The inhabitants of the province of Ontario write more letters than those of all the rest of Canada.

The Jersey mosquitoes are playful, compared with those of North Carolina. A minister of that state, while traveling with a shild in Hyde County, found the mosquitoes so rapacious that he had to put the child's head in a paper sack to keep the insects from devouring it alive.

Can a man live without his stomach? This question has been decided affirmatively by Karl Kruger, a Chicago gardener. Four months ago, because of cancer, his stomach was removed by an expert surgeon. Then he weighed 96 pounds; now he weighs 160, and is still taking on flesh.

Charles Ball, of Albion, Mich., believed that he could take poison without serious effect. He swallowed twenty-five grains of morphine, and in a little while he vomited it. This demonstration so pleased him that he thought even a pistol shot would not harm him. Aiming a revolver at his temple he fired. That was Mr. Bell's last mistake in this life.

A pair of Kansas lovers the other day went to Iowa to escape the law which forbids the marriage of first cousins. The same day in a Kansas town a couple from Colorado took advantage of a Kansas law which permits a divorced person to marry after the lapse of six months. These cases led the Kansas City Journal to suggest that the states send ambassadors to each other with power to negotiate treaties through which uniformity in marriage laws might be secured.

The Engineering and Mining Journal calls attention to the fact that the United States treasury now holds in round figures \$510,000,000 in gold. which is the largest accumulation of the yellow metal anywhere in the world at present. Not all of this, however, is actually at the disposal of the treasury, only \$64,000,000 being included in its current cash assets. The sum of \$150,000,000 is by the present law held in the redemption fund, which the treasury must hold against the the night from the sea, and not a hat of mercy and grace, that by a divine outstanding greenbacks and United or shoe had they left. They found gift, and not by purloining, we may \$296,000,000 is on deposit only, and is culation.

Old Home Week is not confined to New England. Nevertheless the recent gathering of "old settlers" to ding to the Union had novel features. Three months' sojourn in Colorado, for instance, entitled one to become a pioneer. During the celebration a colossal statute of Lieutenant Zebulon Pike was unveiled at Colorado Springs. Dressed in the military costume of 1806, he is represented standing on Cheyenne Mountain looking away toward the greater mountain which and hear in regard to the inhabitants answers, "It's going to storm," and bears his name. Is he wondering, perchance, as he watches frequent trains lifting passengers up the once in accessible slopes, how "Pike's Peak or Bust!" was ever synonymous with supreme courage and endurance?

Among the curios in the postoffice department exhibit at Buffalo are the postoffice ledger of Benjamin Franklin; the report of the committee of United States sepate on the transportation of mails on Sunday; a postal card which traveled around the world in 120 days; history of the travels of a registered letter in this and other countries, some old books printed in the seventeenth century and obtained through the medium of the dead letter office; framed statistics of the postal service from 1775 to date; the magnitude of the postal service of the United States as compared with France. Germany and Great Britain; some old mail bags which have been cut open and robbed; in one instance the bag being stained by the blood of the murdered carrier

The great department stores have been a serious problem to small traders all over the country, and in several states unsuccessful attempts have been made to regulate their growth by legislation. A new plan is now to be tried in Chicago in the form of a cooperative department store to which a number of small dealers are to contribute their capital and their work. The whole investment will be five hundred thousand dollars, and it is planned to sell everything from ice cream to a coal hod. Each department will be in charge of a skillful merchant, familiar with that particular branch and himself a stock-holder. As the rent of a single department will be less than the rent of a separate store, and as each man hopes to carry his old customers with him, the enterprise starts with rosy hopes.

In Corea the Gentlemen of the Court are making handsome profits out of stretched out which "showed us no the illicit manufacture of faise money. They can buy for 10 dollars enough silver to make 400 dollars' worth of coin, and as they are on good terms with the King, the police dare not interfere.

A few days after shooting a neighbor's cat. David Bell, of Marietta, O ... "scovered that somebody had thrown several pounds of arsenic in his well. Fortunately the discovery was made before any one had used the poiscaed

THE SPIRIT OF AMITY" LAST SUN-DAY'S SUBJECT.

The Barbarous People Showed Us No Little Kindness" - Acts xxviii: 2 Kindness in Action the Greatest of

[Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.] Washington, Sept. 22.-In this discourse Dr. Talmage commends the spirit; text, Acts xxviii, 2, "The barkindness."

Here we are on the island of Malta, another name for Melita. This island, which has always been an important commercial center, belonging at different times to Phoenicia, to Greece, to Rome, to Arabia, to Spain, to France, now belongs to England. The area of the island is about 100 square miles. It is in the Mediterranean sea and of such clarity of atmosphere that Mount Aetna, 130 miles away, can be distinctly seen. The island is gloriously memorable because the Knights of Malta for a long while ruled there, but mose famous because of the apostolic shipwreck. The bestormed vessel on which Paul sailed had "laid to" on the starboard tack, and the wind was blowing east-northeast, and, the vessel drifting probably a mile and a half an hour, she struck at what is now called St. Paul's bay. Practical sailors have taken up the Bible acthe place of the shipwreck. But the island, which has so rough a coast, is for the most part a garden. Richest er and put it in his buttonhole, and fruits and a profusion of honey characterized it in Paul's time as well'as now. The finest oranges, figs and olives grow there.

When Paul and his comrades crawled up on the beach, saturated and hungry from long abstinence from food and chilled to the bone, the islanders, though called barbarians because they could not speak Greek, opened their doors to the shipwrecked unfortunates. Everything had gone to the bottom of the deep, and the barefooted, bareheaded apostle and ship's crew were in a condition to appreciate hospitality. About twentyfive such men a few years ago I found | favor some other time." Now, I want in the life station near East Hampton, Long Island. They had got ashore in States notes, while the balance of out, as Paul and his fellow voyagers found out, that the sea is the roughest represented by gold certificates in cir- of all robbers. My text finds the ship's crew ashore on Malta and around a hot fire drying themselves and with the best provision the islanders can offer them. And they go into government quarters for three days to recudown with a dangerous illness. Yea, for three months they staid on the of Malta, "The barbarous people showed us no little kindness."

A Magnificent Word.

Kindness! What a great word that is! It would take a reed as long as that which the apocalpytic angel "Glorious. Crops not so good as usual, used to measure heaven to tell the but foreign demand will make big length, the breadth, the height of that prices. We are going to have such an munificent word. It is a favorite Bible word, and it is early launched in the have never seen." On your way back book of Genesis, caught up in the to your store you meet a pessimist book of Joshua, embraced in the book | merchant. "What do you think of the of Ruth, sworn by in the book of commercial prospects?" you ask, and Samuel, crowned in the book of he answers, "Well, I don't know. Psalms and enthroned in many places | Wheat and corn crop blasted in Kanin the New Testament. Kindness! A | sas and Missouri, and the grain gamword no more gentle than mighty. I blers will get their fist in, and the hay expect it will wrestle me down before crop is snort in some places, and in I get through with it. It is strong the southern part of Wisconsin they enough to throw an archangel. But it | had a hailstorm and our business is as will be well for us to stand around dull as it ever was." You will find the it and warm ourselves by its glow as same difference in judgment of charac-Paul and his fellow voyagers stood ter. A man of good reputation is asaround the fire on the island of Malta, sailed and charged with some evil immortal in my text by the way they will believe in guilt. "The papers said treated their victims of the soa. "The so, and that's enough. Down with barbarous people showed us no little him!" The optimist will say: "I don't kindness."

Kindness! All definitions of that multipotent word break down half way. You say it is clemency, benignity, generosity; it is made up of good wishes; it is an expression of beneficence; it is a contribution to the happiness of others. Some one else says, "Why, I can give you a definition of kindness; it is sunshine of the coul; it is affection perennial; it is a climacteric grace; it is the combination of all graces; it is compassion; it is the perfection of gentle manliness and wemanliness." Are you all through? You have made a dead failure in your Kindness! Let us, morning, noen and definition. It cannot be defined, but night, pray for it until we get it. we all know what it is, for we have all felt its power. Some of you may have felt it as Paul felt it, on some coast of rock as the ship went to had either from earth or heaven hands little kindness."

The Grace of Forgiveness.

But are you waiting and hoping for some one to be bankrupted or exposed a worm. That is what our assassinator discomfited or in some way over- ed President Lincoln demonstrated thrown then kindness has not taken when his private secretary found him this world we now inhabit shall be so possession of your nature. You are in the capitol grounds trying to get a wrecked on a Malta where there are bird back to the nest from which it celestial memory can recall that it ever no oranges. You are entertaining a had fallen, and which quality the illusguest so unlike kindness that kind- trious man exhibited years before ness will not come and dwell under when, having with some lawyers in great kindness," and David calls "the are deformed on the inside. the same roof. The most exhausting the carriage on the way to court passed marvelous kindness," and Isaiah calls

me, I have felt: "I will pay him in The ingrate! The traitor! The liar! The villain!" But five or ten minutes of the feeling has been so unnerving and exhausting I have abandoned it, and I cannot understand how people can go about torturing themselves five or ten or twenty years, trying to get even with somebody. spirit of amity and good feeling and The only way you will ever triumph mentions illustrious examples of that over your enemies is by forgiving them and wishing them all good and barous people showed us no little no evil. As malevolence is the most uneasy and profitless and dangerous feeling, kindness is the most healthful and delightful. And this is not an abstraction. As I have tried a little of to whom these words shall come by the retaliatory feeling, so I have tried a little of the forgiving. I do not ever did me a wrong by doing him a a few malignants whom I am yet pur-I have in some wise helped them or benefited them or blessed them.

Rare Flower from Royal Garden. The king of Prussia had presented in the royal gardens on an island, and every week the people were admitted thing he was doing, plucked this flowthe gardener arrested him as he was crossing at the ferry and asked the king to throw open no more his gar-"Shall I deny to the thousands of good people of my country the privilege of seeing this garden because one come and see the beautiful grounds." And when the gardener wished to give the king the name of the offender who had taken the royal flower he said, "No, my memory is very tenacious, and I do not want to have in my mind the name of the offender lest it should hinder me granting him a you to know that kindness is a royal flower, and blessed be God, the king it." pluck this royal flower and not wear it on the outside of our nature, but wear it on our soul and wear it forever, its radiance and aroma not more wonderful for time than wonderful for eternity.

Hopeful and Cordial Words.

mit that it is easier for some temperaments than for others. Some are born island watching for a ship and putting pessimists, and some are born optimthe hospitalities of the islanders to a ists, and that demonstrates itself all severe test. But it endured the test through everything. It is a cloudy satisfactorily, and it is recorded for all morning. You meet a pessimist and the ages of time and eternity to read you say, "What weather today?" He umbrella under arm and waterproof coat show that he is honest in that utterance. On the same block, a minute after, you meet an optimist, and you say, "What do you think of the commercial prospects?" and he says, autumn and winter of prosperity as we believe a word of it. I don't think that a man that has been as useful and seemingly honest for twenty years, tion. could have got off track like that. There are two sides to this story, and I will wait to hear the other side before I condemn him." My hearer, if you are by nature a pessimist, make a special effort by the grace of God to extirpate the dolorous and the hypercritical from your disposition. Believe nothing against anybody until the wrong is established by at least two witnesses of integrity. And, if guilt is proved, find out the extenuating circumstances, if there are any,

Kindness of Action.

Furthermore, there is kindness of action. That is what Joseph showed to pleces, but more of us have again and his outrageous brothers. That is what again in some awful stress of life David showed to Mephibosheth for his crowned, and all the harps and trumfather Jonathan's sake. That is what Onesiphorus showed to Paul in the med or blown or sounded and the ranwould with his foot needlessly crush sands of years have seen the river and unhealthy and ruingus spirit on on the road a swine fast in the mire, "the everlasting kindness" of God.

SERMON. | earth is a revengeful spirit or retaliat- after awhile cried to his horses, "Ho" | THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. ing spirit, as I know by experience, and said to the gentlemen, "I must go for I have tried it for five or ten min- back and help that hog out of the utes at a time. When some mean mire." And he did go back and put thing has been done me or said about on solid ground that most uninteresting quadruped. That was the spirit his own coin. I will show him up, that was manifested by my departed friend, Hon, Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia-and lovelier man never exchanged earth for heaven-when at Washington. A senator's wife, who told us of the circumstances, said to him, "Mr. Stephens, come and see my dead canary bird." And he answered, "No; I could not look at the poor thing without crying." That is the spirit which last night ten thousand mothers showed to their sick children coming to give the drink at the tenth call as cheerfully and as tenderly as at the first call.

Suppose all this assemblage and all

printer's type should resolve to make kindness an overarching, undergirding want to leave this world until I have and all-pervading principle of their life taken vengeance upon every man that and then carry out the resolution. Why in six months the whole earth would kindness. In most of such cases I feel it. People would say, "What is the have already succeeded, but there are | matter? It seems to me that the world is getting to be a better place to live suing, and I shall not be content until in. Why, life after all is worth living. Why, there is Shylock, my neighbor, has withdrawn his lawsuit of foreclosure against that man, and because he has had so much sickness in his family he is going to have the house for one to him by the empress of Russia the year rent free. There is an old lawyer root of a rare flower, and it was put in that young lawyer's office, and do you know what he has gone in there the head gardener, Herr Fintleman, for? Why, he is helping to fix up a was told to watch it. And one day it case which is too big for the young put forth its glory. Three days of man to handle, and the white-haired attorney is hunting up previous decount and decided beyond controversy to these gardens, and a young man, cisions and making out a brief for the probably not realizing what a wrong boy. Do you know that a strange thing has taken place in the pulpit, and all the old ministers are helping the young ministers, and all the old doctors are helping the young doctors. and the farmers are assisting each dens to the public. The king replied: other in gathering the harvest, and for that farmer who is sick the neighbors have made a 'bee,' as they call it, and they have all turned in to help visitor has done wrong? No; let them | him get his crops into the garner? And they tell me that the older and more skillful reporters who have permanent positions on papers are helping the young fellows who are just beginning to try and do not know exactly how to do it. And after a few erasures and interpolations on the reporter's pad they say, 'Now, here is a readable account of the tragedy; hand it in, and I am sure the managing editor will take

New Dispensation of Geniality.

My hearers, you know and I know we are far from that state of things. But why not inaugurate a new dispensation of geniality. If we cannot have a millennium on a large scale, let us have it on a small scale and under our own vestments. Kindness! If this world is ever brought to God, that is Oh, say the cordial thing! Say the the thing that will do it. You cannot commemorate Colorado's silver wed- perate, Publius, the ruler, inviting useful thing. Say the hospitable thing. fret the world up, although you may them, although he had severe sickness | Say the helpful thing. Say the Christ- | fret the world down. You cannot scold in the house at that time, his father like thing. Say the kind thing. I ad- it into excellence or reformation or godliness.

The east wind and the west wind were one day talking with each other. and the east wind said to the west wind: "Don't you wish you had my power? Why, when I start they hail me. by storm signals all along the coast. I can twist off a ship's mast as easily as a cow's hoof cracks an alder. With one sweep of my wing I have strewn the coast from Newfoundland to Key West with parted ship timber. I can lift and have lifted the Atlantic ocean. I am the terror of all invalidism, and to fight me back forests must be cut down for fires, and the mines of continents are called on to feed the furnaces. Under my breath the nations crouch into sepulchers. Don't you wish you had my power?" said the east wind. The west wind made no answer, but started on its mission, coming somewhere out of the rosy bowers of the sky, and all the rivers and lakes and seas smiled at its coming. The gardens bloomed, and the orchards ripened, and the wheatfields turned their silver into gold, and health clapped its hands, and joy shouted from the hilltops, and the nations lifted their foreheads into the light, and the earth had a doxology for the sky, and the sky an anthem for where the Maltese made themselves deed. At the first story the pessimist the earth, and the warmth and sparkle and the gladness, and the foliage, and the flowers, and the fruits, and the beauty, and the life were the only answer the west wind made to the insolence of the east wind's interroga-

> And while we take this matchless kindness from God may it be found that we have uttered our last bitter word, written our last cutting paragraph, done our last retaliatory action, felt our last revengeful heart throb. And it would not be a bad epitaph for any of us if, by the grace of God, from this time forth we lived such beneficent lives that the tombstone's chisel could appropriately cut upon the plain slab that marks our grave a suggestion from the text, "He showed us no little kindness." But not until the last child of God has got ashore from the earthly storms that drove him on the rocks like Mediterranean Euroclydons, not until all the thrones of heaven are mounted, and all the conquerors pets and organs of heaven are thrum-Roman penitentiary. That is what somed of all climes and ages are in William Cowper recognized when he full chorus under the jubilant swing of said he would not trust a man who angelic baton, and we shall for thoufrom under the throne rolling into the "sea of glass mingled with fire," and far in the past that only a stretch of existed at all, not until then will we understand what Nehemiah calls "the

LESSON I, 2ND QUARTER, OCT 6-GEN. 37: 12-36.

Golden Text: The Patriarchs, Moved with Envy, Sold Joseph into Egypt: but God Was with Him-Acts VII: 9. - Can't Deceive God.

Time-B. C. 1729 (according to margins of our Bibles). Ten or eleven years after Jacob's return from Padan-aram.

Place.-Hebron, twenty miles south of Jerusalem, the home of Isaac. The cave of Machpelah and the Oaks of Mamre beong to this place. Isaac-168 years old. Twelve years be-

Jacob.-About 108 years old, with twelve sons and one or more daughters. Joseph.-17 years old, and Benjamin 10

fore his death. A blind, feeble old man.

or Il years. Joseph left Padan-aram when 6 or 7 years old.

LIFE OF JOSEPH. First Step: His Ancestral Inheritance.-Joseph was born in Padan-aram, B. C. 1735 (according to Ussher), and was the cldest son of Jacob and his beloved Rach From his father and grandmother Rebekah, he would naturally inherit a tendency to worldliness and sharp bargaining, bordering on deceit, and an eager desire for wealth. Constancy, persistonce, dogged tenacity, is certainly the striking feature of Jacob's character.

Second Step: Family Influences.-These like his ancestral traits, were an intermingling of good and evil. The household was composed of his blind and feeble grandfather, Isaac, his father, his three wives (Rachel, his mother, being dead) their ten sons, much older than Joseph, and his younger brother Benjamin, a boy of 10 or 11 years. Joseph's first years were spent in the home of Laban. where the influences were far from favorable. The older boys had all their youth ful training in this atmosphere.

relatives in Haran were none too pious. Third Step: His Position in the Family. -Another series of helps and hindrance arose from his father's intense love for him. There is no better influence around boy than the deep love of his parents wisely expressed. "His father's love, says Rev. Armstrong Black, "drew out the finer characteristics of the boy, as sunlight opens out a flower." But this love for the first-born of his best-loved wife led him to partiality. He distin-guished this son above all the others by a coat of many colors," probably like those represented in the lately discovered tomb of Beni-Hassan in Egypt, long, richly embroidered robes in various patterns and colors, which seem to be produced by sewing together small pieces of different colors. Herodotus describes one sent as a present by a king of Egypt, which "had a vast number of figures of animals interwoven into its fabric, and was embroidered with gold, and wool" (Herodotus3:42). This was probably given as a sign that he had chosen Jo seph to be his successor as head of the

Pourth Step: Daily Labor.-Joseph did not live in idleness, but worked on the farm like the others. Daily tasks are o the utmost importance in training children. They are "the seed plot of the manly virtues." In that school may be learned nearly all the virtues, when the smallest acts are done with the highest Fifth Step: Dreams and Visions .- Jo-

seph dreamed two dreams and related them to the family. Both of them represented himself at the head of the clan and ruler over all. They grew not so uch out of his ambition as out of prospects as the heir, being the eldest son of the beloved Rachel. The coat of many colors would confer the hope that he was to be the heir. He may have thought how much better many things would be if he could only manage affairs. He dreamed that he had the power. "His soul foresees and foreshadows its own power in dreams." "Something said to Joseph that he was a better man than his brethren, and that, given time and chance, they would bow down to him one and all. He felt and knew that his day was coming, and he showed how strong he was in the way he handled the future in dream vision."—Rev. Armstrong Black. Sixth Step: A Youthful Attempt at Reform.-Like most earnest young Christians Joseph made an attempt to reform some of the evils he saw among his older brothers. They would not, of course, lis ten to him, and he reported them to his

made them more careful. "We are not obliged to suppose that Jo seph was a gratuitous talebearer, or that when he carried their evil report to their father he was actuated by a prudish, censorious, or in any way unworthy spirit. that pure young soul may have endured in the remote pastures, when left alone to withstand day after day the outrages of the coarse, unscrupulous men."-Dods Seventh Step: Entrusted with a Difficult

father. Joseph's brothers hated him

heartily for what he did, but it doubtless

Mission.-Vs. 12-22. The ten brothers had wandered some seventy miles away from home with their flocks. Perhaps to keep them separate from the flocks belonging to Isaac. Perhaps because there some land there belonging to the family through Abraham. Perhaps the pasturage was better, and their own had been exhausted. Possibly they were willing to get beyond the criticism of their father and Joseph in pursuing the conduct they enjoyed

Eighth Step: Sold Into Slavery .- Vs 23:28. 23. "They stript Joseph his coat." It was the sign of his superiority and the favoritism of their father. They would show it to their father to deceive him.

The Wronged Father.-Vs. 29-36, 29: "Reuben returned unto the pit." had planned to rescue Joseph and send him home safely, as soon as his brothers had left him. He probably went into an other part of the field to attend to the sheep and to draw the rest away from the pit. When he returned he found his brother gone. "And he rent his clothes." The Oriental sign of grief.

Beware of Little Things.

The Monon News warns its readers to beware of little things, and as if speaking from experience, it says: "A black seed no larger than a pinpoint will grow an onion that may taint the breath enough to break up a betrothal, ruin a school and shatter the good intentions of a sewing circle."-Indianapolis News.

WISE OR OTHERWISE.

Misery dumps a lot of stones on the road to success.

It isn't the 2:10 horse that travels the farthest in a day. A woman has got to like a man be-

fore she will trust him. There are a lot of unsafe bridges on

the road to prosperity. Some outwardly handsome people

Men attribute their overstrained mental condition to brilliancy,

Salisbury's Queen Souvenir.

A peculiar souvenir is kept in Lord Salisbury's historic home at Hatfield. It is a stone, over a pound in weight, with which the window of his carriage was smashed at Dumfries on October 21, 1884. His two daughters were seated with him in the vehicle, but fortunately all three escaped uninjured. Lord Salisbury had on that occasion delivered the last of a series of speeches in Scotland.

Remembered His Negro Friends.

R. B. Weddington, a farmer of Union county, North Carolina, who died recently, was not troubled by the "race issue.' He lived in the kindliest relations with the negroes, and in his will he gave three tracts of land to three of his faithful colored servants and gave money to others. The balance of his estate, amounting to 1,600 acres, he bequeathed to the Methodist church.

The World's Greatest Tavern.

New York is to have the largest hotel in the world. It will be erected by the Subway Realty company, which 's composed of capitalists who furnished the bond for John B. McDonald, the man who is building the underground railroad. The structure will be located on Park avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, and will be built at a cost of \$5,000,000. Work on the immense structure will be commenced within a fortnight.

An Incomplete House.

We run wild over the furnishings of a house; its furniture, carpets, hangings, pictures and music, and always forget or neglect the most important requisite. Something there should be always on the shelf to provide against sudden casualties or attacks of pain. Such come like a thief in the night; a sprain, strain, sudden backache, toothache or neuralgic attack. There is nothing easier to get than a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil, and nothing surer to cure quickly any form of pain. The house is incomplete without it. Complete it with a good supply.

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