Cincinnati girls are marrying dukes, counts, and things, and one Cincinnati belle, so the dispatches tell us, has just knocked down a Cincinnati beau, but Cincinnati need not think she can hog the society swelldom of this region. Louisville, hereafter, is to pull off her prize fights in evening dress.

The presentation shield intended for Gen. Baden-Powell, and which has been wrought from 200 Kruger zovereigns, has been completed. Owing to the indisposition of the gallant officer, however, the date of its presentation has been deferred. He is expected to visit Durban soon, when the ceremony will take place.

A steady advance in prosperity has marked the career of Charles M. Hays, of St. Louis. At the age of nineteen he was a clerk in that city at the office of the Southern Pacific Railroad. His salary was then \$40 a month. At the age of forty-two he has just been elected president of the Southern Pacific Railroad, with a salary of \$55,000 a

A persevering gentleman in St. John, Kansas, has been convicted of violating the prohibitory law by selling whisky. There were forty-nine distinct violations of the law, and he has been sentenced to forty-nine months in jail, as well as a fine of \$100 for each offense. As he cannot pay the \$4,900 he must spend a day in jail for each half-dollar of the fine-over thirty years altogether.

The Sober Scot Society has changed its name to the Scottish Self-Control Society, and has revised its constitution. The terms of membership are: 1. Not to drink anything before 12 noon, and not at any time treat anybody, or to take a treat from anybody. 2. Not to give or take a drink as remuneration for anything in the way of service. The Duke of Sutherland is the president of the society, and many high personages are members of it.

One day in the spring of 1884 Mrs. Frederick White of Coventry, N. Y., asked her husband to bring her a sack of flour from a near-by store. He started to do so and that was the last she saw of him until one day last week, when he walked into the house with a sack of flour on his shoulder, saying as he set it down that he had not forgotten his errand. He has been in the far west, has accumulated a good deal of money and will take Mrs. White to his western home.

The operations of the Walian military to destroy or capture the notorious brigand and murderer, Mussolino, have assumed the dimensions of a small campaign. The robber is hiding in a cave on Mount Aspromonte, under the shadow of a great rock which is only accessible to the eagle. Some 650 troops and police form a cordon round the mountain. Mussolino's hiding place cannot even be reached by artillery, and it was therefore decided to blow up the rock with dynamite. Preparations to this end are now proceeding, and it is intended to displace a mass of rock 10,000 cubic metres in extent.

The Archivist of Hanover has just come across a curious relic of the Seven Years' War. It is a receipt given to a Hanoverian captain by a canon of Duisburg. The captain had learned that this ecclesiastic had been making in public reflections on the Hanoverian army and the patriotic officer determined to punish the offence in the most expeditious manner-viz., by sending an adjutant forthwith to administer to the canon fifty blows with a stick. The officer faithfully carried out his instructions, and the document which the Archivist of Hanover has just unearthed is a receipt duly drawn up and signed by the canon admitting that he had received the fifty strokes from a stick an inch thick for his "stupid and frivolous calumnies against the regiment of Chasseurs."

Sir Thomas Drew's appointment as president of the Royal Hibernian Academy has awakened again the talk about the neglect of art in Ireland. Like everything else, are must be pecuniarily supported, or it dies a natural death. Art in Ireland is not countenanced either by government or by the wealthy, with the result that an | Zend-Avesta that would crowd out of of Kings. But he knew what he was artist finds it hard to make out a living. If an Irish artist wishes to live a little better than a peasant, he has to transfer his quarters to London, where patrons abound, if they are not always to be caught. Architects are in much the same position, likewise sculptors. Calculating the muses on a few potatoes is picturesque, but not paying. Scotland is not in a much bet- | had spoken, it would have said, "The with three crosses, and the lacerated ter position than Ireland, as in both countries genius and talent are starved into mediocrity.

It has been said that if General Washington should return to earth and make a trip from Mount Vernon to Boston over the old route, the only place he would recognize would be Annapolis. If this be true of the quaint old city which is the seat of the United States Naval Academy, it is certainly not to be regretted. In revisiting any old home place it is stimulating to see the march of improvements that has taken place; yet it is also a delight to go back and find some old scenes that still look familiar.

TALMAGE'S

THRALLMENT.

A Sermon Especially Appropriate for the Christmas Season-The Mission of the Saviour of the World-Proof That God Is Love.

(Copyright, 1900, Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) way the sacrifices made for the world's text is I. John iv., 16, "God is love."

Perilous undertaking would it be to attempt a comparison between the attributes of God. They are not like a a higher peak, nor like the ocean, with here and there a profounder depth. We cannot measure infinities. We would forteth, so will I comfort you." not dare to say whether his omnipotence, or omniscience, or omnipresence, or immutability, or wisdom, or justice, deeper impression upon us than any other. It was evidently a very old which I take the text. John was not in his dotage, as Prof. Eichhorn asserted, but you can tell by the repetitions in the epistle and the rambling style and that he called grown people "little children" that the author was probably an octogenarian. Yet Paul, in midcritics on Mars hill, said nothing stronger or more important than did the venerable John when he wrote the three words of my text, "God is love."

Indeed the older one gets the more he appreciates this attribute. The harshness and the combativeness and the severity have gone out of the old man, and he is more lenient and aware of his own faults, is more disposed to make excuses for the faults of others, and he frequently ejaculates, "Poor human nature!" The young minister preached three sermons on the justice of God and one on the love of God, but when he got old he preached three

the justice of God. Christ's Descent to Earth.

If high intelligences looked down and saw what was going on, they must have prophesied extermination, complete extermination, of these offenders of Jehovah. But no! Who is that coming out of the throne room of heaven? Who is that coming out of the palaces of the eternal? It is the Son of the Emperor of the universe. Down the stairs of the high heavens he comes till he reaches the cold air of a December night in Palestine and amid the bleatings of sheep and the lowing of cattle and the moaning of camels and the banter of the herdsmen takes his hist sleep on earth and for 33 years tions for thousands of years did not, invites the wandering race to return amid their idolatries, make something to God and happiness and heaven. to represent this feeling, this emotion. They were the longest 33 years ever | They had a Jove, representing might; known in heaven. Among many high | Neptune, the god of the sea; Minerva, intelligences, what impatience to get the goddess of wisdom; Venus, the him back! The Infinite Father looked goddess of base appetite; Ceres, the down and saw his Son slapped and goddess of corn, and an Odin, an an spit on and supperless and homeless, Osiris, and a Titan, and a Juggernaut, and then, amid horrors that made the and whole pantheons of gods and godnoonday heavens turn black in the desses, but no shrine, no carved image. face, his body and soul parted. And no sculptured form has suggested a all for what? Why allow the Crown god of pure love. That was beyond Prince to come on such an errand and human brain. It took a God to think endure such sorrows and die such a that, a God to project that, a God let death? It was to invite the human down from heaven to achieve that. race to put down its antipathies and Fear is the dominant thought in all resistance. It was because "God is false religions. For that the devotees

shipwreck. We go down to look at and hold up the right arm so long that the battered and split hulk of an old they cannot take it down. Fear, brutship on Long Island or New Jersey ish fear! But love is the queen in our coast. It excites our interest. We religion. For that we build temples. wonder when and how it came ashore For that we kneel at our altars. For and whether it was the recklessness that we contribute our alms. For that of a pilot or a storm before which martyrs suffered at Brussels marketnothing could bear up. Human nature place and at Lucknow and Cawnpur wrecked may interest the inhabitants and Pekin. That will yet bejewel the of other worlds as a curiosity, but round earth and put it an emerald on there is nothing lovely in that which the great, warm, throbbing heart of has foundered on the rocks of sin and | God. sorrow. Yet it was in that condition of moral break up that heaven moved to the rescue. It was loveliness hovering over deformity. It was the lifeboat putting out into the surf that attempted its demolition. It was harmony pitying discord. It was a living him on Calvary, paid him with bram-God putting his arms around a re- bles on the brow and four spikes, two creant world.

Our World's Wickedness. ized wickedness of the nations! See at war, digging its trenches for the ness and always will be opposed to it. the sorrow of a bereft God. The world is to me an affront infinite. here and see no assuagement of those out and came up, having achieved an England.

SERMON. sufferings. I will go down and reform the world. I will medicate its wounds. I will calm its frenzy. I will wash off FOR THE WORLD'S DISEN- its pollution. I will become incarnated. I will take on my shoulders and upon my brow and into my heart the consequences of that world's misbehavior. I start now, and between my arrival at Bethlehem and my ascent from Olivet I will weep their tears and suffer their griefs and die their death. Farewell, my throne, my crown, my scepter, my angelic environment, my Washington, Dec. 23 .- In this dis- heaven, till I have finished the work course Dr. Talmage describes in a new and come back!" God was never conquered but once, and that was when he disenthralment and deliverance. His was conquered by his own love. "God

Christ the Comforter. If one paragraph of the creed seems to take you, like a child, out of the mountain range, with here and there arms of a father, let the next paragraph put you in the arms of a mother. "As one whom his mother comwhat a mother we have in God! And my text is the lullaby sung to us when we are ill, or when we are maltreated. or love is the greater attribute, but or when we are weary, or when we are the one mentioned in my text makes trying to do better, or when we are bereft, or when we ourselves lie down to the last sleep. We feel the warm cheek man who wrote the chapter from of the mother against our cheek, and there sounds in it the hush of many mothers: "God is love."

This was the reason the Bible was

written. The world needs no inspired page to tell it that God will chastise sin, for that is proved in the life of many an offender. You can look life mastering an audience of Athenian through the wicket of any prison and see the fact which the world understood thousands of years before Solomon wrote it-"The way of the transgressor is hard." The world needed no Bible to tell it that God is omnipotent, for any one who has seen Mont Blanc or Niagara or the Atlantic ocean in a cyclone knows that. The world needed no Bible to tell it of God's wisdom, for everything, from a spider's web to the upholstery of a summer's sunset, from the globe of dewdrop to the rounding of a world, declares that. But there was one secret about God that was wrapped up in a scroll of parchment, and it staid there until sermons on the love of God and one on apostollic hand unrolled that scroll, and let out upon the world the startling fact, which it could never have surmised, never guessed, never expected, that he loved our human race so ardently that he will pardon sin and subdue the offender with a divine kiss and turn foaming malefactors into worshipers before the throne. Oh, I am so glad that the secret is out and that it can never again be veiled! Tell it to all the sinning, suffering, lying race; tell it in song and sermon, on canvas, and in marble, on arch and pillar; tell it all around the earth-

'God is love." The Domination of Fear.

Notice that the wisest men of the na-

cut themselves with lances and swing Now, there is nothing beautiful in a on iron hooks and fall under wheels

Proof That God Is Love.

Do you want more proof that "God is love?" Yea, disinterested love. No compensation for its bestowal. No reward for its sacrifices. But I call that back. The world did pay him. It paid for the hands and two for the feet, and one spear for the side near the heart; But for this divine feeling I think paid him in execration; paid him with our world would long ago have been straw pillow in a barn and a cross on demolished. Just think of the organ- a hill; paid him with a third of a century of maltreatment and hardship the abominations continental! Behold save one year-yea, is paying him yet the false religions that hoist Moham- in rejection of his mission of mercy. med and Buddha and Confucius! Look Having dethroned other kings, the at the Koran and the Shastra and the world would like to dethrone the King the world the Holy Scriptures! Look coming to when he left the portals of pearl and the land where the sun dead across the hemispheres! See the never goes down. Yes, he knew the great cities, with their holocaust of world, how cold it is, and knew pain, destroyed manhood and womanhood! how sharp it is, and the night, how What blasphemies assail the heavens! dark it is, and expiation, how excru-What butcheries sicken the centuries! | ciating it is. Out of vast eternity he What processions of crime and atrocity looked forward and saw Pilate's crimand wos encircle the globe! If justice inal courtroom, and the rocky bluff world deserves annihilation, and let body in mortuary surroundings, and annihilation come." If immutability heard the thunders toll at the funeral had spoken, it would have said: "I of heaven's favorite, and understood have always been opposed to wicked- that the palaces of eternity would hear

What do the Bible and the church and away with it," If omniscience had liturgies mean when they say, "He despoken, it would have said: "I have scended into hell?" They mean that Italy the grand cordon of the Order watched that planet with minute and his soul left his sacred body for awhile of SS. Maurice and Lazare as a token all comprehensive inspection, and I and went down into the poison of of appreciation of the general's servcannot have the offense longer con- moral night, and swung back its great | ices during his mission in Italy. The tinued." If truth had spoken, it would door, and lifted the chain of captivity, grand cordon is one of the highest dechave said, "I declare that they who and felt the awful lash that would have orations conferred by that court. offend the law must go down under come down on the world's back, and the law." But divine love took a dif- wept the tears of an eternal sacrifice, ferent view of the world's obduracy and took the bolt of divine indigna- of Cleveland, is 81 years old, but in

sternal rescue if we will accept it. Read it slowly, read it solemnly, read He knew what kind of pay he would LESSON I, JANUARY 6-MATT. JPRIGHT for Bethlehem caravansary, and he dared all and came, the most illustrious example in all the ages of disin-

Echoing Back Divine Love.

Now, the only fair thing for human hearts to do is to echo back that sovereign love. You and I have stood in mountainous regious where, uttering one distinct word, the echoes would come back with a resonance startling and captivating, and from all our hearts there should sound unto the heavens responses glorious and long continued. Let the world change its style of payment for heavenly love. No more payment by lances, by hammers; no more payment by blows on the cheek and scourging on the back, and hooting of mobs, but payment in ardors of soul, in true surrender of heart and love to the God that made us, and the Christ who ransomed us, and the eternal spirit who by regenerating know as ointment."-Schaff. power makes us all over again.

Alexander the Great, with his host, was marching on Jerusalem to capture and plunder it. The inhabitants came out, clothed in white, led on by the high priest wearing a miter and glittering breast plate on which was emblazoned the name of God, and Alexander, seeing that word, bowed and halted his army, and the city was saved. And if we have the love of God written in all our hearts and on all our lives and on all our banners at thought of the others, but the pretense the sight of it the hosts of temptation would fall back, and we would go on from victory unto victory, until we stand in Zion and before God.

Leander swam across the Hellespont guided by the light which Hero the fair held from one of her tower windows, and what Hellesponts of earthly struggle can we not breast as long as we can see the torch of divine love held out from the tower windows of the King! Let love of God to us and our love to God clasp hands this minute. O ye dissatisfied and distressed souls, who roam the world over looking for happiness and finding none, why not try this love of God as a solace and inspiration and eternal satisfaction? When a king was crossing a desert in caravan, no water was to be found, and man and beast were perishing from thirst. Along the way were strewn the bones of caravans that had preceded. There were harts or reindeer in the king's procession, and some one knew their keen scent for water and cried out, "Let loose the harts or reindeer!" It was done, and no sooner were these creatures loosened than they went scurrying in all directions looking for water and soon found it, and the king and his caravan were saved, and the king wrote on some some time before, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my in soul after thee. O God."

Some have compared the love of fails, for the ocean has a shore, and God's love is boundless. But if you insist on comparing the love of God to the ocean, put on that ocean four swift sailing craft, and let one sail to the north, and one to the south, and one west, and let them sail on a him the money agreed upon. Money went thousand years, and after that let them all return and some one hail the fleet usually translated pence. A shekel was and ask them if they have found the therefore worth sixty-four to shore of God's love, and their four voices would respond: "No shore! No shore to the ocean of God's mercy!"

FASTEST TRAINS. America Leads the World in the Matter of Quick Transportation.

Statistics recently published reveal some interesting facts regarding the fastest regularly scheduled railroad trains in the leading countries of the world. The United States heads the list with four trains run from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. Two of these, running on the Philadelphia and Reading, attain a speed of 66.6 miles per hour for a distance of fifty-five and one-half miles, being the fastest regular runs in the world. The two other trains, on the Pennsylvania line, run at the rate of 64.3 miles per hour, the distance over its line being fifty-nine miles. The Midi of France, in a run from Morceaux to Bordeaux, a distance of sixty-seven and three-quarters miles, maintains a speed of 61.6 miles per hour. England brings up the rear with two trains, which are scheduled to make the run between Dorchester and Wareham, a distance of only fifteen miles, at the rate of 60.1 miles per hour. The fastest long-distance run is made over the Orleans and Midi railway, in France. The run is from Paris to Bayonne, a distance of 4861/4 miles, and is made, including six stops, at the rate of 54.13 miles per hour. Then follows the New York Central's empire state express, running from New York to Buffalo, 440 miles, including four stops, at 53.33 miles per hour. and finally again England, with a train on the Great Northern, running between London and Edinburgh, 3931/2 miles, at 50.77 miles per hour.-Chicago Chronicle.

American Honored by Italian King. General W. F. Draper of Milford Mass., has received from the king of

Lord Rosebery's mother, the Duchess

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SEESESSESSESSESSESSESSES

Jesus Annointed at Bethany-"She Hath Done What She Could"-Mark 14: 8-Jesus Defends Mary - Two Lines of

"Now when Jesus was in Bethany." Bethany means "House of Dates," "Home of Comfort." "In the house of Simon the leper." There were many Si-mons and this one is distinguished from "In the house of the others by the fact that he had been "There came unto him a woman.

This woman was Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (John 12:3), not the woman in Luke 7, "who was a sinner." "Having an alabaster box," rather, a cruse or flask. "Literally, an alabaster, just as we call a drinking vessel made of glass a glass. Pliny compares these vessels to a closed rosebud."-M. R. Vincent, Word Studies, "Of very (exceedingly) precious ointment." ment we are to understand rather a liquid perfume than what we commonly

8. "When his disciples saw it, had indignation." John tells us that Ju-das Iscarlot was the leader and the das Iscarlot was the leader and mouthpiece of the indignation Mary. "To what purpose is this waste?" This useless squandering of what could have been used to a better purpose, "Waste" is literally "perdition." So Judas is afterwards called "a son of perdition," a man who had utterly waste his life.

9. "Sold for much." Three hundred pence, silver pennies or shillings, the Roman denarrii, worth from fifteen to seventeen cents each. See above. "And given to the poor." This was the real This was the real of Judas.

10. "When Jesus understood it." , The R. V. is much more correct here, "But Jesus perceiving it," at the moment; he knew their thoughts at once; while the common version seems to suggest that it took him some time to learn what the grumbling was about. "She hath wrought a good work upon me." implies something more than a noble, an honorable work .-'good. Plumptre. It was the act of a noble soul expressing its noblest emotions. form it took is expressed in V. did it for my burial;" R. V. "to prepare me for burial." Mark says, "She hath anointed my body beforehand for the burying.

11. "For ye have the poor always with you." The would have plenty of opportunities to aid them; and the more they did for their Master, the more they would do for the poor, for the poor are left in his stead, and through them would be expressed the increased love of the Master. 'But me ye have not always.' portunity of making such expressions of love airectly to Jesus would not occur

wheresoever this gospel shall be oreached." The words here show that our Lord expected his gospel to be diffused throughout the world. "In the whole world." The story has been told in every known tongue, and is now be ing related in more than three hundred and fifty different languages to every great nation on the earth. By which her deed shall be ial of her." remembered; not to glorify her, but to ontinue her usefulness, to give immortality to her character and influence,

14. "Then . . . Judas Iscariot." See tablets the words which he had read Lesson IX., on the betrayal of Jesus. Judas was doubtless angry at the reproof he had received. He was disappointed his desires to gain money. ably was still more disappointed in his hopes of being treasurer of a great kingdom which would fail if Jesus died. God to the ocean, but the comparison avaricious spirit was excited and repelled by the praise of Jesus for the spirit of Mary, so opposed to his own. These feelings doubtless grew and deepened by brooding over them during the two or three days which may have elapsed between the anointing by Mary and this plot to betray Jesus.

15. "Covenanted with him." Rather as the east, and one to the R. V., "weighed unto him." actually gave ver shekels, each worth four denarri, cents; in all about twenty dollars, the usual price of a slave.

The Lesson: The principal lesson now to be considered is the contrast between the spirit of Judas and that of Mary. Against the background of his cevetousness and the horrid, hateful brood it brought forth is seen in brighter colors beautiful and attractive spirit of love.

About the Potato.

Recent experiments show that potatoes contain poison known as solanin. New potatoes contain comparatively little of this poison unless they grow above the surface of the ground and have a green skin. Gardeners should therefore be careful to thoroughly earth-up potato rows. Old potatoes contain much more of this poisonous principle solanin, and many cases of serious poisoning have occurred in the late summer when old potatoes were used.

In 1892 and 1893 there was almost wholesale poisoning among the troops of the German army. In this case it was found that in old potatoes kept in a damp place and beginning to sprout there was twenty-four times as much solanin as in new potatoes.--London

Club of Many Nationalities.

Unique among woman's clubs, perhaps, is that which was launched five years ago in Honolulu and is now reported to be at last on a firm footing. It was started by an American school teacher, who was wont to invite young girls to her home once a week for informal conversation on some topic. The outgrowth was a full-fledged club of thirty-four members, most of them being Hawaiians, with a mixture, however, of Chinese and Portuguese. The president this year is a Chinese girl, who wears her quaint national costume when she fills the official chair.

Axle-Light on Trains.

The "axle-light" system is to be applied on the trains of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad of the United States on an extensive scale. Each car will have its own storage batteries supplied with electricity generated by the axles of the wheels, and the locomotive headlights will derive their illumination from the source. It is calculated that each full and pollution. It said: "I pity all those tion aganst sin into himself, and, hav- the best of health. She is one of the train, exclusive of the locomotive, will woes of the earth. I cannot stand ing vanquished death and hell, came most active "woman politicians" of develop nearly 5,000 candle-power

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