players?

theaters about the ladies' high hats, curate pictures of what goes on in turbation. many of the theaters, night by night, then it would be well if the ladies' hats were a mile high, so as to completely obstruct the vision. If professed Christians go to such places during the | Thou, undismayed, shalt o'er the ruins | week, no one will ever persecute them for their religion, for they have none, and they are the joke of hell. But let them live a consecrated and Christian life and they will soon run against sneering opposition.

acter an easy time now, but for conse- and has concerned herself, says "M. A. crated behavior, grimace and carica- P.," more than the average parent with ture. For the body, thanks to the God | the bringing up of her descendants. Beof free America, there are now no sides carefully supervising her chilswords or fiery stakes, but for the souls | dren's education, selecting or approvof thousands of the good, in a figura- ing their friends, and providing their tive sense, rack and gibbet and Tor- husbands and wives, she has rigorously quemada. The symbol of the domestic | controlled their pin money, of which and social and private and public suf- there never has been any wasting in fering of a great multitude of God's the precincts of old Windsor. Toys dear children, pillars of smoke. What and gewgaws in the royal nursery were an exciting scene in India, when, dur- limited, but there never was any lack ing the Sepoy rebellion, a regiment of of books. Each child had its own min-Highlanders came up and found the lature book case, and was responsible dead body of one of General Wheeler's | for keeping it in order, as well as for daughters, who had been insulted and a periodical report showing just how mauled and slain by the Sepoys. So | many and what books had been read. great was the wrath against these The report was submitted to the queen murderers that the Scotch regiment at the end of every month. The chilsat down and, cutting off the hair of dren frequently preferred to pass the this dead daughter of Gen. Wheeler, time playing, making out their list at they divided it among them, and each | random, but were invariably caught. one counted the number of hairs given | In this respect Princess Louise is rehim, and each one took an oath, which | ported to have proved the worst delinwas executed, that for each hair of quent, and it is said that on an averthe murdered daughter they would age her royal highness spent a whole right. For many centuries the heav- dash out the life of a bestial Sepoy. day of each month in an empty room, But as we look over the story of those as punishment for this offense alone. who in all ages have suffered for the | On one occasion, when a child of 8, she | Hall. truth, while we leave vengeance to reported that her literary food for the foreign goods selected, he examined of persecution. Rowland Taylor burned the Lord, let us band together in one month had consisted of a few "fairy them, and by a peculiar mark upon the at Hadleigh; Latimer burned at Oxafter having counted the host of the relius" and "The Life of Zwingli." The of the Lord." martyrs, that for each one of those queen's suspicions being aroused, she which in all ages has been the best symglorious men and women who died for | questioned her daughter as to who | bol and manifestation of God's nature, truth an immortal shall live-live with | these personages were. Unhesitatingly God and live forever.

sentence of this sermon, nothing can | was a tamous German actor! tors, but both Protestant and Catholic | be more beautiful than the figures of smoke on a clear sky. You can see what you will in the contour of this volatile vapor, now enchanted castles, now troops of horsemen, now bannered procession, now winged couriers, now a black angel of wrath under a spear of the sunshine turned to an angel of light, and now from horizon to horizon the air is a picture gallery filled with masterpieces of which God is the artist, morning clouds of smoke born in the sunrise, and evening clouds of smoke laid in the burnished sepulchres

of the sunset. The beauty of the transfigured smoke is a divine symbol of the beauty of the church. The fairest of all the fair of whom I spoke the church. They are the parasites of the church, not the church itself. Her mission is to cover ods adopted to prevent the growth of the earth with a supernatural gladness, to open all the prison doors, to balsam all the wounds, to moss all the graves, to burn up the night in the fireplace of a great morning, to change iron handcuffs into diamonded wristlets, to turn the whole race around, and whereas it faced death, commanding it. "Right about face for heaven!" cording to the number of the spires of the churches in all our cities, towns and neighborhoods, are the good

homes, the world prosperities, and the It is demonstrated to all honest mea that it is not so certain that William Longfellow wrote "Hiawatha" as that God, by the hand of prophet and apostle, wrote the Bible. All the wise men in science and law and medicine and literature and merchandise are gradually coming to believe in Christianity, and soon there will be no people who disbelieve in it except those conspicuous for lack of brain or men with two families, who do not like the Bible be-

cause it rebukes their swinish propen-The time is hastening when there will be no infidels left except libertines and harlots and murderers. Millions of Christians where once there were thousands, and thousands where once there were hundreds. What a bright evening this, the evening of the nineteenth century! And the twentieth century, which is about to dawn, will, in my opinion, bring universal victory for Christ and the church, that now is marching on with step double-quick, or, if you prefer the figure of the text. is being swept on in the mighty gales to be old: of blessing, imposing and grand and On one of the recent warm days a pects in view are more pleasing than majestic and swift like pillars of sour-visaged, middle-aged, fussy lady those crowned with fruition. smoke.

ing and eating into the heart of the mountains, or whether it shall begin near the California geysers, or whether from out the furnaces of Cotopaxi, and Vesuvius, and Stromboli, it shall burst forth upon the astonished nations. I make no prophecy; but all geologists tell us that we stand on the lid of a world the heart of which is a raging. roaring, awful flame, and some day

you will be put to many a doggerel, and will smoke, and the islands will smoke, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. P. Bliss, the Gospel singer, or of the ruins of a burned-out world, the corpse of a dead star, the ashes of an extin-

A great complaint comes from the guished planet, a fallen pillar of smoke. But that will not interfere with your because they obstruct the view of the investments if you have taken Christ all the world." Nearly the whole known stage, and a lady reporter asked me as your Savior. Secure heaven as what I thought about it, and I told your eternal home, and you can look her that if the indecent pictures of ac- down upon a dismantled, disrupted, tresses in the show windows were ac- and demolished earth without any per-

"When wrapped in fire the realms of

ether glow. And heaven's last thunders shake the earth below,

smile. And light thy torch at nature's funeral pile."

The Queen as a Mother. The queen, although kind, has been For a compromise Christian char- a despotic mother and grandmother, came the reply that Marcus Aurelius But as I already hinted in the first had discovered America and Zwingli This accompanied the angel, and showed

Magic Figure Nine.

A curious coincidence is noted in the fact that nearly all the great mining discoveries of recent times have been made in years ending with the magic figure nine. Thus the famous gold find in California fell in the year 1849. Ten years later, in 1859, remarkable discoveries of the same metal were made simultaneously in Australia and for all. British Columbia, causing a great rush of fortune hunters to these points. In 1869 the famous Comstock lode find became known to the world; in 1879 the gold-bearing region around Leadville and Tombstone, Ariz., began to attract attention, and in 1889 the diggings at Clover Creek and in Lower California became the objective points of great multitudes of excited and anxious | Lord of lords, seekers after sudden wealth. And now again, at the end of another decade, history repeats itself once more. The remarkable gold finds recently made at Cape Nome, surpassing in richness and extent anything yet discovered in the Yukon district, bid fair to make this year, 1899, as notable as | titude of the heavenly host." The angelic Ac- any in the annals of gold mining .--Leslie's Weekly.

How a Certain Duel Was Staved Off. Lord March (afterward the Marquis of Queensberry) was not accustomed to view a duel with unbecoming apprehension, and usually attended an affair | the highest." (1) In the highest strains. Cullen Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis," or with an air of enjoyment that often was decidedly displeasing and embarrassing to his adversary. But he was served at last with that sauce which | belongs to heaven, which makes heaven the proverb explains is for the gander as well as for the goose. It was when he was challenged to fight an Irish sportsman. Lord March appeared on expresses God's feelings toward men. He the ground accompanied by a second, a surgeon and other witnesses. His opponent arrived soon afterward with a similar retinue, but added to by a per- love and wisdom and power can do to son who staggered under the weight of a polished oak coffin, which he deposited on the ground, end up, with its lid facing Lord March and his party. Lord March became decidedly uncomfortable when he read the inscription plate, engraved with his own name and title, and the date and year of death, and peace was patched up.

Well Agreed.

tainly told for new, but good enough

got on one of the smoking seats on an | The single effort with which we Oh, come into the church through open car in the subway. Next her sat stop short in the down-hill path to Christ the door-a door more glorious a man who was smoking a cigar. More perdition is itself a greater exertion than that of the temple of Hercules, than that, the lady, sniffing, easily of virtue than a hundred acts of juswhich had two pillars, and one was made out that the man had been eat- tice. gold, and the other emerald! Come in ing onions. Still more than that, today! The world you leave behind is she had the strongest kind of suspica poor world, and it will burn and pass ion that he had been drinking beer. off like pillars of smoke. Whether the The lady fussed and wriggled, and final conflagration will start in the coal grew angrier, and looked at the man mines of Pennsylvania, which, in some scornfully. Presently she could enthis that cometh out of the wilderness | places, have for many years been burn- dure it no longer. She looked squarely at him and said:

"If you were my husband, sir, I'd

give you a dose of poison!" The man looked at her. "If I were your husband," said he, "I'd take it."-Boston Transcript.

Less We Forget.

From Brooklyn Life: Wife-I received a letter from our country cousthan a filthy crow would be fit com- their imprisonment, and New York on ins today saying three of them would panion for a robin or a golden oriole. fire in 1835, and Charleston on fire in like to visit us for a month or so. I Compromise with the world and sur- 1865, and Chicago on fire in 1871, and sent a reply this afternoon. Husband render to its conventionalities and it Boston on fire in 1873, were only like (anxiously)-What did you tell them may let you alone, but all who will one spark from a blacksmith's forge | we had? Wife-Smallpox! Husband -Great Scott! You've put your foot persecution. Be a theater-going, card- blaze, which will be seen in other in it now. That's what you told them playing, wine-drinking, round-dancing worlds. But gradually the flames will last year when they threatened to faults it has not strength to prevent

The higher we rise, the more iso-

LESSON I-JANUARY 7-LUKE 2: 1-16.

The Birth of Jesus-"Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus: For He Shall Save His People from Their Sins" -

Matt. 1: 21.

1. "And it came to pass in those days." After the birth of John and before the birth of Jesus. A decree from "Caesar Augustus," the emperor of Rome. "That world then was included in the Roman empire. "Should be taxed." Rather, "enrolled." "The verb refers to writing off, copying, or entering the names, professions, fortunes and families of subjects in the public register, generally with a view to taxation."

2. "And this taxing," etc. Read as in R. V., "This was the first enrolment made," or "This took place as a first enrolment when Quirinius was governor of Syria."

3. "His own city." The city of his ancestors, where the family records were kept.-Am. Com.

4. "And Joseph also went up . . . unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem." The mother of Jesus lived in Nazareth of Galilee, but the prophet had foretold that the Messiah should be born in Bethlehem, the city of David (Mic. 5: 2), and this was the only fitting place, for he was the heir to David's kingdom, in whom should be fulfilled the premises to him that his house and his throne should be established forever (2 Sam. 7:16); for the Messiah's kingdom was to be the completion and fruition of David's kingdom.

5. "With Mary," who also was of the lineage of David. In a Roman census women were not obliged to come in person, though they paid the poll tax. 6. "And . . . while they were there." In Bethlehem.

7. "Wrapped him in swaddling clothes." Not clothes regularly made, but strips of loth three or four inches wide and seve eral feet long, wound around the child "And laid him in a manger," etc. "The animals were out at the time, and the manger was not being used."-Int. Crit. Com. "No room for them." Because so many others had come for the same purpose, or other business, "Inn." Caravansary.

8. "Shepherds abiding in the field." Near Bethlehem. "It was in th se pastures that David spent his yo th and fought the lion and the bear" (I Sam. 17: 34, 35).-Int. Crit. Com. "Keepin; watch over their flock by night." Thie es, wild beasts, and the dangers of the rough precipices form the chief reasons for a night-watch over the flock .- Prof. Isaac

9. "And, lo, the angel," not "the" but "an" angel, "of the Lord," one sent from heaven, "came upon them." Rather, as him to be the authorized divine messenger. "And they were sore afraid." Literally, feared a great fear,

10. "Good tidings." The word from which our "gospel" comes. They anglory, like that then shining on the field of Bethlehem. "To all people." To all The gospel is the universal religion as broad as the human race; and the joy is

11. "For unto you is born . . . a from their sins their worst and most dangerous enemies. "Jesus" means Sav-Messiah, whom they had long been hoping and praying for. He is called set apart for this work, as kings and high priests were set apart by anointing with

12. "And this shall be a sign unto you," that the words spoken were true; and a guiding sign, like the sign to the wise men, showing how they might know what child was the one referred to.

13. "And suddenly," as when the eyes gelic charlots and horses of fire. "A mulchoirs, the cherubim and seraphim, who knew most about the value of the salvation brought to men. All heaven was moved with joy

14. "Glory to God." For the coming of Jesus was the highest expression of God's when he asked to see God's glory. "In Only the most exquisite music and song are worthy to express this theme. "And on earth peace." Including all welfare what it is, all conceivable good to body Jesus Christ, and has come in no small degree. "Good will toward men." Jesus does not hate them for their sins; he is not repelled by their abominations so repulsive to his nature; but he loves them in spite of all, and does all that divine save them from sin and its consequences.

SAYINGS FROM VICAR OF WAKEFIELD.

I chose my wife as she did her wedding gown, not for a fine, glossy surface, but for such qualities as would wear well. As some men gaze with admiration

at the colors of a tulip or the wings A story told me the other day-cer- of a butterfly, so I was by nature an admirer of happy human faces. The hours we pass with happy pros-

The separation of friends and fami-

lies is, perhaps, one of the most dis-

tressful circumstances attendant or The short continuance of friendship

amongst the vicious, which is coeval only with mutual satisfaction. Those relations which describe the

tricks and vices of mankind, by increasing our suspicion of lile, retard our success. That melancholy which is excited by

objects of pleasure or inspired by sounds of harmony, soothes the heart instead of corroding it.

Even the humblest fortune may grant happiness, which depends not on circumstances, but on constitution. Had I but bestowed half the pains

in learning a trade that I have in

learning to be a scoundrel I might have been a rich man at this day. Conscience is a coward, and those it seldom has justice enough to ac-

The good are joyful and serene, like thrist, and worldling will wink to planet will begin to smoke, and the lated we become; all elevations are travelers that are going towards home; the wicked but by intervals happy, like travelers that are going into exile.