"HARBOR OF HOME," LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Text: "Go Home to Thy Friends, and Tell Them How Great Things the Lord Hath Done for Thee"-From Book of Mark, Chapter 5, Verse 19.



HERE are a great many people longing for some grand sphere in which to serve God. They admire Luther at the Diet of Worms. and only wish that they had some such great opportunity in which to display Christian their

prowess. They admire Paul making Felix tremble and they only wish that they had some such grand occasion in which to preach righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. All they want is an opportunity to exhibit their Christian heroism. Now the apostle comes to us and he practically says: "I will show you a place where you can exhibit all that is grand and beautiful not. and glorious in Christian character, and that is the domestic circle."

If one is not faithful in an insignificant sphere he will not be faithful in a resounding sphere. If Peter will not help the cripple at the gate of the Temple, he will never be able to preach three thousand souls into the kingdom at the Pentecost. If Paul will not take pains to instruct in the way of salvation the sheriff of the Philippian dungeon, he will never make Felix tremble. He who is not faithful in a skirwish would not be faithful in an Armageddon. The fact is, we are placed in just the position in which we can most grandly serve God, and ought not to be chiefly thoughtful about some sphere of usefulness which we may after awhile gain, but the allabsorbing question with you and with me ought to be: "Lord, what wiit thou have me (now and here) to do?"

There is one word in my text around which the most of our thoughts will to-day revolve. The word is HOME. Ask ten different men the meaning of that word and they will give you ten different definitions. To the workstand, intelligence at the fection without being thought silly. smile at the chair. Peace hovering like wings. Joy clapping its hands with no home? Then die. That is better. laughter. Life a tranquil lake, Pillowed on the ripples sleep the shadows.

Ask another man what home is, and of a cheerless fire-grate and kneading damp air shivering with curses. No man or woman who has no home! Bible on the shelf. Children, robbers and murderers in embryo. Vile songs their lullaby. Every face a picture of ruin. Want in the background and sin staring from the front. No Sabbath wave rolling over that doorsill. Vestibule of the pit. Shadow of infernal walls. Furnace for forging everlasting place to leap off at, and talking just chains. Faggots for an unending fun- to hear itself talk? If all the skies eral pile. Awful word! It is spelled hurtled with tempest, and everlasting with curses, it weeps with ruin, it storm wandered over the sea, and every chokes with woe, it sweats with the mountain stream went raving mad, death-agony of despair.

means everything bright. The word blowing among the hills, and there "Home" in the other case means everything terrific.

I shall speak to you of home as a test of character, home as a refuge, home as a political safeguard, home as a school, and home as a type of heaven.

And in the first place I remark that home is a powerful test of character The disposition in public may be in gay costume, while in private it is in dishabille. As play-actors may appear in one way on the stage and may appear in another way behind the scenes. so private character may be very different from public character. Private character is often public character turned wrong side out. A man may receive you into his parlor as though he were a distillation of smiles, and yet his heart may be a swamp of netties. There are business men who all day long are mild and courteous and genial and good-natured in commercial life, keeping back their irritability and their petulance and their discontent: but at nightfall the dam breaks. and scolding pours forth in floods and freshets.

Reputation is only the shadow of character, and a very small house sometimes will cast a very long shadow. The lips may seem to drop myrrh and cassia, and the disposition to be as bright and warm as a sheaf of suneams, and yet they may only a magnificent show window to a wretched stock of goods. There is many a man who is affable in public life and amid commercial spheres, who, in a cowardly way. takes his anger and his petulance home and drops them in the domestic circle.

had temper in public is because they you! Seated by the register or the do not want to be knocked down. There | stove, what if on the wall should come are men who hide their petulance and out the history of your children? What their irritability just for the same rea- | a history-the mortal and the immorson that they do not let their notes go | tal life of your loved ones! Every to protest; it does not pay. Or for the parent is writing the history of his same reason that they do not want a child. He is writing it, composing man in their stock company to sell his stock at less than the right price, lest it depreciate the value. As at sunset the of heaven. To bring us to that home wind rises, so after a sunshiny day Christ left his home. Far up and far there may be a tempestuous night. back in the history of heaven there There are people who in public act the came a period when its most illustrious philanthropist, who at home act the Nero, with respect to their slippers and He was not going to sail from beach to their gown.

ith gun and pencil, went through the prests of America to bring down and sketch the beautiful birds, and after

in Philadelphia for a few days of recreation and rest, and came back and found that the rats had utterly destroyed the manuscript; but without any discomposure and without any fret or bad temper, he again picked up his gun and pencil and visited again all the great forests of America and reproduced his immortal work. And yet there are people with the ten-thousandth part of that loss who are utterly irreconcilable, who, at the loss of a pencil or an article of raiment, will blow as long and sharp as a northeast

Now, that man who is affable in public and who is irritable in private is making a fraudulent overissue of stock, and he is as bad as a bank that might have four or five hundred thousand dollars of bills in circulation with no specie in the vault. Let us learn "to show piety at home." If we have it not there we have it not anywhere. If we have not genuine grace in the family circle, all our outward and public plausibility merely springs from a fear of the world or from the slimy, putrid pool of our own selfishness. I tell you the home is a mighty test of character. What you are at home you are everywhere, whether you demonstrate it or

Again, I remark that home is a refuge. Life is the United States army on the national road to Mexico, a long march with ever and anon a skirmish and a battle. At eventide we pitch our tent and stack our arms; we hang up knapsack; we sleep until the morning bugle calls us to marching and action. How pleasant it is to rehearse the victories and the surprises and the attacks of the day, seated by the still camp-fire of the home circle!

Yea, life is a stormy sea. With shivered masts and torn sails and hulk aleak, we put into the harbor of home. Blessed harbor! there we go for repairs in the dry dock of quiet life. The candle in the window is to the toiling man the lighthouse guiding him into port. Children go forth to meet their fathers as pilots at the Narrows take the hand of ships. The door-sill of the home is the wharf where heavy life is unladen.

There is the place where we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self-adulation. There is the place where we may lounge withone it means love at the hearth, it out being thought ungraceful. There means plenty at the table, industry at is the place where we may express afbooks, devotion at the altar. To him There is the place where we may forit means a greeting at the door and a get our annoyances and exasperations and troubles. Forlorn earth-pilgrim! The grave is brighter and grander and more glorious than this world with no tent from marchings, with no he will tell you it is want, looking out | harbor from the storm, with no place to rest from this scene of greed and hunger in an empty bread-tray. The gouge and loss and gain. God pity the

Get you no hint of cheerfulness from grasshopper's leap and lamb's frisk, and quail's whistle, and garrulous streamlet, which, from the rock at the mountain-top clear down to the meadow ferns under the shadow of the steep, comes looking for the steepest The word "Home" in the one case and there were nothing but simoons were neither lark's carol nor humming bird's trill, nor waterfall's dash; only bear's bark, and panther's scream, and wolf's howl, then you might well gather into your homes only the shadows. But when God has strewn the ear,th and the heavens with beauty and with gladness, let us take unto our home circles all innocent hilarity, all brightness, and all good cheer. A dark home makes bad boys and bad girts, in preparation for bad men and bad women.

Above all, my friends, take into your homes Christian principle. Can it be that in any of the comfortable homes of my congregation the voice of prayer is never lifted? What! No supplication at night for protection? What! No thanksgiving in the morning for care? How, my brother, my sister, will you answer God in the day of judgment with reference to your children? It is a plain question, and therefore i ask it. In the tenth chapter of Jeremiah God says he will pour out his fury upon the families that call not upon His name. O, parents, when you are dead and gone, and the moss is covering the inscription of the tombstone, will your children look back and think of father and mother at family prayer? Will they take the old family Bible and open it and see the mark of tears of contrition and tears of consoling promise wept by eyes long before gone out into darkness? Oh, if you do not inculcate Christian principles in the hearts of your children, and do not warn them against evil, and do not invite them to holiness and to God, and they wander off into dissipation and into infidelity. and at last make shipwreck of their immortal souls, on their deathbed and in The reason men do not display their the day of judgment they will curse into a song or tuning it into a groan.

Again, I remark that home is a type citizen was about to absent himself. beach; we have often done that. He Audubon, the great ornithologist, was not going to put out from one hemisphere to another hemisphere; many of us have done that. But he was to sail from world to world, the say." Native-"You haven't heard our

his manuscript and put it in a trunk | traveled. No world had ever hailed heaven, and heaven had never hailed any other world. I think that the windows and the balconies are thronged, and that the pearly beach was crowded with those who had come to see him sail out of the harbor of light into the oceans beyond. Out and out and out, and on and on and on, and down and down and down he sped, until one night, with only one to greet him, he arrived. His disembarkation so unpretending, so quiet that it was not known on earth until the excitement in the cloud gave intimation that something grand and glorious had happened. Who comes there? From what port did He sail? Why was this the place of His destination? I question the shepherds. question the camel drivers. I question the angels. I have found out. He was an exile. But the world has had plenty of exiles. Abraham, an exile from Ur of the Chaldees; John, an exile from Ephesus; Kosciusko, an exile from Poland; Mazzini, an exile from Rome; Emmet, an exile from Ireland; Victor Hugo, an exile from France; Kossuth, an exile from Hungary. But this one of whom I speak today had such resounding farewell and came into such chilling reception-for not even an hostler went out with his lantern to help him in—that He is more to be cels. brated than any other expatriated one

of earth or heaven. At our best estate we are only pligrims and strangers here. "Heaven is our home." Death will never knock at the door of that mansion, and in all the war cap and lay our head on the that country there is not a single grave, How glad parents are in holiday time to gather their children home again! But I have noticed that almost always there is a son or daughter absent-absent from home, perhaps absent from the country, perhaps absent from the world. Oh, how glad our heavenly Father will be when He gets all His children home with Him in heaven! And how delightful it will be for brothers and sisters to meet after long separation! Once they parted at the door of the tomb; now they meet at the door of immortality. Once they saw only "through a glass, darkly;' now it is 'face to face," corruption, incorruption; mortality, immortality. Where are now all their sins and sorrows and troubles? Overwhelmed in the Red Sea of death while they passed through dryshod.

Gates of pearl, capstones of amethyst, thrones of dominion do not stir my soul so much as the thought of home. Once there, let earthly sorrows howi like storms and roll like eeas. Home! Let thrones rot and empires wither. Home! Let the world die in an earthquake struggle and be buried amid procession of planets and dirge of spheres. Home! Let everlasting ages roll in irresistible sweep. Home! No sorrow, no crying. No tears. No death. But home, sweet home; home, beautiful home, everlasting home, home with each other, home with angels, home with God.

One night, lying on my lounge, when very tired, my children all around about me in full romp and hilarity and laughter—on the lounge, half awake and half asleep, I dreamed this dream: I was in a far country. It was not Persia, although more than Oriental luxuriance crowned the cities. It was not the tropics, although more than tropical fruitfulness filled the gardens, It was not Italy, although more than frothing at the mouth with mad foam, Italian softness filled the air. And I wandered around looking for thorns and nettles, but I found that none of them grew there, and I saw the sun rise, and I watched to see it set it sank not. And I saw the people in holiday attire, and I said: "When will they put off this and put on workmen's garb and again delve in the mine or swelter at the forge?" But they never put off their boilday attire. And I wandered in the suburbs of the city to find the place where the dead sleep, and I looked all along the line of the beautiful hills, the place where the dead might most blissfully sleep, and I saw towers and castles, but not a mausoleum or a monument or a white slab could I see. And I went into the chapel of the great town and I said: "Where do the poor worship and where are the hard benches on which they sit?" And the answer was made me: "We have no poor in this country." And then I wandered out to find the hovels of the destitute, and I found mansions of amber and ivory and gold. but not a tear could I see, not a sigh could I hear, and I was bewildered and sat down under the branches of a great tree and I said: "Where am I? And whence comes all this scene?" And then out from among the leaves. and up the flowery paths, and across the bright streams there came a beautiful group, thronging all about me, and as I saw them come I thought I knew their step, and as they shouted I thought I knew their voices; but then they were so gloriously arrayed in apparel, such as I had never before witnessed, that I bowed as stranger to stranger. But when they again clapped their hands and shouted, "Welcome, welcome!" the mystery all vanished, and I found that time had gone and eternity had come, and we were all together again in our new home in heaven. And I looked around and I said: "Are we all here?" and the voices of many generations responded, "All here!" And while tears of gladness were raining down our cheeks, and the branches of the Lebanon cedars were clapping their hands, and the towers of the great city were chiming their welcome, we all together began to leap

The Fly in the Ointment. Visitor (in Ruralville)-"This is a very pleasant and homelike place and I cannot understand why so many families should have moved away from it during the last few months, as you ears of toll and exposure completed spaces unexplored and immensities un- young ladies' brass band ret."-Jud

and shout and sing: "Home, home,

home!"

## CONGRESS

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS A WASHINGTON.

Nicaragua Canal Bill Exhaustively Discussed During the Week-Measure to Restrict Immigration Returned to the Committee—The Liquor Question.

Wednesday, Feb. 3.

After a brief parliamentary struggle in the senate the friends of the Nicaragua canal bill were unable to hold a quorum and sit out the obstruction to that measure. Mr. Vilas (Dem., Wis.) had continued his speech in opposition, it being his third successive treaty was under consideration by the day. Mr. Thurston declared during the debate on Pacific railroads that the right of the attorney-general to appear in any foreclosure suit was absolutely unquestionable, irrespective of any legislation on the subject.

Thursday, Jan. 4. The proceedings in the house were public interest. The major portion of the day was devoted to the District of

Columbia appropriation bill. In the senate Mr. Morrill endeavored to pass the bill prohibiting the use of intoxicants in the capitol building. This aroused the opposition of Mr. Hill (N. Y.), who made a flery speech against the measure. The immigration bill was recommitted to conference, Mr. Lodge, in charge of the measure, adopting this course as a result of urgent appeals for a modification of the bill Mr. Vilas added another day to his speech against the Nicaragua canal, and had not concluded when the senate adjourned.

Friday, Feb. 5. Senator McMillan introduced, by request, in the senate, a bill declaring "The Star Spangled Banner" to be the

national song of the United States. The Portuguese ministry has re signed, and it is understood that Senor Luciano de Castro will be intrusted with the task of reforming the cabinet. The Tennessee senate defeated the

gold contract bill passed by the house. The bill failed to receive a constitutional majority, the vote being 16 to 13, The noted confederate general, Joseph Shelby, who is United States mar-

shal for the western district of Missouri, is very critically ill at his farm neur Adrian, Mo.

Major T. S. Clarkson, commander-in- a bill providing that all indebtedness chief of the G. A. R., is on an official trip to the eastern departments,

Richard R. Kenny, the silver Democrat from Delaware, was sworn in in the senate, his credentials being regular and signed by the governor. No objection was made, though Senator Chandler stated his belief that H. A. Dupont had been legally elected, adding however, that Mr. Kenny could be seated and the matter brought before the senate hereafter.

Monday, Feb. 8. The house devoted the whole day to District of Columbia business, and two

bills of more or less local importance were passed. The conference report on the immigration bill was presented, and notice given that it would be called up Tuesday.

The Anglo-American arbitration senate in executive session. Senator Morgan urged the prompt ratification of the treaty, with the amendments proposed, and Senators Morgan and Daniel opposed it.

Burn to Death in the House. Seeley Wakeley's house in Grovetown, near Grayling, Mich., was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, and his two children, aged 2 and 4 years, were burned to death. The father was at work in the woods, and the mother was visiting relatives near by.

Mr. Bryan Reaches Home. W. J. Bryan returned Monday from his recent trip to Texas and other southern states. The legislature of four western states have invited him to address them, but he has not yet determined to accept. He says he does not know how long he will remain home.

Long Accepts Navy Portfolio.

Ex-Gov. Long of Massachusetts has been formally tendered and has accepted the Navy portfolio. The acceptance came a few hours after the tender and the tender was made, it is said, within the last twenty-four hours.

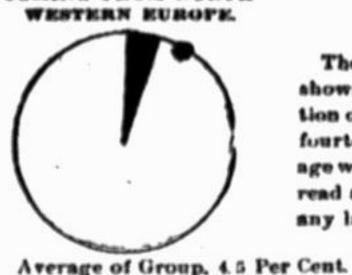
Horizontal Cut of Wages. The Metropolitan Iron and Land company, operating the Norrie, East Norrie and Pabet mines in Michigan, and employing at present about 700 men, has cut the wages of all employes 10 per cent.

Wants Debts Pald in Coin. The Washington senate has passed shall be paid in either gold or silver money.

WHERE ILLITERATE IMMIGRANTS COME FROM.

Percentages of illiteracy among immigrants from those nations of Europe which sent upward of 2,000 immigrants to the United States during the fiscal year 1895-96.

COMING FROM NORTH-WESTERN EUROPE.



The black part shows the proportion of those ov. fourteen years of age who could not read and write in any language.

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Average of Group, 4.5 Per Cent.	Average of Group, 47.9 Per Cent.
Switzerland	Greece
Denmark 0.9	Russia41.1
Sweden and Norway 1.2	Austria-Hungary
Germany 1.0	Italy

FROM EASTERN AND

SOUTHERN EUROPE.

Scotland Ireland A law providing for the exclusion of illiterates would affect very alightly those races which have built up the country but would debar considerable numbers of immigrants from the less desirable places which have but recently begun to come in large numbers, and who congregate in the lower quarters of

the Atlantic seaboard cities. In 1869 the immigrants from Austria-Hungary, Italy, Russia and Poland were about 1-100th of the number from the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Scandinavia; in 1880 about 1-10th, in 1894 nearly equal to it, in 1896 1-3d

RIOTS AT HAMBURG.

Knives and Revnivers Freely Used and Many Arrests Made.

Serious riots have followed the recent collapse of the dockers' strike at Hamburg, Germany, the workmen, incensed at the failure of their cause, at tacking the laborers as they emerged from the docks Saturday evening at Altona and St. Pauli. Knives and revolvers' were freely used. A number of persons have been injured, including several onlookers. Nearly 100 arrests have been made by the authorities. It was 2 o'clock Sunday morning before the large forces of mounted police succeeded in clearing the streets and quieting the people.

Gold Found in Calcite Rock. Gold has been found in limestone ten miles of Custer, S. D. Assays show the ore to run from \$16 to \$175 to the ton. During the last six weeks about 200 assays have been made from ores of the limestone. In every instance gold was found from a trace to \$9 ton. There are at least 2,000 square miles of limestone exposed in the Black Hills.

Four Men Killed in a Wreck. Conductor Randolph Addington and Baggageman Frank L. Hosac, both of Huron, S. D., were killed in a wreck on the Chicago & Northwestern road near Arlington. Two others, W. L. Harrison of Arlington and John Lofaus of Desmet also were killed.

Illinois Wheat Hurt.

The principal wheat producers in the section around Kinmundy, III., think the wheat crop will be a total failure, owing to the severe cold weather and no snow to serve as a covering to protect the wheat.

Emperors to Visit the Cant. and Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary will be the Czar's guests in the autumn at the military maneuvers

POPE HAS ANOTHER ATTACK Said to Have Been Discovered Uncon-

Despite the statement of Dr. Laponnis to the contrary, the London Daily News correspondent in Rome is informed that the pope was on Friday found lying on the back of a chair. He was unconscious when discovered, and was only restored to consciousness by inhaling ether.

Says Harry St. John Is Alive. William Canty of Springfield, Ill., is authority for the statement that Harry St. John of Oklahoma City, O. T., is still alive. St. John was the son of ex-Gov. John P. St. John of Kansas, who was reported to have died in Oklahoma City about three months ago. while under indictment for the alleged murder of his wife.

Rawlings Elected in Utah.

J. L. Rawlins has been elected United States senator on the following vote: Rawlins, 32: Thacher, 29; Henderson, 1: Brown, 1. The senator-elect has always been an advocate of the independent free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and the opponent of the protection principle.

Gowdy Will Go to Paris. State Chairman John K. Gowdy o Indiana has authorized the announcement that he has been offered the place of consul-general to Paris. He has accepted.

Starvation in Louisiana.

Thirty thousand people in Louisiana are practically starving to death. A relief committee which has inspected the stricken parishes east of Shreveport says this number of people will have to be sustained during the unfruitful

Nebraska Women Can Not Vote. The bill providing for a constitution al amendment giving Nebraska w the right to vote was defeated in lower house of the legislature has the decisive rote of 55 to 34.

## PLANETARY GOSSIE

HOROSCOPIC READINGS PROBABLE EVENTS

These Columns -- Name Address, Date and Hour of Birth lim portant Requisites.



free readings now being given in these columns are so popular that it take some time before those on hand will be anawered. Every latter sent in will be enswered in its regular order.

Those who do not wish to wait their turn can get their readings by mail for twelve two-court stamps. In all cases full name and address of applicants must accompany requests for free readings. Also place, date, hour and place of birth. If the hour is not known send two two-cent stamps for special instructions. Address all communications to Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 South Clinton street, Chicago, Ill.

Following are the readings for this

Minnie W., Maukate, Kau-According to the data you have the Zodiacal sign Virgo which Mercury rules with a lingering indication of the sign Leo, which the Sun rules rising at your birth, therefore, Mercury and the Sun are your ruling planets or algnificators.

You are medium height; medium dark complexion; hair and eyes,

You are rather of a studious nature and take delight in unraveling some mystery and are easily interested in chemistry and electricity. You are very intuitive at times, but your intuition works uneven or spacmodically. You will not generally be appreciated by people until they are well acquainted with you. Love affairs and marriage will not be more than average fortunate. You are liable to socidents and injuries to your fest, You will also be subject to some odd nervous allment of the heart, this will not be organic or at all dangerous.

R. A. L X., Owensville, Ind. According to data furnished you have the zodiacal sign, Scorpio, which Mars rules, rising at birth, therefore Mars is your ruling planet or significator. Saturn is on the ascendant, and is cosignificator. You are medium height, with a well-set, strong, plump figure; medium to dark complexion; dark eyes; a luxuriant growth of dark helr. The face is rather full and broad You are one of the stirring, energetic kind of people, and have the and ability to push your business yes you do this in such a quiet way that others will hardly know anything about it until it is all over. You are secretive and deliberate in your actions, and lay your plans first and work them out afterward. You are fond of chemistry, soldiers, firemen, and all kinds of milltary affairs. Love affairs never ran smooth with you long at a time. The last half of your life has been the most fortunate. You are under evil transits now, especially for health, and should be careful.

Miss Maris H., Detroit.

According to data furnished the sodiacal sign Aquarius, which Uranus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Uranus is your raling planet or significator. The sign Pisces, which Jupiter rules, was intercepted, and Mara was on the ascendant, therefore Juniter and Mars are co-significators. You are of medium height, or slightly above: medium to light complexion. hair and eyes; when small your hair was flaxen. You are quite energetic and ambitious, and do not like to be opposed: anyone that undertakes to control your independent actions will be likely to get th benefit of your opinion of them. You are very independent in your ideas of dress, and will wear anything you think is right and proper, no matter if it suits the four hundred or not. You have a good intellect, and should make a great effort to overcome the obstacles that are hindering your education. Your husband will be one of those bright, refined, kind and obliging men, with dark eyes, that have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight; marriage will be far more than average fortunate.

Note.—Those who have sent in their stamps (28 cents) for readings by mail. will usually be promptly answered. In cases where there is an apparent delay the astrologer should be notified at once and the mistake will be rectified

The Number of Asternida In October last a small planet, or asteroid, discovered by photography in Berlin, was set down in the list of the hadies as No. 424. Since the an tion of photography to the stars discovery of asteroids has been a rapid, no less than one hundred ing been found between February, 1 and October, 1896. Up to 1866 four asteroids were known then not a year has passed without the discovery of one or more.

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