DIFFERENT CONDITIONS UNDER TWO ADMINISTRATIONS.

Dismui Scenes of Poverty and Suffering Give Place to Gratifying Representation of the Splendid Prosperty Visible on Every Hand.

This week's American Economist presents two illustrations which preach a sermon and tell a story of peculiar interest and significance. The first, a photographic reproduction of a scene of actual occurrence, brings into view a condition which existed in Janmary, 1894, less than a year after the inauguration of Grover Cleveland as president of the United States. The administration of President Cleveland was distinctly committed to the policy of free trade, and from the moment the result of the presidential election of November, 1892, became known, the country began to feel the stress and stringency of the changed industrial and economic outlook. A year and a quarter later, the period at which the scene portrayed in the first picture occurred, the wage earners of the United States were brought face to face with the disastrous consequences involved in the triumph of free trade. Out of work, out of money, their wives and children suffering for lack of food and clothing, eagerly thronged the places where relief was dispensed. One among these numerous places was the New York Herald building, corner of Broadway and Ann street, where free clothing was handed out to the needy. It was a charity which honored the generous proprietor of the Herald and which went far toward mitigating the sufferings of the poor in that neverto-be-forgotten free trade winter of 1893-1894. The charity was the worthier on the part of the Herald, because of the element of reparation entering into it.

Come we now to the second picture, which appears in the New York Herald of Dec. 5, 1899. Three years and a month have elapsed since the verdict of the people at the presidential election of November, 1896, was made known in favor of a protective tariff. Instead of the dismal scenes of poverty seeking the dole of free soup and free clothing, we have a picture of Uncle | taxing its resources to save the Demoplacard announces the fact that

56,706 operatives in Fall River,

It takes the recent remarks

No Tariff Tinkering.

radical legislation affecting the business and financial interest of the nation is enacted during the next few years.

"The country demands and should have a settled and assured policy in respect to those questions. The Dingley law as a revenue producer has more than satisfied those responsible for its enactment, and has proved gratifying to the people of the country gener-

"It has furnished ample revenue to carry on the government from the mo-

Dingley law has proved so satisfactory | pany, limited, this being an amalgamaand in all ways beneficial to the countion of eight firms which comprise the try that the people have no desire to leading indigo manufacturers of the interrupt its operations for some time | United Kingdom. It does not appear \$0 come.

Protection and the Gold Reserve. 13 shows that the gold reserve in the treasury stands at \$257,746,906. The Democratic "endless chain" seems powerless to draw the gold out of the catching prosperity at both ends of the treasury during a Republican admin- trap this year. The war in the Philipistration. When we had free trade, or pines, by cutting off the supply of tariff reform, the Democratic adminis- hemp, has greatly enhanced the value tration sold over \$262,000,000 in inter- of flax. It is estimated that North Daest bearing bonds to obtain gold with | kota farmers alone will get more than which to maintain the gold reserve and \$10,000,000 for their flax crop, which to pay current expenses of the govern- | will enable them to hold their wheat ment. There has been no drain on the crop for better prices.-Seattle (Wash.) gold in the trensury since the Repub- Post-Intelligencer.



FREE TRADE MEANT FREE CLOTHING.

Result of the New York Herald's Teaching-The Distribution of Free Clothing in the Herald's Ann Street Building, January 19, 1894.

licans were placed in charge of it, be- | BARGAIN COUNTER THEORY. cause the people have full confidence in the financial ability of the Republican party. If the Democratic party was placed in power tomorrow our unparalleled prosperity would vanish, our | urged against the protective tariff sysgold reserve would melt away like tem by its opponents is that American snow in August, and before six months | products are frequently sold to foreign had passed the "endless chain" would consumers for less than they are sold be doing business at the old stand, at home. The same objection might be bonds would be sold to pay expenses | urged against the bargain counter and maintain the gold reserve, busi- sales of the American merchant. He ness would be paralyzed and before a has a surplus and cannot afford to hold year had passed the country would be it over until the next season, to be put swept by a panic, and labor would be up in competition with new and fresh thrown out of employment.-Benton goods, even of the same manufacture.

FREE TRADE BOSH.

(III.) Republican.

The Assertion That President Mckinley Leans Toward Cobdenism.

years a strenuous advocate of free putting all trust products on the free give his labor full employment. trade for the United States. It is not list and make "a determined assault | so strongous now. Otherwise it would upon the 52 per cent Dingley tariff" transaction? The thinking man will hardly have furnished the second pic- and its popularity with the people is say no. so convincingly the story of contrast- by President McKinley and Postmasing conditions under two administra- ter-General Charles Emery Smith, favoring foreign commerce, as certain evidence that the administration is rapidly getting in line for free trade, Representative Payne of New York, and warns the Democratic party that if chairman of the house committee on it does not hurry up and get upon this ways and means, is certain that the anti-tariff platform the Republicans present congress will do no tariff tin- will be ahead of it, and then its kering. "The Fifty-sixth congress has chances of success will be gone for important work on its hands," said he another generation. Mr. Bryan may in a recent interview. There will be lack political insight in adhering to no tariff legislation during the present | the 16-to-1 proposition, but in his wildsession. The condition of the country est moments he has never exhibited is today thoroughly prosperous and such mental chaos as is revealed in will continue so unless ill-advised and the notion that President McKinley and his postmaster-general have turned their backs on protection, and that free trade would be a popular issue for 1900. Such a notion can only be entertained on the assumption that the American nation is composed of seventy-five millions of people "mostly fools." Besides this deliverance Mr. Bryan's talk really sounds like statesmanship.-Gunton's Magazine, Decem-

Another Orphan Child.

ment the sugar and wool schedules be- Another trust has just made its apgan to operate. I am convinced that pearance in free trade Great Britain. the happy results it has produced will The London Economist of November 11, 1899, announces the formation of Representative Payne is right. The the United Indigo and Chemical comthat the Dingley law is responsible for this British trust, or that the absence of a protective tariff constitutes any The treasury statement for October | serious bar to the formation of trusts.

At Both Ends. The American Farmer appears to be

-New York Herald, Dec. 5, 1899.

DURING THE PAST WEEK THE WAGES OF 56,700 OPERATIVES INFALL RIVER, LOWELL AND NEW BEDFORD HAVE BEEN ADVANCED O PER CENT

GOOD NEWS.

Our Products Not Sold Abroad for Less

Than at Home.

One of the arguments most generally

The bargain day sales of the merchant do not affect the salaries of his employes, they are of some benefit to those who buy, and although they may not add to the profit side of the merchant's account, they at least save him

The New York Times seems to be The manufacturer cannot exactly es-Sam, his features expressing supreme cratic party. It sees that Mr. Bryan timate the quantity of goods he can gratification, standing by the side of a and all that he stands for on silver, sell during the season, but he knows chimney in whose dense mass of escap- trusts and expansion can only make he must have enough, and he furthering smoke are seen the outlines of the that party less popular with the people. more feels that he is in duty bound to roseate cheek of the little one, con- "There was paid our indebtedness and It has finally hit upon a scheme by furnish his employes full employment, which the party can be reinstated and | and therefore lets his mills go full the country saved from untold disaster, | time. If he has a surplus and can disnamely, by abandoning its position on pose of it at cost in a foreign country Lowell and New Bedford have been Silver, trusts and the Philippines, and it saves him from loss, helps the purstanding for the simple issue of tariff | chaser to the extent of reduction in The New York Herald was for many destruction. Let the party declare for price, and above all, enables him to

Is there anything wrong in the

The fact of the matter is, however, that American products are never sold in foreign markets for less than they

That they are sold, however, at less price than the foreign manufacturer can produce them for, is an acknowledged fact. This is the misfortune of the foreigner.

The superiority of our skilled labor and improved labor saving machinery enables us to do this, and we do it. Can any one find fault with us for

doing so?-St. Louis Star.

Historic Phrases A la Atkinson. From the Mobile Register: If the fashion prevails of bewailing our nation's effort to maintain the dignity of | bodies"; but no one knows what gosits flag in the face of the enemy, we will have to revise the saying of those who once were national heroes and ask our children to study them in the following shape: Give up the ship.-Lawrence. Be sure you are right, then apologize for it.-Davy Crockett. We have met the enemy, and ours are theirs.-Oliver Hazard Perry. Wait until you see the whites of their eyes, the gospel sound is who have heard boys; then run.-Andrew Jackson. Don't hold the fort; I'm running.-W. T. Sherman. Damn the torpedoes; take a sneak.-David Glasgow Farragut. I propose to get out of this line if it takes all summer .- U. S. Grant. There stands Jackson like a stone wall. but he is a fool to do it.—Gen. Lee. When you are ready, Gridley, you may

Everywhere Recognized.

skedaddle.-Dewey.

A San Francisco merchant who has just returned from a business tour of Eastern manufacturing centers reports that manufacturers are so overcrowded that they have been forced to stop taking orders. Their works are running to their full capacity, wages of employes are being advanced and there are no unemployed spinners and weavers to be had at any price. This era of prosperity is recognized everywhere as the direct result of the domestic and foreign policy of the McKinley administration .- San Francisco Chron-

Doing Very Well. The offer of the treasury department to redeem \$25,000,000 worth of govern-

Much More Favorable.

the people generally.

No other word than triumph does justice to the results of the Dingley law. No matter where the test is applied its workings are far more favorable than any tariff ever devised by a Democratic congress.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

No Longer Idle. year. Before McKinley was elected give us a change of bosses. many of them were lying idle or work-

He Would Like a Change. The times are unusually prosperous. 'Let's vote for a change," says Mr. Bryan.-Burlington Hawkeye.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL AND ITS HEAVENLY LIGHT.

The Text Chosen Being: "According to the Glorious Gospel of the Most Blessed God Which Was Committed to My Trust"-Tim. 1:11.

The greatest novelty of our time is

the gospel. It is so old that it is new.

As potters and artists are now attempt-

ing to fashion pitchers and cups and

curious ware like those of 1,900 years

ago recently brought up from buried

Pompeii, and such cups and pitchers

and curious ware are universally ad-

mired, so any one who can unshovel

the real gospel from the mountains of

stuff under which it has been buried,

will be able to present something that

will attract the gaze and admiration

and adoption of all the people. It is

amazing what substitutes have been

presented for what my text calls "The

Glorious Gospel." There has been a hemispheric apostasy. There are many people in this and all other large assemblages who have no more idea of what the gospel really is than they have of what is contained in the fourteenth chapter of Zend-Avesta, the bicutta, India, last September. The old gospel is fifty feet under and the work | white as snow," and the defense of the has been done by the shovels of those philosophy about it. It is a plain mat- ing gates to receive them and a sweep ter of bible statement and of child-like faith. Some of the theological seminaries have been hotbeds of infidelity. because they have tried to teach the "philosophy of religion." By the time of the glorious gospel. It is an invithat many a theological student gets | tation from the most radient being half through his preparatory course that ever trod the earth or ascended he is so filled with doubts about plen- the heavens, to you and to me, to ary inspiration and the divinity of Christ and the questions of eternal take after that a royal castle for everdestiny that he is more fit for the low- lasting residence, the angels of God our est branch in the infant class of a Sun- cupbearers. The price paid for all of day school than to become a teach- this on the cliff of limestone about as Christian mother, who, out of her where with an agony that with one own experience, can tell the 4-year- hand tore down the rocks and with the old how beautiful Christ was on other drew down a midnight blackness heaven and how dearly he loves lit- ever free. Making no apology for any tle folks, and then she kneels down and one of the million sins of our life, but puts one arm around the boy, and with | confessing all of them, we can point her somewhat faded cheek against the to that cliff of limestone and say, Him who said, "Suffer them to come am I that all the Christian poets have unto me." What an awful work Paul exerted their pen in extolling the made with the D. D.'s and the LL. D.'s matchless one of this gospel. Isaac and the F. R. S.'s when he cleared the Watts, how do you feel concerning decks of the old gospel ship by saying: him? And he writes, "I am not "Not many wise men, not many noble, weak things of the world to confound | And he writes, "Amazing grace, how the mighty."

and apologetics for the Almighty and child, of whom Christ himself said: "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." Ah! my friends, the bible wants no apologetics. The throne of the last judgwants no apologetics. Scientists may tell us that the natural light is the "propagation of undulations in an elastic medium, and thus set in vibratory motion by the action of luminous pel light is until his own blind eyes, by the touch of the Divine Spirit, have opened to see the noonday of pardon and peace. Scientists may tell us that natural sound is "the effect of an impression made on the organs of hearing by an impulse of the air, caused by a collision of bodies or by some other means"; but those only know what the voice of Christ directly saying: "Thy sins are forgiven thee; go in peace." The theological dude unrolls upon the plush of an exquisitely carved pulpit a learned discourse showing that the garden of Eden was an allegory, and Solomon's song rather an indelicate love ditty, and the book of Job a drama in which Satan was the star actor, and that Renan was three-quarters right about the miracles of Jesus. and that the bible was gradually evoluted and the best thought of the different ages, Moses and David and Paul doing the best they could under the circumstances, and therefore to be encouraged. Lord of heaven and earth,

get us out of the London fog of higher criticism! The night is dark and the way is rough, and we have a lantern which God has put in our hands; but instead of employing the lantern to show ourselves and others the right way we are discussing lanterns, their shape, their size, their material and which is the better light-kerosene, lamp oil or candle; and while we discuss it, we stand all around the lantern so that we shut out the light from the multitudes who are stumbling on in the dark mountains of sin and death. carved room, and under embellished ment bonds is an unmistakable indi- Twelve hundred dead birds were found cation of the flourishing condition of one morning around Bartholdi's statue through precious-stoned into wider our national finances. The lack of in New York harbor. They had dashed halls precious-stoned, and on that hill readiness shown by the holders of their life out against the lighthouse are pavilions deeply dyed and tasseled bonds to take advantage of the offer | the night before. Poor things! And | and arched, the fire of colored gardens of the secretary of the treasury is an | the great lighthouse of the gospel- | cooled by the snow of white architecequally reliable indication of the very how many high-soaring thinkers have ture; birds in arabesque so natural to satisfactory condition of commercial beaten all their religious life out life that while you cannot hear their affairs throughout the country. The against it, while it was intended for voices you imagine you see the flutter Dingley law seems to be doing pretty only one thing, and that to show all of their wings while you are passing; well, both by the government and by nations the way into the harbor of walls pictured with triumphal pro-God's mercy, and to the crystalline cession; rooms that were called "Alwharves of the heavenly city, where cove of Light" and "Hall of Victory"; the immortals are waiting for new ar- marble, white and black, like a mixrivals. Dead skylarks, when they ture of morn and night; alabaster and might have been flying seraphs.

gospel, some who think they can by step to latticed balcony, and from latlaw and exposure of crime save the ticed balcony to oriel, and from oriel world, and from Portland. Maine, to arch, and from arch to roof, and across to San Francisco and back again | then descends on ladder of all colors to New Orleans and Savannah, many and by stairs of perfect lines to tropical of the ministers have gone into the de- gardens of pomegranite and pineapple. tective business. Worldly reform by Seven stories of resplendent architec-

gospel gets full swing it will have a some of your own kindred who have momentum and power mightier than gone up and, waiting for you, are leanthat of the Atlantic ocean when, under | ing from the balcony. The windows | duced by effort, which is in itself

The meaning of the word "gospel" is | in eternal friendship; and the banquet "good news," and my text says it is glorious news, and we must tell it in our churches and over our dry goods counters and in our factories and over our threshing machines and behind our plows and on our ships' decks and in our parlors, our nurseries and kitchens, as though it were glorious good news, and not with a dismal drawl in our voice and a dismal look in our faces, as though religion were a rheumatic twinge or a dyspeptic pang or a malarial chill or an attack of nervous prostration. With nine "blesseds" or "happys." Christ began his sermon on the mount: Blessed are the poor, blessed the mourner, blessed the meek, blessed the hungry, blessed the merciful, blessed the pure, blessed the peace makers, blessed the persecuted, blessed the reviled, blessed, blessed; happy, happy, happy. Glorious good news for the young, as through Christ they may have their coming years ennobled, and for a life time all the angels of God their coadjutors and all the armies of heaven their allies. Glorious good news for the middle aged, as through Christ they may have their perpiexities disentangled and their courage rallied, and their victory over all obstacles and hindrances made forever sure. Glorious good news for the aged, ble of the Hindoo, the first copy of as they may have the sympathy of him which I ever saw I purchased in Cal- of whom St. John wrote: "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as everlasting arms. Glorious good news who have been trying to contrive the for the dying, as they may have minisphilosophy of religion. There is no tering spirits to escort them and openof eternal glories to encircle them and the welcome of a loving God to em-

Oh, my text is right when it speaks

come and be made happy, and then

er and leader of the people. The high as this house, about seven minablest theological professor is a utes' walk from the wall of Jerusalem, earth and how beautiful he is in over the heavens, our Lord set us forsecrates him for time and eternity to God never collects a bill twice. Glad ashamed to own my Lord." Newton, are called, but God hath chosen the what do you think of this gospel? sweet the sound." Cowper, what do There sits the dear old theologian | you think of him? And the answer with his table piled up with all the comes, "There is a fountain filled with great books on inspiration and exegesis | blood." Charles Wesley, what do you think of him? And he answers, "Jesus, writing out his own elaborate work on lover of my soul." Horatius Bonar, the philosophy of religion, and his lit- what do you think of him? And he retle grandchild, coming up to him for sponds, "I lay my sins on Jesus." Ray gy which will prove enormously more a good-night kiss, he accidentally Palmer, what do you think of him? knocks off the biggest book from the And he writes, "My faith looks up to will be practically inexhaustible, to table and it falls on the head of the thee." Fannie Crosby, what do you think of him? And she writes, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." But I take higher testimony: Solomon, what do you think of him? And the answer is, light and heat, and be the universal "Lily of the valley." Ezekiel, what do ment wants no apologetics. Eternity | you think of him? And the answer is, "Plant of renown." David, what do you think of him? And the answer is. "My shepherd." St. John, what do you think of him? And the answer is. "Bright and morning star." St. Paul, what do you think of him? And the answer comes, "Christ is all in all." Do you think as well of him, O man. O woman, of the blood-bought immortal spirit? Yes, Paul was right when he styled it "The Glorious Gospel." And then as a druggist, while you are waiting for him to make up the doc- of the world's industry. As the use of tor's prescription, puts into a bottle water power to develop electrical en- here? Or you might be sure that I was so many grains of this and so many ergy increases to the point of formidagrains of that, and so many drops of ble competition with coal, electrical this and so many drops of that, and students and inventors will doubtless my father's house." The noun for "house" the intermixture taken, though sour bring out improvements making it posand bitter, restores the health, so sible to store the power or conduct it Christ, the Divine Physician, prepares | long distances at small cost, until our this trouble of our life time and that | factories, railroads and ships can be disappointment and this persecution, operated by it, our houses lighted and of meaning they could not fathom. The and that hardship and that tear, and warmed and food prepared all at even realization of what he was came gradthough it be a bitter draught, under with coal. tne divine prescription it administers to our restoration and spiritual health, "all things working together for good." Glorious gospe!! And then the royal castle into which

turned earth of the grave. "They shall reign forever and ever." Does not that mean that you are, if saved. to be kings and queens, and do not kings and queens have castles? But the one that you are offered was for thirty-three years an abandoned castle, though now gloriously inhabited. There is an abandoned royal castle at Amber, India. One hundred and seventy years ago a king moved out of it never to return. But the castle still stands in indescribable grandeur, and you go through brazen doorway after brazen doorway, and carved room after ceiling after embellished ceiling, and mother-of-pearl and lacquer work. Here also come, covering up the old | Standing before it, the eye climbs from all that, and though an abandoned casthe force of the September equinox, it of that castle look off on the king's painful.

we step out of this life without so

much as soiling our foot with the up-

etrikes the highlands of the Navesink. | gardens, where immortans walk, linked | THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. hall of that castle has princes and princesses at the table; and the wine is the "new wine of the kingdom," and the supper is the marriage supper of the lamb; and there are fountains into which no tear ever fell, and there is music that trembles with no grief, and the light that falls upon the scene is never beclouded, and there is the kiss of those united after long separation. More nerve we will have there than now, or we would swoon away under the raptures. Stronger vision will we have there than now, or our eyesight would be blinded by the brilliance. Stronger ear will we have there than privileges. "The feast of the passover." now, or under the roll of that minstrelsy and the clapping of that accla- their birth as a nation (Ex. 12, 13), which mation and the boom of that halle- all male Israelites were commanded to at, lujah we would be deafened. Glorious | tend each year (Ex. 23: 14-17; Deut. 16 gospel! You thought religion was a straight-jacket, and it put you on the limits, and thereafter you must go the East as well developed physically and cowed down. No, no, no. It is to be intellectually as a child of 15 in our Westcastellated. By the cleansing power ern modern world." This was the age of the shed blood of Golgotha, set when, as a kind of turning point from your faces toward the shining pinnacles. Oh, it does not matter much when he was bound to keep the law, and what becomes of us here-for at the to go up to the festivals with his father, longest our stay is short-if we can only land there. You see there are so many I want to meet there. Joshua, my favorite prophet; and John among days." The seven days of the Passover the evangelists; and Paul among the (Ex. 12: 15; Deut. 16: 2) "or the customapostles, and Wycliffe among the mar- ary two days, for many pilgrims left after tyrs, and Bourdaloue among the preachers, and Dante among the poets, and Havelock among the heroes, and our loved ones whom we have so much | "Tarried behind in Jerusalem," "The missed since they left us, so many Greek for 'tarried' contains an idea of darlings of the heart, their absence sometimes almost unbearable; and, mentioned in this sentence last of all, Int. Crit. Com. It is not at all probable because I want the thought climacteric, | that he remained behind on purpose, but our blessed Lord, without whom we could never reach the old castle at all. He took our place. He purchased our

> ing him be all the thrones! And then from that vastest audience ever established in all the universe there will go up the shout, "Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!" and shared the journey."-M. R. Vincent. the Father, who long ago promised his only begotten Son, "I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," shall set the crown dren being with their mothers, and the upon the forehead yet scarred with older with either. If this was the case, crucifixion bramble, and the hosts of then Mary might fancy that he was with heaven, down on the levels and up in Mary (Tristram, Eastern Customs in Bithe galleries, will drop on their knees | ble Lands, p. 56)."-Int. Crit. Com. crying, "Hail, king of earth! King of heaven! King of saints! King of | gle act. "Seeking him." A continued act seraphs! Thy kingdom is an everlast- lasting all the way to the city. ing kingdom, and to thy dominions there shall be no end! Amen and Amen! Amen and Amen!"

He assured our resurrection. Blessed

Should Coal Give Out. What then? Are we utterly depend- the temple area, and belonging to the ent upon coal, so that the wheels of in- | temple. "Sitting in the midst of the docdustry will stop and the forests be consumed for fuel when coal gives that hearing is placed first. He came as out? Of course not. It is an idle fear. a learner. "And asking them questions," Already we have the beginning of a in his desire to learn more. All this was new method of utilizing natural enereffective than coal has ever been, and whatever extent industry may expand, says Gunton's Magazine. Electrical energy, developed by water power, will run the world's industries, furnish its substitute for all forms of combustion | their boy, or of such wisdom, such methods. Water power is practically unlimited, and it will be utilized more and more in proportion as the need for to realize the development of those growit arises and as its use becomes, at different places and at different periods, cheaper than coal. The substitution will proceed gradually, until, when the | Doren. "Thy father and I." This form coal supply finally is exhausted, no- of speech was required by usage. It may body will have anything more than a curious or academic interest in the matter, and probably not a ripple will be produced in the steady onward flow we must take the intermixture, yet less expense than is possible today

A British School at Rome. A movement, supported by a strong general committee, for the establishment at Rome of a British school similar to that which has existed for thirteen years at Athens, Germany, France, Austria, and the United States already possess institutions of the kind in Rome, but Great Britain, almost alone among European nations, is unrepresented. The need is recognized in that city of a British center of study and pare Gen. 37:11."-M. R. Vincent. research, offering to British students the advantages enjoyed by members of other nationalities. The formation of such a center would be welcomed by He grew like any other child. "In favor the committee of the Athens school, as a means of enabling students to com- as he grew older. He was such a young plete in Rome the training they have received in Athens, though the work done in both cities would be of a similar character. The school in Rome, beauty of holiness." He had not only like that in Athens, would be a training ground for students fresh from the universities or other institutions, as it reproves, and whose life it interferes well as a place where more mature with. students could gather, to the stimulation of intercourse and sympathy and the achievement of more concerted and continuous work.-London Echo.

A Five-Legged Free. A five-legged frog has come all the way from Connecticut and taken up his abode in the New York aquarium. He did not hop here-even a frog with five legs could not do that-but traveled in a box with some wet moss to keep him cool. When he was transferred to a tank he uttered a graceful chirrup and blinked his golden-rimmed eyes. At first glance this newcomer seems to carry his extra leg so gracefullly that the beholder is tempted to think that all frogs ought to have three front legs. The iron mills in the vicinity of all means; but unless it be also gos- ture! But the royal castle provided Closer examination, however, shows Cleveland have enough orders on hand pel reform, it will be dead failure. In for you, if you will only take it on that the middle leg is really an excresnow to keep them busy all of next | New York its chief work has been to the prescribed terms, is grander than cence from one of the others, and is action. not of much service to its proprietor. The glorious gospel of the blessed the while Christ was here achieving He does not use it in swimming r round onesself with old books than ing only half time.—Cleveland Leader. God as spoken of in my text will have your redemption, is again occupied by hopping, but it imparts a certain dig- new friends. more drawing power, and when that the "Chief among ten thousand," and nity to his aspect.-New York World.

Cheerfulness was never yet pro-

LESSON II, JANUARY 14: LUKE 2: 41-52.

Jesus Visits Jerusalem-"And Jesus Increased in Wisdom and Stature, and in Favor with God and Man"-

41. "His parents went to Jerusalem every year." This shows that his parents were devout, God-fearing people. They were very strict in performing their religious duties, and using their religious The most important of the religious festivals of the Jews, the commemoration of

old." "A child of 12 was at that time in childhood, a Jewish boy became a "son of the law," the age of responsibility, "after the custom of the feast," as it was the custom to go, or in the customary manner of traveling.

43. "And when they had fulfilled the the sacrifices were over."-Plumptre. "The child Jesus." The word means "boy." Up to this point a diminutive term has been used .- Professor Riddle. persistence and perseverance. The attraction of divine things held him fast in spite of the departure of his parents."he was so intensely interested in the teaching of the rabbis that he did not know when the caravan started on its homeward journey. "And Joseph and his ransom. He wept our woes. He suf- mother knew not of it." This shows what fered our stripes. He died our death. perfect confidence they had in the boy They willingly left him with the other be his glorious name forever! Surging it for granted that he had joined the boys of his age during the day, and took to his ear be all the anthems! Fac- caravan with the rest. "The incident constantly occurs to this day in the annual expedition of the pilgrims to bathe in the fords of the Jordan."-Fartur.

44. "But they, supposing him to have been in the company." "The comp ny that "And they sought him." "It was probably when the caravan halted for the night that he was first missed. At the present day the women commonly start first, and the men follow, the little chil-Joseph, and Joseph that he was with

"They turned back again." A sin-

Reckoned from the departure of the caravan from Jerusalem: one for the journey out, one for the return, and one for the search in the city. "They found him in the temple." Not in the temple proper, but in one of the porches or chambers of done naturally and modestly, 47. "Were astonished at his understand-

His knowledge of the Scriptures. penetration into the very spirit of the displayed these same qualities. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected wisdom.

48. "They were amazed." They had not thoughts in the active, obedient, modest, perhaps reticent boy in their household. It is often very difficult for older persons reveals the fact to them. "And his meth er said unto him." "Privately; she could not rebuke after such a scene."-Van however, imply that Mary had never told her Son of the remarkable circumstances of his birth.-Revision Com.

49. "How is it that ye sought me?" You would naturally fing me in my father's house. Why did you not come directly me? "Wist." Knew. "I must be about. my Father's business," or as R. V., "in or "business" is not given in the Greek. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's . . ?

50. "And they understood not." Did not fully comprehend. There was a depth ually to them.

51. "Came to Na-areth," where he remained for eighteer years, "hidden years" of growth and preparation, till the time came, at 30 years of age, to enter upon his great mission. "And was subject unto them." The participle and finite vert denote habitual, continuous subjection. M. R. Vincent. "His mother kept al these sayings in her heart." It was doubte less from the treasures of her memory that Luke obtained his knowledge of what he has written of Jesus' childhood. "Only here and Acts 15: 29. The "Kept." preposition through indicates close, faithe ful, persistent keeping, through all the circumstances which might have weakened the impression of the events. Com-

52. "Increased." Rather, advanced, The word is derived from pioneers cutting down trees in the path of an advancing army. "In wisdom and stature." with God and man." He grew in favor man as God had meant all men to be. The word favor here is the same as is translated grace in John 1:14, "full of grace and truth." Jesus possessed "the goodness, but goodness in attractive, gracious, lovely forms. Heavenly goodness is attractive to all except bad men, whom

MAN AND LIFE.

If we love only the lovable, we shall love very few.

We would rather say what we think than do what we say.

Responsibility subdues weakness and confirms strength. Habits are the only chains which, in

being worn, never wear out.

With most men the correction of a fault means replacing it with another. Nothing uses up strength physical and moral like never using them at all.

There are words that stop at the ears, there are silences that go to the

To do one's best, one must expect to excel everybody else; vanity spurs As one grows old it is easier to sur-

The fortunate circumstances of our lives are generally found at last to be of our own procuring.

Many men are interested in believing that to excel in nothing argues aptitude for everything.