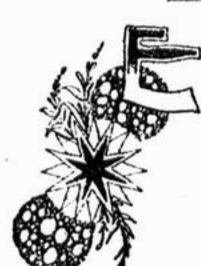
"LIKE THE STARS." LAST SUN-DAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text, Daniel xii, 3: "They That Turn Many to Righteousness Shall Shine as the Stars Forever and Ever."



VERY man has a thousand roots and thousand branches. His roots reach down through all the earth; his branches spread through all the heavens. He speaks with voice, with with eye, hand, with foot.

His silence often is loud as thunder, and his life is a dirge or a doxology. There is no such thing as negative influence. We are all positive in the place we occupy, making the world better or making it worse, on the Lord's side or on the devil's, making up reasons for our blessedness or banishment; and we have already done work in peopling heaven or hell. I hear people tell of what they are going to do. A man who has burned down a city might as well talk of some evil that he expects to do, or a man who has

It would be absurd for me, by elaborate argument, to prove that the world is off the track. You might as well stand at the foot of an embankment, amid the wreck of a capsized rall-train, proving by elaborate argument that something is out of order. Adam tumbled over the embankment sixty centuries ago, and the whole race, in one long train, has gone on tumbling in the same direction. Crash! crash! The only question now is, by what leverage can the crushed thing be lifted? By what hammer may the fragments be reconstructed? I want to show you how we may turn many to righteousness, and what will be our future pay for so doing.

First. We may turn them by the I charm of a right example. A child coming from a filthy home was taught at school to wash its face. It went home so much improved in appearance that its mother washed her face. And when the father of the household came home and saw the improvement in domestic appearance, he washed his face. The neighbors, happening in, saw the change, and tried the same experiment, until all that street was purifled, and the next street copied its example, and the whole city felt the reault of one schoolboy washing his face. That is a fable, by which we set forth that the best way to get the world washed of its sins and pollution is to have our own heart and life cleansed and purified. A man with grace in his heart and Christian cheerfulness in his face and holy consistency in his behavlor is a perpetual sermon; and the sermon differs from others in that it has but one head, and the longer it runs the better.

Again: We may turn many to righteulishess by prayer. There is no such detective as prayer, for no one can hide away from it. It puts its hand on the shoulder of a man ten thousand miles off. It alights on a ship mid-Atlantic. The little child cannot understand the law of electricity, or how the telegraph operator, by touching the instrument here, may dart a message under the sea to another continent; nor can we, with our small intellect, understand how the touch of a Christian's prayer shall instantly strike a soul on the other side of the earth. You take ship and go to some other country. and get there at eleven o'clock in the morning. You telegraph to America and the message gets here at six p'clock the same morning. In other words it seems to arrive here five hours before it started. Like that is prayer. God says: "Before they call. I will hear." To overtake a loved one on the road, you may spur up a lathered steed until he shall outrace the one that brought the news to Ghent; but a prayer shall catch it at one gallop. A boy running away from home may take the midnight train from the country village and reach the seaport in time to gain the ship that sails on the morrow; but a mother's prayer will be on the deck to meet him, and in the hammock before he swings into it, and at the capstan before he winds the rope around, and on the sea, against the sky, as the vessel ploughs on toward it. There is a mightiness in prayer. George Muller pra d a company of poor boys togethe and then he prayed up an asylum in which they might be sheltered. He turned his face toward Edinburgh and prayed and there came a thousand pounds. He turned his face toward Dublin and prayed, and there came a thousand pounds. The breath of Elijah's prayer blew all the clouds off the sky, and it was dry weather. The breath of Elijah's prayer blew all the clouds together, and it was wet weather. Prayer, in Daniel's time, walked the cave as a lion-tamer. It reached up, and | Yonder they are-circle of light! contook the sun by its golden bit, and stellation of joy! galaxy of fire! Oh, stopped it, and the moon by its silver | that you and I, by that grace which can

We have all yet to try the full power of prayer. The time will come when the American Church will pray with its face toward the West and all the prairies and inland cities will surrender to God; and will pray with face | The worlds do not stop to shine. There toward the sea, and all the islands are no fixed stars save as to relative and ships will become Christian. Parents who have wayward sons will get | fixed flies thousands of miles a minute. down on their knees and say: "Lord, The astronomer, using his telescope for send my boy home," and the boy in an alpenstock, leaps from world-crag Canton shall get right up from the to world-crag, and finds no star stand-

bit, and stopped it,

which ship starts first for America. Not one of us yet knows how to pray. All we have done as yet has only been pottering. A boy gets hold of his father's saw and hammer, and tries to make something, but it is a poor affair that he makes. The father comes and takes the same saw and hammer, and builds the house or the ship. In the childhood of our Christian faith, we make but poor work with these weapons of prayer, but when we come to the stature of men in Christ Jesus, then, under these implements, the temple of God will rise, and the world's redemption will be launched. God cares not for the length of our prayers; or the number of our prayers, or the beauty of our prayers, or the place of our prayers; but it is the faith in them that tells. Believing prayer soars higher than the lark ever sang; plunges deeper than diving-bell ever sank; darts quicker than lightning ever flashed. Though we have used only the back of this weapon instead of the edge, what marvels have been wrought! If saved, we are all the captives of some earnest prayer. Would God that, in desire for the rescue of souls, we might in prayer lay hold of the resources of the Lord Omnipotent!

We may turn many to righteousness by Christian admonition. Do not wait until you can make a formal speech. Address the one next to you. You will not go home alone to-day. Between this and your place of stopping you saved an empire might as well talk of may decide the eternal destiny of an some good that he expects to do. By immortal spirit. Just one sentence the force of your evil influence you may do the work. Just one question. from going into that gate of sin; you have already consumed infinite values; Just one look. The formal talk that or you have by the power of a right | begins with a sigh, and ends with a | influence, won whole kingdoms for canting snuffle, is not what is wanted, but the heart throb of a man in dead earnest. There is not a soul on earth that you may not bring to God if you rightly go at it. They said Gibraltar could not be taken. It is a rock, sixteen hundred feet high, and three miles long. But the English and Dutch did take it. Artillery, and sappers and miners, and fleets pouring out volleys of death, and thousands of men reckless of danger, can do anything. The stoutest heart of sin, though it be rock, and surrounded by an ocean of transgression, under Christian bombardment may hoist the flag of redemption.

> Again: Christian workers shall be like the stars in the fact that they have a light independent of each other. Look up at the night, and see each world show its distinct glory. It is not like the conflagration, in which you cannot tell where one flame stops and another begins. Neptune, Herschel, and Mercury are as distinct as if each one of them were the only star; so our individualism will not be lost in heaven. A great multitude-yet each one as observable, as distinctly recognized, as greatly celebrated, as if in all the space, from gate to gate, and from hill to hill, he were the only inhabitant; no mixing up-no mob-no indiscriminate rush; each Christian worker standing out illustrious-all the story of earthly achievement adhering to each one; his self-denials and pains and services and victories published. Before men went out to the last war, the orators told them that they would all be remembered by their country, and their names be commemorated in poetry and in song: but go to the graveyard in Richmond, and you will find there six thousand graves, over each of which is the inscription, "Unknown." The world does not remember its heroes; but there will be no unrecognized Christian worker in heaven. Each one known by all; grandly known; known by acclamation: all the past story of work for God gleaming in cheek and brow and foot and palm. They shall shine with distinct light as the stars, forever and

Christian workers shall Again: shine like the stars in clusters. In looking up, you find the worlds in family circles. Brothers and sisters-they take hold of each other's hands and dance in groups. Orion in a group. The Pleiades in a group. The solar system is only a company of children. with bright faces, gathered around one great fireplace. The worlds do not straggle off. They go in squadrons and fleets, sailing through immensity. So Christian workers in heaven will dwell in neighborhoods and clusters.

I am sure some people I will like in heaven a great deal better than oth-Yonder is a constellation of stately Christians. They lived on earth by rigid rule. They never laughed. They walked every hour anxious lest they should lose their dignity. They loved God, and yonder they shine in brilliant constellation. Yet I should not long to get into that particular group. Yonder is a constellation of small-hearted Christians-asteroids in the eternal astronomy. While some souls go up from Christian battle, and blaze like Mars these asteroids dart a feeble ray like Vesta. Yonder is a constellation of martyrs, of apostles, of patriarchs. Our souls, as they go up to heaven, will seek out the most congenial society.

Yonder is a constellation almost merry with the play of light. On earth they were full of sympathies and songs and tears and raptures and congratulations. When they prayed their words took fire; when they sang, the tune could not hold them; when they wept over a world's woes, they sobbed as if heart-broken; when they worked for Christ, they flamed with enthusiasm. transform the worst into the best. might at last sail in the wake of that fleet, and wheel in that glorious group, as the stars for ever and ever!

Again: Christian workers will shine longtitude to Western Australia. like the stars in swiftness of motion. position. The star apparently most

gaming-table, and go down to find out | ing still. The chamois hunter has to fly to catch his prey, but not so swift is his game as that which the scientist tries to shoot through the tower of observatory. Liks petrels mid-Atlantic, that seem to come from no shore, and be bound to no landing place-flying, flying-so these great flocks of worlds rest not as they go-wing and wingage after age-for ever and ever. The eagle hastes to its prey, but we shall in speed beat the eagles. You have noticed the velocity of the swift horse under whose feet the miles slip like a smooth ribbon, and, as he passes, the four hoofs strike the earth in such quick beat, your pulses take the same vibration. But all these things are not swift in comparison with the motion of which I speak. The moon moves 54,000 miles in a day. Yonder, Neptune flashes on 11,000 miles in an hour. Yonder, Mercury goes 109,000 miles in an hour. So like the stars the Christian shall shine in swiftness of motion. You hear now of father or mother or

child sick 1,000 miles away, and it takes you two days to get to them. You hear of some case of suffering that demands your immediate attention, but it takes you an hour to get there. Oh, the joy when you shall, in fulfilment of the text, take starry speed, and be equal to 100,000 miles an hour! Having on earth got used to Christian work, you will not quit when death strikes you. You will only take on more velocity. There is a dying child in London and its spirit must be taken up to God; you are there in an instant to do it. There is a young man in New York to be arrested are there in an instant to arrest him. Whether with spring of foot, or stroke of wing, or by the force of some new law that shall hurl you to the spot where you would go, I'know not; but my text suggests velocity. All space open before you with nothing to hinder you in mission of light and love and joy, you shall shine in swiftness of motion as the stars for ever and ever.

Again: Christian workers, like the stars, shine in magnitude. The most illiterate man knows that these things in the sky, looking like gilt buttons, are great masses of matter. To weigh them, one would think that it would require scales with a pillar hundreds of thousands of miles high, and chains hundreds of thousands of miles long, and at the bottom the chains basins on either side hundreds of thousands of miles wide, and that then omnipotence alone could put the mountains into the scales and the hills into the balance. But puny man has been equal to the undertaking, and has set a little balance on his geometry, and weighed world against world. Yea, he has pulled out his measuring line, and announced that Herschel is 36,000 miles in diameter, Saturn 79,000 miles in diameter, and Jupiter 89,000 miles in diameter, and that the smallest pearl on the beach of heaven is immense beyond all imagination. So all they who have toiled for Christ on earth shall rise up to a magnitude of privilege, and a nagnitude of strength, and a magnijoy; and the weakest saint in glory become greater than all that we can imagine of an archangel.

Brethren, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Wisdom that shall know everything; wealth that shall possess everything; strength that shall do everything; glory that shall circumscribe evrything! We shall not be like a taper set in a sick man's window, or get any idea of the greatness of our estate when we shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Lastly-and coming to this point my mind almost breaks down under the contemplation-like the stars, all Christian workers shall shine in duration. The same stars that look down upon us looked down upon the Christian shepherds. The meteor that I saw flashing across the sky the other night. I wonder if it was not the same one that pointed down to where Jesus lay in the manger, and if, having pointed out his birthplace, it has ever since been wandering through the beavens. watching to see how the world would treat him! When Adam awoke in the garden in the cool of the day, he saw coming out through the dusk of the evening the same worlds that greeted

us last night. In Independence hall is an old cracked bell that sounded the signature of the Declaration of Independence. You cannot ring it now; but this great chime of silver bells that strike in the dome of night, ring out in as sweet a tone as when God swung them at the Creation. Look up at night, and know that the white lilies that bloom in all the hanging gardens of our King are century plants-not blooming once in ahundred years, but through all the centuries. The star at which the mariner looks tonight was the light by which the ships of Tarshish were guided across the Mediterranean, and the Venetian flotilla found its way into Lepanto. Their armor is as bright tonight as when, in ancient battle, the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

Corked Bottles at Sea.

Numbers of experiments have been made to test the speed and destination of corked bottles thrown into the sea at various portions of the world. The most remarkable example ever heard of was that in which a bottle traveled 6.060 miles in about two years and a haif, roughly, at the rate of six and a half miles a day. It traveled from 63 deg, south latitude and 60 deg, west

Baron Krupp's Business Card. Baron Krupp, the great German ironmaster, uses for visiting cards very thin sheets of rolled iron.

The rich fool frowns on one half the world, and envies the other half.

Friends of President Diaz Take Quick Revenge.

MOB BREAKS DOWN JAIL DOORS

Arroye, Who on Thursday Attempted to Assault the Chief Executive of the Mexican Republic, Killed in Prison-General Satisfaction Expressed.

During the festivities being held to

celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of independence of Mexico Thursday President Diaz was assaulted by a violent character seeking his assassination. The assailant was felled by a cane in the hands of a companion of the president, and was taken into custody. He gave the name of Ignacio Anulfoe. The president was unharmed. The attempt made Thursday on the life of President Diaz of Mexico anded to offices of the federation. Friday morning in a most sensational way. Arnulfo Arroyo was lynched by a band of people determined to rein the morning over 200 men forced \$121.75.

PEORIA MAN HONORED.

Palmer Elected President of Illinois Trade and Labor Assembly.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor adjourned Thursday night to meet in Decatur next year. The new president is M. G. Palmer of Peoria, the president of the Peoria Typographical Union, and leader of the Peoria delegation. P. F. Doyle of Chicago defeated Walter Bush, who sought re-election for secretary-treasurer. U. G. Hinman of Springfield was chosen vice-president by acclamation.

A resolution was adopted denouncin the slaughter at Hazelton, Pa., and calling upon the authorities to do their duty in bringing to swift justice all guilty parties, and holding them responsible for a possible repetition of a revolution upon American soil should they fail.

The constitution was revised in a number of minor particulars, the most important preventing persons holding political positions from being eligible

The report of the secretary-treasurer showed total receipts for the year of \$526.46 and expenditures \$397.76. The venge his dastardly act. At 1 o'clock | receipts for the anti-convict fund were

THE NEW ADJUTANT GENERAL UNITED STATES ARMY.



adjutant general of General McDowell's February next.

General Samuel Breck, who has been division, Army of the Potomac, in the appointed adjutant general of the army defenses of Washington. After active to succeed General Ruggles, has had a service in the field he was made assistdistinguished career. He has had ant in the adjutant general's office in forty-two years of service, and his new 1862. He was twice brevetted during tude of holiness, and a magnitude of honor comes to him only a few months the war, first as lieutenant in 1864 and before his retirement by operation of as colonel and brigadier general in law. He will retire for age next Feb- 1865. From 1870 to 1876 he served as ruary. General Breck was born in adjutant general of the division of the Middleborough, Mass., Feb. 25, 1834. Pacific at San Francisco. He also He was appointed a cadet at the mill- served in the department of Dakota and tary academy July 1, 1851, and was the department of the Platte. He regraduated four years later and made turned to Washington in 1889 to act as second lieutenant of the First artillery, assistant to the adjutant general. He He joined his regiment at Fort Capron, served as adjutant general of the de-Florida, and fought against the Sem- partment of the east from 1893 to 1895. a bundle of sticks kindled on the beach | inoles. He served at Fort Moultrie. When General Miles was made comto warm a shivering crew; but you and in 1860 became principal assistant mander of the army General Breck was must take the diameter and the cir- professor of geography, bistory and assigned to duty as adjutant general cumference of the world if you would ethics at the military academy until with headquarters of the army in the the war broke out. He was assistant nation's capital. He will be here in

> their way into the municipal palace, ascended the stairway, overcome the guards, made their way to the office of the inspector general of police and killed Arroyo, whom they found there. The gendarmes who were guarding Arroyo were unarmed. General satisfaction of the action is expressed in the

Unitarians at Paratoga. The seventeenth meeting of the na tional conference of Unitarians and other Christian churches was formally opened at Saratoga, N. Y., Monday evening. There are 1,000 delegates present.

Five Die in a Burning Mine. The Belle Ellen No. 2 coal mine, lo cated in Bibb county, fifty miles couth of Birmingham, Ala., caught fire Monday morning. Five miners were entombed, and it is believed they are

Money for Foreign Missions. The total receipts of the American board of foreign missions for the fiscal year were \$643,283, and the total disbursements \$688,414, leaving a debt of about \$45,000.

New Orleans Schools Closed, The Louisiana State Board of Health has decided to order the New Orleans public schools closed until such time as the yellow fever shall have died out. The disease is spreading.

City Treasurer Is a Defaulter. City Treasurer R. G. Robinson of Edgewater, Wis., has been discovered to be a defaulter to the amount of about \$6,000 of the city funds. His bonds are ample to protect the city from loss.

Redmen Against Liquor. The Improved Order of Redmen decided that no dispensation should be granted to tribes to give entertainments where intoxicating liquors were sold. Indianapolis was selected for the next convention in September, 1898.

True Bill Against a Defaufter. The grand jury has returned a true bill against Orra F. Havill, the defaulting chief clerk of the Chester, Ill., penitentiary under the last administration. Havill is a fugitive. A reward of \$100 is offered for his arrest.

German Methodist Transfers. Ripon, Wis., Sept. 22.—Few changes were announced in the pastors of the German Methodist churches of the Chi cago conference. In Chicago only two were made, but next year there will be wholesale transfers, owing to expirations of time limit. The next annual meeting is to be held at Kenosha.

Wants to Entertain Victoria. Emperor William is anxious that Queen Victoria should visit him, and, if this can be arranged, a meeting will probably occur soon.

Detectives After an Embezzier. Detectives are on the trail of "Dick" Tate, the defaulting treasurer of Kentucky, who skipped with \$200,000 of the state funds twelve years ago.

End of Bank Robbery Cases. The last of the Eldon, Iowa, bank robbery cases ended Saturday with the conviction of C. J. Stevens, the Eldon marshal, of breaking and entering.

Sult Against Durand Cashier. Suit has been commenced against the bondsmen of C. A. Norton, the absconding cashier of the Durand III., bank, for school funds held by him.

Sons of the American Revolution. A French branch of Sons of the American Revolution has been formed at Peorla. General Horace Porter is president.

Charles A. Dana Seriously III. Charles A. Dana, the aged editor of the New York Sun, is seriously ill at his summer home, West Island, Glen

Another Glacose Trast.

Another large glucose factory has been organized. Its name is the American Glucose and Sugar Refining company, and it is capitalized at \$5,-000,000.

Will Mest at Argenta, Ill. The United Brethren conference at Saybrook, Ill., decided to meet at Arogenta, Ill., next year.

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ILLINOIS NEWSLETS!

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed Se cial, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

Sycamore.-Waterman hall, the Chicago diocesan school for girls, at Sycamore, Ill., begins its ninth year with one-third more pupils than last year, leaving but few vacancies. The patronage is largely from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Downing and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wyatt of Potomac, riding in a double buggy, were crowded into a ditch by the driver of another vehicle. Their buggy was upset and the horses ran away. All sustained serious injuries. Those of Mrs. Downing will probably prove fatal. The men who caused the accident are not known, but if found they will be arrested.

Springfield-An all-day silver picnic was held on the state fair grounds Thursday, under the auspices of the Sangamon County Silver Club. During the forenoon a Dr. Taylor of Chicago spoke to the 200 or 300 people in attendance. In the afternoon ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne of Minnesota spoke to a larger crowd. At night quite a large crowd heard Messrs. Towne and ex-State's Attorney James M. Graham.

Belvidere telegram: The New York condensed milk company opened its books today to contract for a supply of milk for the next six months. It offered \$1.10 per 100 pounds for 200,-000 pounds of milk per week. At the price offered it was only able to contract for about one-half of this amount. Farmers complain they are unable to furnish milk of requisite quality for this price, although the figure is 4 cents above that of last year. It will be a bad blow to the dairy interests of this section.

Kankakee William T. Gougar, former postmaster of Kankakee, has instituted suit against C. S. McNichols, C. E. Carter and Congressman Cannon, alleging libel and placing damages at \$5,000. McNichols and Carter are proprietors of the Momence Press-Reporter, and an article appeared in that paper a month ago stating that the reason Gougar had been removed from the post office was because he was short in his accounts. This was false and the paper failed to retract, the proprietors claiming that the information came from the successful candidate for the office and through him from Cannon.

Bloomington telegram: Many cases of typhoid fever are reported in this region, more than at any time in many years past. There are some in this city. One family has lost the father and mother, and several of the children are prostrated. In the country cases are numerous, and there have been a number of fatalities. There are also a number of cases of old-fashioned fever and ague. The doctors ascribe these diseases, which are unusual in these times, but which were prevalent in the early days, to the fearful and long continued heat and the rank growth of vegetation. There have within the last week been several deaths in the country from diphtheria.

Rev. Dr. John Henry Barrows, who is to succeed Rev. Frank B. Vrooman as paster of the Kenwood Presbyterian church, Chicago, may have a \$300,000 structure to preach in. This is the plan being set on foot by a number of his energetic parishioners. Dr. Barrows will formally take charge of the congregation Sunday, when the arrangements will be related to him in detail. He accepted the call extended to him two months ago, but waited until he reached Chicago after an extensive tour of India before taking definite action. The church structure at Forty-fourth street and Lake avenue has been-recently repaired and will be tenantable for at least another year.

Bloomington telegram-The fifteenth annual convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor adjourned to meet in Decatur next year. Officers were elected and important revision of the constitution made prior to the close. The new president is M. G. Palmer of Peorla, the president of the Peorla Typographical union, and leader of the Peorla delegation. While he was an active candidate for the position, his election was in the nature of a surprise, as it was confidently predicted that A. Cattermull of Chicago would win. The latter was Palmer's only opponent. The Chicago delegation was compelled to be satisfied with the secretary-treasurership, P. F. Doyle defeating Walter Bush, who sought reelection. Millard Lloyd of Bloomington secured the third prize, that of delegate to the national convention of the Federation of Labor, which meets in Nashville next winter. Woodberry of Chicago was his only opponent. U. G. Hinman of Springfield was chosen vice president by acclamation. The new executive board consists of J. R. Holmés, Springfield; J. O'Donnell Bloomington; J. W. Burke, Glen Carbon; L. Fribourg, Decatur; F. G. Buck, Peoria, and J. A. Hopper, Quincy.

Paris telegram: The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joshus Davis was celebrated with an afternoon reception and evening party at their home in this city. Among the guests were four persons, inclusive of Mrs. Davis' aged mother, who were present

at the wedding fifty years ago. Postmaster Gordon's reduction and transfer of ex-Superintendent Carr e the Englewood station was sustain in an opinion sent from Milw Judge Jenkins of the Carr will appeal his case to the al civil gervice o