SUNDAY READING.

ALIVE.

SERMON, PREACHED BY PASTOR C. H. SPURGEON.

"The righteousness of thy testimonies is shall live."-Psalm 119: 144.

esteemed friend and relative came over to me understanding, and I shall live." "Would you like to see him?". But my motto is "Onward, Upward, Heaven-less you practice it. To this must be the many inquiries which continued to be serener frame, they have power in prayer edge of promise you receive when it is odd to feel called upon to assure your with such divine ambitions, what better shines with seeing him? friends that you are yet alive; I can but prayer can they use than this, "Give me show myself and ask my friends to see understanding, and I shall live?" for themselves if I look like a dead man.

SPIRITUALLY ALIVE.

By this incident I was led to turn a heart-glance upon myself, and to say, "I wonder whether there is any question as to whether I am alive in the higher sense?" That I am alive as to my natural life is clear enough; but is my spiritual life equally evidenced? The inquiry came home to my own heart, and therefore I suggest it to yours, for it may profit you. Brethren, do you live unto God? Are you walking as those who are alive from the dead? Remember, my sisters, that it is written, "She that lived in pleasure is dead while she liveth;" may no woman here come under that condemnation? Brethren, I call upon you also to remember the word of the Lord Jesus to the church of Sardis, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." Many exist upon the face of the earth, but into "life" they have never entered.

ner. A consideration of the text will unto God or no; and it may further help they comfort me. those who sigh after the divine life to discover the way of divine quickering.

A SIMPLE PRAYER.

its simplicity. We ask you to notice, may run up to the very highest note with first, that this is a suitable prayer for the the expectancy of glory, and the word awakened sinner. He discovers himself will sound well on any note you touch. to be guilty, and he perceives that there From the wicket-gate of humble faith up is a punishment for sin, and so far he to the gate of pearl which admits into understands his position. Alarmed by the golden city you may go on praying, his conscience, he thinks he sees the "Give me understanding, and I shall live." Judge upon the great white throne about to pronounce the final sentence, and he second division the prayer is to bemore knows what it must be, for it is written fully opened up. "Give me understand-"The soul that sinneth it shall die: so ing, and I shall live." Here far he understands well enough. He hears, also, that there is life, life in Christ Jesus, life for the guilty; but his mind is because it is deeply felt; the suppliant much confused with many terrors, and owns his need of understanding. Has with the horrible dread of the sure con- that want been felt by you, my brother? sequences of his sin. He has sufficient We are all fools till God gives us underfaith in the revelation of God to know standing. A sense of our own folly is that there is life in a look at the Crucified | the door-step of all wisdom. He that is One; but he does not quite understand taught of Gcd is the man that asks to be what that look means. Then is his time taught of God, and she who has chosen to pray, "Give me understanding, and I the good part is the woman who sits at shall live."

Equally applicable, however, will this be in the case of one who is a Christian, and who is struggling against temptation perhaps, my brother, you are placed in a position where

YOU ARE FIERCELY TEMPTED.

biy you may fear that you will not be can profit nothing till we have an underable to survive it. It comes with such standing with which to receive knowyou feel that you cannot bear up under the word of God must come to us as it such pressure, you despair of your spirit- did to the disciples on the read to Emhome his word to your hearts, that you ed he their understanding, that they may act wisely, and may meet the rebuke might understand the Scriptures." The "Give me understand, and I shall than made to see thereby. live," for a clear understanding, is needful for your preservation from the enemy.

for bodily disease has fixed its fangs in thousand snares and pitfalls, and if we He is a shock of corn fully ripe, each is always from hand to mouth, and some- taken all unavares and become the prey earth as if it asked to be ingathered Let times bread is scant in the cupboard, so of our enemies. We bear within our own of his blessed word, for then we shall be Anderson Pastor. Services at 11.00 A. dust. These are sore ills, as those know and entangle that if we are not taught ripe for glory, and in the highest sense who have to bear them. Some, too, are prudence and understanding we shall cersubject to domestic trials, watching daily tainly never escape from the mischief that the pining away of one they love; or is within us. We are frequently bereavement has followed bereavement till they seem left alone in the land. Dear one, who have been

CALLED TO SUFFER

present are not so much sufferers as Book of Proverbs as well as the devotion and turn up their cultured noses at what workers. Now, I know that you who are of the Psalms and the rapture of Solomon's they call "the simple gospel," as if a working for God and trying to win souls Song. Those books are placed together simple gospel was meant for simpletons.

utmost; not only having life, but having it | practical character. "more abundantly." I have some life in into a sleepy state, and then the spirit links it with chides us, and we cry, "This will never

WE NEED QUICKENING,

everlasting: give me understanding, and I brethren; do you not feel that it is so I believe that those who are most earnest Yesterday afternoon I was the subject selves the most for the want of earnest- right hand. Knowing and believing, it of a somewhat singular circumstance. An ness. Here, then, is our prayer, "Give will be time to advance to meditation.

my house, evidently laboring under great Is not this a very proper and blessed test them, dive into them. The richest disturbance of mind, and having inquiries prayer for aspiring minds in the Church ore lies deepest. There may be sands to make of a very important order. He of God, of whom I trust there are many of gold sparkling upon the surface of had seen a gentlem in who had informed present? Such men are not satisfied with the Bible, but the great nuggets are rehim that it was generally rumored that I themselves, but press forward to that served for those who dig deep both by had been taken ill with heart disease and which is yet beyond and above them. day and by night. Consider well the had died in a very short time. It was They have not reached that imaginary words of eternal life, and then go on to clear I was not dead, and the great fear climax which some prattle of, who dote obey their teaching. You will never was removed. The question was put, upon their fancied perfectness; but their have an understanding of the Word unkind friend was perfectly satisfied, and ward." These dwell on high, but their added experience, for who understands was too full of joy to wish to linger; he cry is "Higher, higher." They are calm the word till he has experienced its truth I have to be at the office at 8:30 in the would go back and answer with certainty and happy, but yet they sigh for a still and power? But what a blessed knowl- morning, just as the rest of the family are made at the Tabernacle. How the report but they long for more of a wrestling fulfilled to you! How you understand I get my breakfast and leave the house beoriginated I am quite at a loss to tell. It spirit, and for greater prevalence with the reality. How you know the meaning has evoked much kindness, but it is rather God. If there be any here who are fired of communion with Christ when your face

LIFE IN DEATH.

this prayer sounds well on every note of ily breathing -is that life? No heavenly the scale. You may sound it out of the object, no ambition worthy of an immor-I. First let us consider this prayer in depths of seeking penitence, and you tal spirit, do you call that life? Death

II. The time has come when under our

A WANT CONFESSED

Jesus' feet to hear his words. It is the mark of a wise man that he does not think himself so, and that he continues to pray "Give me understanding."

Next, the prayer is directed to God for God alone can give understanding. Teachers can enlighten an understan 1ing which already exists, but they canfrom without by the world, and possi- not give one. Masters and instructors chase of his blood. If the Lord has force that you are staggered by its power ledge aright. All real understanding of ual life. Well, then, ask God to bring maus, of whom it is written, "Then open- that. of the ungodly and the temptations of author of the sacred volume must himself the wicked prudently, baffling the adver- expound it to the heart and understanding, sary by your sacred vigilance. Pray, or we shall be rather blinded by its light glory of true life. When a man so un- METHODIST, Cambridge St.-Rev. T. M,

Brethren, the Psalmist speaks of understanding in a general way-"Give me Do you not think that this prayer will understanding"-as if he wanted the often well up from the heart of the suffer- faculty for use in many directions. In ing believer? To some of our dear every transaction of this life we need to He will be such a man that he shall only brothers and sisters life is one long pang. be prudent, for we are surrounded by a need to take one step and be in heaven their flesh. There are others whose life do not exercise discretion we shall be single stalk bowing its head towards the

LIKE MEN IN A FOG.

who cannot be sure where they are. It happened but the other day near Milan that so dense a fog covered the railway in these ways, have you not cried out at that a number of workmen who were times, "I shall never be able to bear it; employed upon the line heard the sound I shall die of a broken heart under these of an approaching freight train and great afflictions. O that I might hide me rushed to get away from it; but at that in the grave?" You fear that you will very same moment an express train perish if the pressure continues; but you which they had not heard or seen, came will do no such thing. God will help rushing upon them, and cut them to you to bear your burdens by sustaining pieces. Such is our condition at times year soul with heavenly meat that others we try to get away from one temptation know nothing of. If the load be not and we fall into another; we hope to made lighter, the shoulders shall be made escape one form of evil and we rush into stronger, and this shall be done by your another. Haste breeds heedlessness, and having a clearer understanding of the warmth of zeal is apt to beget indiscre- so much of these things that it is an honor word of God, and fuller experience of tion, so that we daily need a good share to speak with them. The gospel that was its supporting power. Breathe then the of understanding as a ballast to our sail. preached to the poor, which childlike prayer-"Give me understanding, and I A Christian man should be a sensible persons understood by the enlightening man, a man with all his wits about him. influence of the Holy Spirit, is in their I thank God that a large number now He needs to posess the wisdom of the eyes a very poor business. They sneer

often feel as if you were not half alive. in the Bible as if to show that they ought Well, now, to my mind, this is the very

me, thank God; but I want it to quicken for in the prayer is evidently of a general me more completely. Sometimes we get | character, the former portion of the verse | and in its divine infallibility to this day.

A SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING

care first that you know it, Search the and by them I mean to abide all my days, are the very persons who blame them- Scriptures, let them be the man of your God helping me. Consider the words of God; weigh tnem,

WHAT LIFE MEANS.

when we come to lie upon our last bed, reason: Do you call it life to live without and to lock into the unseen, then may we light? You may have been in the still pray after the same fashion. When sepulchral dungeons of Venice, where not the eye shall begin to open to the light a ray of light ever came to the unhappy of heaven, and things but darkly seen prisoner. To linger there, do you call before grow clearer in the dawn of the that life? To live without the light of eternal day; when the songs of angels God is just such an existence. We have begin to break upon the opening ears of heard of men who have been immured in the theatre.' the soul, and heaven is drawing near, dungeons for forty years, wearing confor grace is ripening into glory, and glory stantly the manacles, never breathing the asked is coming to welcome its heir - then may fresh air, -do you call that life? Can we pray to live through the understand- there be "life" where there is no liberty ing and experience of the divine word. Alas some men have never been free, me." How blessed it will be to have such an but have remained captives to their lusts, understanding of divine realities that we never knowing the liberty wherewith you? shall stay ourselves upon the promises, Christ makes them free. Call you such shall rejoice in the everlasting covenant, bon lage life.? But more, many men exand derive strong consolation from the ist without peace, driven to and fro like I was there, prepared for the theatre and a oath of God. How blessed, then, to un- v sere leaf by the tempest, Never restderstand our living union with our risen ing, they are as a rolling thing before the Lord, and to know the experience of the | whirlwind. Call you that life? "There My subject is life, may the Lord of life happy psalmist when he sang, "Yea, is no peace, said my God, to the wicket." help me to speak of it after a lively man- though I walk through the valley of the Is that life? And then to have no grand shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for object, no object worthy of yourself to help in the inquiry as to whether we live thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, be living in this world merely to get enough bread and cheese to eat, just Thus, I think I have shown you that keeping yourself breathing and your fambefore you, which you dare not think of No hope, unless it be the ghastly figment of annihilation! Dreadful hope! To me a thought most horrible! To live without hope is not life; far rather call it death Lord give me understanding of thy everlasting testimonies, then I shall never live till thou dost grant me this

and go deeper, laying bare the argument of this prayer,

by saying, "The righteousness of thy feeling pretty small and doing a good deal suit everyone. testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live?" I think he means this-that the word of God when it is practically and experimentally understood by the mind is a pledge of life. Do you think that God would take one of us to be his child and teach us his word, tend to cultivate their acquaintance.and then after all permit us to be condemned to die? Is that his fashion? Did you ever hear of a judge who instructed a criminal in the arts and sciences laboriously for years with the view of executing him when the task was done? Nothing of the sort. If the Lord has taught you it is because the Lord has taught you it is because he means to take you where your education will be completed, to take you home to dwell with himself above. "Give me understanding and I shall live:" I am quite clear about

THE CROWN OF LIFE.

One more, the understanding of God's word is the very flower and crown and derstands God's word as to experience it, and to practice it, he has reached a high point of spiritual culture, and his life will be loaded, like Aaron's rod, with buds and blossoms and fruit unto God's giory. it will be true that we shall "live."

I cannot make out the notion of certain professing Christians, that a change comes over Christianity as the ages move on; that there is a Christianity for the ST. first century, and a revised Christianity for the present era. We have become very enlightened of late! You are aware that this is the marvellous nineteenth century. We have invented the electric light, and none can deny that we are the most enlightened people that ever lived on the tace of the earth! It is not, of course, pride on our part to say so, for we are very modest. Among us there are men who are wonderfully brilliant-Paul was but a farthing candle compared | St. MARY'S (Roman Catholic) Russel Street with them. They understand by

CULTURE AND THOUGHT

I am compelled to make such a confession to be read together, and that their spirit bliss and blessedness of the gospel, that personally. I want to get alive to the and influence are essential to a complete the righteousness of God's testimonies is everlasting, that though it has been tried Still, while the understanding sought by criticism and tested by experience, it remains the same in its spotless purity

Do you want a better gospel, any of you? Go and fish for it, if you do, but not in the waters of truth. Do you want

SOME NEW OLI FRIENDS.

The Story of a Boy Who Stays at Home o' Nights Now.

My tather played a queer trick on me the other night. You know I used to feel that I had done myself an injustice if I did not go to the theatre about five or six nights a week. It wasn't always the theatre, but if it wasn't that it was a music hall or perhaps a game of cards or billiards with some

Well, you also know how I am situated as to business. I work for my father, and sitting down to breakfast. In consequence fore they are up. But I can't complain of that. I'm doing exactly what the man who had my place before me did, and between you and me I'm drawing more salary.

But that's neither here nor there. It's the evenings. I used to finish work about Permit me now to say that no man 6, get dinner in the city, and go to the who is at all awakened can really live theatre or somewhere else. I had been Last of all, when we shall not be so unless he knows the word of God and doing it for about six months, and, when I much aspiring saints as expiring saints- understands its inner meaning. For this look back, about the only time that I saw my mother and sister during that period was at Sunday dinner. Nothing unusual in that, of course. The same thing is true of hundreds of young men in town. But they haven't fathers like mine. He came to me one afternoon and asked me if I had an engagement for that night.

"Yes," I said; "I've promised to go to "How about to-morrow night?" l

"Nothing on at present," I replied. "Well, I'd like you to go somewhere with

"All right," I said; "where shall I meet

You see he leaves the office about an hour before I can get my work finished. He suggested the Lenox Restaurant, at 7:30, and sions. But when he appeared he said he wanted me to call on a lady with him. "One I knew quite well when I was a young man," he explained

We went out and started straight for home. "She is stopping at the house," he said, when I spoke of it. I thought it strange that he should have made the ap pointment for the Lenox Restaurant under those circumstances, but I said nothing Well, we went in, and I was introduced with due formality to my mother and my sister. The situation was ludicrous and began to laugh, but the laugh died away.

None of the three even smiled. My mother and my sister shook hands with me, and my mother said she remembered me as a boy, but hadn't seen much of me lately. Then she invited me to be seated It wasn't a bit funny then, although I can laugh over it now. I sat down and she III. Now we will take the third step told me one or two anecdotes of my boyhood at which we all laughed a little Then we four played whist for a while.

When I finally retired I was courteously of thinking.

Then I made up my mind that my mother was a most entertaining lady, and my sister a good and brilliant girl. been doing quite regularly for the last his more limited means. week. I enjoy their company, and I in-Arkansas Traveller.

The Latest Furnishing Fad.

A curious arrangement of a window top is accomplished by discarding the conven tional curtain pole and substituting nothing more nor less than a limb of a tree, as quaint and as Japanesque in its singularity and quaintness as it is possible to get it This limb should be a forked affair, shaped like a letter Y if laid on its side. The curtain should be draped over one leg and the extension of the Y, and along the branch or leg that rises upward-the scheme is to perch blackbirds and squirrels and hang of clinging moss. It's one of those thing that you can't describe, but can person

The Churches

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M. and 7.00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Sab ath morning at 10.30 A. M. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor Monday at 7.30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7.30 P. M.—All seats free.

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KEEP THE CASH

Beginning on October 22nd, and ending on Dec. 25, will be

of the word of God; and oh, beloved, we need above all things to understand what God has revealed. Take stand what God has revealed. Take not in the waters of truth. Do you want any nobler promise, and surer covenant? As for me, I bless God that the righteousness of his testimonies is everlasting,

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No one need despair; the millionnaire can furnish his house from top to bottom with the finest and most costly, and his junior clerk can Now I'm going to call again, as I have fill his little tenement with useful and pretty articles at prices to suit

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