The Rev. Dr. Talmage Exhoris the World to Seek No Strikes, No Underselling The House of Christ, the Rock of Salvation.

lowing text; "I am Alpha and Sacrifice, Christ the Rock, Christ the Omega."-Revelation i. 8:

that Christ in his text represents him-

self as the A and the Z. .
That is one reason why I like the it is to knock something to pieces: or as salt, everybody who has put meat in barrels knows it is to keep things from spouling, or as a salve. that is to cors the old sores of the heart. The Bible illustrations go not on stilts, but in a plain way walk straight into the understanding.

When we learn to call things by their plain names, we will be getting back to the ord Bible way of teaching. Anybody who knows the a bc's understands that the text means that Christ is the Beginning and the End of everything good.

He is the A-and the Z of the physical universe. By him were all things made that are made. made Galilee as well as hushed it. He made the fig-tree as well as blasted it. He made the rock as well as rent it. No wonder he could restore the blind man, for, he first, made the optic nerve and the retina. No wonder that he could give hearing to the deaf man, for he first set the drum of the ear. No wonder he could cure the withered arm, for he made the bone and strung the muscle. He flung out of nothing the first material out of which the world was formed. He set spinning around the first axle, and drove the first pivot, and hung to the throne the first constellation.

The same hand that put up this

universe will pull it down. I think the time will come when the worlds will have done their work, and must be removed, so that but two worlds will remain: the one a vast desert of suffering, swinging through immensity-the abode of the bad; the other a blooming paradise for all the good. For eternal ages will the two swing around in their orbits of light and darkness. We know not by what am the Omega!

lane if there were no mansion at the end? There is no use in the Old Testa- all the flocks. The first tree in the But this has come about gradually, ment except as a grand avenue to lead heavenly paradise Jesus planted. The and only after careful and painstaking the statements, parables, orations, and miracles of the Old Testament were merely preparatory, and when all was ready, in the time of Christ there pours forth the Oratorio of the Messigh-all nations joining in the Hallelujaly chorus.

Moses, in his account of the creation, shows the platform on which Christ was to act. Prophets and apostles took subordinate parts in the tragedy. The first act was a manger and a babe: the last a cross and its vic-·tim. The Bethiehem star in the first scenery shifted for the crimson upholstery of a crucifixion. Earth, and heaven, and hell the spectators. Angels applauding in the galleries; devils hissing in the pit.

Christ is the Beginning and the end of the Bible.
In Genesis, who was Isaac, bound water of life ? Christ, the Omega. In Genesis, what was the ladder over Jacob's pillow? Christ, the Alpha. In rock? Christ, the Alpha. In Revelation, who was the Lamb before the throne? Take Him out, and man is a failure.

a vast horror. Christ is the A and the 2 of the Christian ministry. A sermon that has no Christ in it is a dead failure. The Whatever great themes we may dis- thy help!" cuss, Christ must be the beginning and Christ the end. From His hand we get our commission at first, and to that same hand we at last surrender A sermon devoted to metaphysics in a stock of dry corn-stalks after the Tommy's making faces at me. corn has been ripped out with the husking peg A human given up to retorted the boy. sentimental and flowery speech is as Why. Tomay, corrected the indul-

A despatch from Washington says; comes to save men from eternal dam--Dr. Talmage preached from the fol- nation. Christ the Light, Christ the Star, Christ the Balm, Christ the Alpha is the first letter of the Greek Guide. If a minister should live one when there has not been a dispute alphabet, and Omega is the last; so thousand years, and preach ten sermons each day, those subjects would not be exhausted. Do you find men tempted? Tell them of Christ Bible; its illustrations are so easy to the shield. Or troubled ? Tell them of understand. When it represents the Christ the Comfort. Or guilty Tell Gospel as a hammer, everybody knows them of Christ the Pardon. Or dying? I'ell them of Christ the Life.

Scores of ministers, vielding to the demands of the age for elegant rhetoric, and soft speech, and flattering apostrophe have surrendered their pulpits to the devil, "horse, foot, and dragoon." If these city exquisites won't take the old-fashioned Gospel, then let them go on the downward road where they want to go, and we will give our time to the great plain masses who want to hear th Gospel, and who are dying by the millions because they do not Hear it. Be Christ the burden of our talk; Christ the inspiration of our prayers; Christ the theme of our songs Christ now, and Christ for ever. Oh for more consecration!

Christ is the A and the Z in the world's rescue. When the world broke loose, the only hand swung but to catch it was that of Josus; Jesus, swift as a roe on the mountains, comes down over the hills. The shining ones stand back as he says, " Lo! come." Amid the wrathful surges He beats His way out to the dying world; and while, out in the deep waters, with bloody agony He wrestled with it, and it seemed for a little while uncertain whether it would take him down or He would lift it up, those on the heavenly shore trembled, and when at last, ition of undercutting rivals. In in his great strength, He lifted it in His right hand and brought it back there went up a losanna from all the and pay the same wages. No man cloud of witnesses. He began the work, and He shall complete it, Ring sweating his own people. The fairall the bells of earth and heaven to- minded employer now knows where he day in honour of Christ the Alpha is, and is freed from many anxieties. and Christ the Omega!

process any of the worlds will be a soul entering heaven looks for is prosperity. During the time of deprestaken down, save (one; that will go Jesus. The great populations of heav- sion which came before them, wages by fire. All the universe will know en seek Him out, follow Him over the had fallen. With improving times who set on fire the one world, and hills, and shout at His chariot wheel, employers would have been faced by and crackle, and thunder, and crash that is Jesus." Methinks that if the rates of pay, and had there been no of that final undoing, proclaiming, I hosts of heaven go forth in some arbitration system in working order Christ is the A and Z of the Bible, is "Jesus." Jesus on the banners, have ensued. This has been avoided. Here is a long lane, overshadowed Jesus in the song. At His feet break Workmen and workwomen have gainby fine trees, leading up to a the doxologies. Around His throne ed notable advances of pay, and also mansion. What is the use of the circle the chief glories. Where the white Lamb of heaven goes, there go us up to the Gospel Dispensation. All first fountain He struck from the rock. The first pillar of light He lifted. At heaven's beginning-Christ, the Alpha. Then travel far on down Not only can we claim that no factory the end of the remotest age, and see if the song has not taken up some can claim that the peace thus obtained chief attractions. But no; you hear enterprise. it thrummed on the harps, and pour- When the arbitration act came into Lives of some men oft remind us

In Genesis, who was Isaac, bound sins, have you ever made the camels customs, from the income tax, from design for the drawing-room. Now, as a labe in Ravelation what was the kneel? Is this one, the First and the the stamps and the railways has risen to the study; how do you want that Revelation, who was the conqueror on the white horse? Christ, the Omega. In Exodus, what was the smitten jected this thy only hope, in what dark shows all the signs which we connect just ought to send the Sheriff after hole of the universe wilt thou lay thy- wiht a highly prosperous country. and the world a carcass, and eternity cars with both hands, and pull, if of labor and of confidence which it has he started. you. The avenger of blood is after things.
you. But, more than all, Christ is afminister who devotes his pulpit to ter you, and His cry is, "Clistael! thou

> YOUTHFUL PURIST'S DORRECTION Ain't doing anything of the kind

A sermon devoted Acamoral essay is a No. you didn't, persisted the boy basket of chips to help on the great I coudn't make a face if I wanted to

UCH IS THE LITTLE COLONY OF

Arbitration-Most Prosperous Condi-

The arbitration law has been in conyears there has never been a time is the New Zealand experience. onciliation Boards or the Central Arbitration Court.

Co. c.licion lourds have been able suo- tribunal. cessfully to arrange the disputes. Even! They cannot strike against a power 4. A. I

The process may be tedious, but it is not costly. Lawyers are not employed as counsel before either the boards or the Court unless all parties to the action agree thereto, and they very may appear by a manager or accredited representative, a trade union is usually represented by its Secretary or other official. During the hearing, of course, the factories concerned remain

open and work goes on as usual: Employers are secured not only against a dead stop of business, but against the meaner kinds of competiorganized trades all the shows of a district have to keep the same hours may filch trade from a neighbor by

For six years there has virtually Christ is the A and the Z in heav- been neither strike nor locken. He is the most honoured personage out in New Zealand. All these, in all that land. He is known as a exceptZ the first, have been World-Liberator. The first one that years of remarkable and increasing other realm to fight, their battle-cry a series of very bitter conflicts must improved conditions as to hours of labor and otherwise.

and only after careful and painstaking inquiry. Many of the demands of labor have been refused; many more have been modified. In no case has an industry been throttled or crippled. has been closed for a single day in

ed from the trumpets, and shouted in operation the number of hands return. If we had but half their gall, universal actiaim. Christ, the Omegal ed as employed in the registered fac- We could loaf, too, and behind us tories was about 26,000. It is now not Leave not any tracks at all. you, my hearer? Have you seen Him? far short of 50,000. A percentage of So that old miser uncle of yours is Have you heard His voice? Have you this striking increase may be due to dead? Well, I suppose you feel better walked this earth and never seen in more thorough registration. Far the now that he isn't here to scandalize

ed you to where He lay? Trudging on exports of the colony have grown he was a miser after all. across this desert with thy burden of apace. The revenue received from Architect-We've settled about the

need be; until the blood starts. The brought about, have had some share world is after you. The devil is after in leading up to this happy state of

It is frequently asked how could you possibly enforce an award of the Arbianything but Christ is an impostor- hast destroyed thyself. but in me is tration Court upon an employer or a union stubbornly determined to go to all lengths rather than obey it! In the first place, for nearly five years the law has been in constant use without a single exhibition of this desper-Mamma! mamma! slie oried ate resistance. That alone should be evidence of some weight that such a duel is not likely.

It is suggested that the decision

they are not in the least likely to impose intolerable conditions either upo

master or men. An employer who has the between accepting choice between accepting a legal decision arrived at aftter painstaking inquiry, and being taken into Court and fined, will almost always accept the decision. In a very few cases he may run the risk of tant use in New Zealand for about being fined once, but he will not lay four years and a half. During those himself open to a second penalty. That

On the other hand, it has been flatly ending before one or other of the declared that the Court cannot coerce trade unions. Vivid pictures have been painted of the tragic absurdity of en-I cannot say from memory what the deavoring to collect fines from trade exact number of disputes finally ad- unionists by distraining on the goods justed has been, but, so far, they can- of poor workmen whose union is withnot be less than 60 or 70. Most of out funds and who are themselves penthese have been carried, on appeal niless. The answer to that is that from some Conciliation Board, to the poverty-stricken unions, composed of Arbitration Court, and settled there. penniless workers, are only too thank-In about two cases out of seven the full to accept the decision of a state

where they have not done to it by no ful employer; much less can they hope means follows that their labors have to starve out a Court of Arbitration. been useless. Very often the appeal Its decision may not altogether please to the Arbitration Court is merely on them, but it is all they are likely to one or two ocints out of many involve get. The Arbitration Court, thereed, and the advice of the Conciliation fore, is as potent to deal with trade Board is accepted on the others. Often, unions as with employers. Wealthy too, most of the parties to a dispute unions it can fine. Penniless unions are have been ready to accept a board's helpless to fight it. Finally, at its suggestions, but it has needed the firm back is the mighty force of public hand of the Arbitration Court to bring opinion, which is sick of labor wars one or two stubborn men to acquies- and determined that the experiment of judical adjustment shall have a full and fair trial.

SCHOOLS OF SALDINES.

seldom do agree. A firm of employers A Bont C tehes I rom Two to Six Thou

mences early in May and lasts until and to make all men as brothers. late in the autumn. When the fish are 3.4. He spake, He does not deny the plentiful in the nets quantities of charge they make, but justifies his

fish that are being caught.

Arriving at the packing house the are put into pickle.

The length of time required by this darge fans or ventilators run by powerful machinery. When dry and while ing olive oil.

After this cooking the sardines, still upon the grills, are left to cool, and when cold the work of placing them in cans filled with olive oil is begun. This done, the tins are sealed with solder, and are ready to be put in cases holding 100 cans for the market.

GLEAMS OF HUMOR.

other burden, and some other throne has not been bought at the dear price maduke Gibbs, has! Yes. Pity he's so has not become the centre of heaven's of hampered industry and discouraged rich; he would make a good street car

the bent grass where His feet had largest part of it represents an actual your family by his niggardly way of just been? Of all the stars in the increase of industry. midnight heavens, has not one point. During these years the imports and leave anything behind to show that

Last of heaven nothing to thee? Poor in each case rapidly. Employment from finished? Nurox-1 seen in a newswanderer, without Christ, what of thy being scarce has grown pientiful. paper once about a study in black and death hour? what of the judgment Building has been brisk in all centers white that was very artistic. Suppose jesty in this calm; simple "1." "I

that man Andree who is going to the self down to suffer and gnash thy It would be too much to claim that North Pole in a b'loon. Mrs. Nexdore Christ, the Omega. Take Christ out teeth and howl for ever? You must this is chiefly due to the workings of -Why, what's wrong with him? Mrs. of this book, and there are other books have Christ or die. But one ladder out the arbitration act. It is perfectly Meddergrass—Paw read in the Clarion I would rather have than the Bible. of the pit! But one life-boat from the fair, hoever, to claim that the arbitra- that they had found the fourth boy wreck! Get in it. Lay hold of the tion act and the improved condition he had dropped from that b'loon sence

> has been found in the Roman forum. It is believed to date from the second equestrian statues are extremely the "angels of God" can rejoice.

Antwerp has the highest chimney in the world. It belongs to the Silver dwells upon God's thoroughness in Works Company and is 410 feet high. The interior diameter is 25 feet, at hold that the woman represents the the base and 11 feet at the top. itself might be ruinous. There need den is the broadest street in any coins with the image of an owl or a be no fear of that . Experience has great dity. It is 215 feet wide. The totable, worth about eighteen sents shown that if arbitrators errest all it "Ringstrasse" in Vienna is 188 feet; apiece, but with much greater puris almost invariably in the direction of the Paris "Grand Boulevards" 122 feet chasing power in those days. Women

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON. OCT. 2 the Lest Sheep and the Lost Coin, Luke 14 95-35. Gölden Text. - "There is Joy in the Presence of the Angels of God Over One Stiner That Repenteth. Lake 15.10

PRACTICAL NOTES.

Verse 1. Publicans. Tax-gatherer nated as instruments of Roman oppression, and on account of their own be lighted. So the sinner cannot extortions. They bought their offices, fixed the assessments at their own figures, and collected not only for the government, but for their own parses. Sinners. People jearcless of the Mosaic the salvation of souls as are the more law, which with its minute tradition aggressive trais of the average to al regulations became to many an vival. Sweep the house. This many intolerable yoke. Those living thus it- indicate the general upturning and

legally would be likely also to live arousing which of en 'accompany mmorally. To hear him. Their sense the seeking of the sinner. heviral of vileness had at first kept them and tho ingut bering of souls ore often away. Those who would save sinners attended with a certain exert ment and apparent confusion. . must be able to feel for them. 2. Pharisees and scribes. Even in 9, 10. Her triends and her near

Perea there were orthodox Jews who bors. No special class of beings in looked with contempt on the half- here typified, but the general 14 heathen rabble about Jesus. Murmur- of the Church over the saivation of ed. They "sought not the lost," and men is illustrated. I had het her could not understand the One who haps through his own careins in did. Receiveth sinners. That which was sheep had wandered away, but it may our Lord's greatest glory these men have been through negligence that the thought shameful. But if Christ did coin rolled into the dark corner. The not receive any sinners, how could The Church is pever altogeth Twith there be any saints? Eateth with out blame when soils are lost from them. Puts himself on their level, its holy precion's. Joy in the life Their very touch might defile a Phar- sence of the angels. In joy isee. A strict Jew became ceremonial saints in giory, and the tener joy of ly defiled by eating with Gentiles or the Saylour on the throne. One say neglecters of the law. Gal. 2, 12; but Christ dealt with men as men, and was independent of the traditions. Emphatically, Jesus came "not to call exhaustible must be the midnet the righteous. Christ came to break evoked by the constant activities of The sardine fishing season com- down the artificial barriers of class,

scales appear upon the surface of the course, this parable. No mere water. The nets are then lifted, and statement could have taught as much properties," said manufacturing jouch the contents are dumped by the fish- as the three parables that follow, er, "and the way it well and some ermen into their boats. The fish make two of which are in this lesson. What linto any porous substance is very rea little squeak when taken from the man of you. He turns the force of markable. I derned my trace with water and die almost instantly. An the parable upon the murmurers by one of my ungles, who was an expert ordinary catch of sardines gives to showing that what they would do for goldsmith, and when he died, years each boat anywhere from 2000 to 6,000 a sheep he was using for a soul. Hav- ago, I fell he to his beach and table fish, the price of which is about \$1.25 ing a hundred sheep. The owner of and the kit of tools with which be per 1,000, according to the quantity of the flock, not a hireling. Every man had worked for upward of a quarter of belongs to Christ, since he has bought a century. The table was a massace us with his own blood. Loss one of laffeir, made of oak, that had turned fish are carefully cleaned! This them. The natural type of the sin- almost as black as ebony, and the top operation over, they are sorted accord- ner is the lost sheep, without power was fully six linches thick. It was ing to size and carried into another to return to the fold and without buil extra beavy in order to give it part of the establishment, where they means of defense against the fee, steadiness, and it mounted a small Only in Christ is there safety for the later and polisher, operated by i soul. ihough but one lamb was lost tree 22. The beach was also of oak operation varies according to the from Christ's fold, the shepherd would and as simply three thick slaby-seat size of the fish. After this the fish miss it, John 10. 14. Leave the nine- and and pieces devetailed together. are washed and placed with care upon ty and nine. Not uncared for, how. "Jound the old outfit rather unwho set on fire the one world, and miles, and should at this charge, when shattered the others, for Christ, blessed cry out to one another. "Look! for a return to former higher they are sent to the drying room, employed. The background of this model shop fixtures, and, as it or they are sent to the drying room, employed. The background of this model shop fixtures, and, as it or they are sent to the drying room, employed. The background of this model shop fixtures, and, as it or they are sent to the drying room, employed. The background of this model shop fixtures, and, as it or they are sent to the drying room, employed. wire nets, called "grills," on which ever, under-shepherus were always com table to work at, compared with story was much more familiar to Jesus's hearers than to us. Wilner | decided to breek it up. Luck is it oc ness. Uncultivated, grassy plains, curred to me to see whether the table still upon the grills the f sh are cooked Go after. If he had loved less he by plunging them into tanks contain- might, have sent a servant. Christ's prof bly recovered; and, splitting off coming to earth was a going after the lost, and in all his ministry this was his aim, "to seek and save the lost." Those who would save souls must not be content with sending others after the lost, but must go wood into small slivers and treated a th mselves. As with Christ, so with his Church, the missionary work is I have since been told that we lost of the first importance.

5. 6. Layeth it on his shoulders. As ing the pieces and then smelling the sh Pherus in the East are often seen ash; but, at any rate, the process carrying sheep too weak to walk. He yielded us a little over \$ 60. For year does not scold nor punish, but soothes and years the lathe had sent a should and helps. Christians should treat re- of impaliable gold dust over the table turning sinners with infinite tender- top and beach, and in the coarse of ness. Rejoicing. This gives us a time it had entirely permeated the wonderful glimpse of the infinite love wood. The interior of the thick sale of God. The salvation of souls is not sparkled with it when they were laif to Christ a burden, but a pleasure; open by the saw, and there was scarce just as the mother rejoices over her ly a scrap that did not yield its quot sick child when the tide of disease has of the metal turned, although she has nights of "The floor of the gold room is taket weary watching still before her. His up and treated with acid once even friends and neighbors. Whedon re- two years; but, of course, it is not such gards these as symbolizing 'his fellow but under shepherds, the pastors of out to be, I believe about \$100 is recorhis flock." Rejoice with me. Every ed from it on an average." saved soul brings delight to Christ, and should gladden the hearts of his Church.

7. I say unto you. There is a mawho came from heaven, tell you what most pleases heaven." Joy shall be in heaven. Saints and angels watch with eager delight the earthly triumphs of the Gospel. One sinner that Fenenteth. Repentance is here not merely sorrow over sin, but sincere turning from it to God: The hour when the sinner's will is won to Christ. is the hour when heaven rejoices over him. The most important moment of a soul's history is that when it. casts itself on Christ. Just per-A marble horse's head and shoulders sons, which need no repentance. There are none such: but many were, and many still are, self-righteous, and over century before Christ. Classical such neither the Good Shepherd nor

8. Either what woman. The preceding parable dwelt upon God's love, this endeavoring to save sinners. Some Church, the bride of Christ, the Berlin boasts that "Unter den Lin- Shepherd. Pieces of silver. Little basket of chiefs to help the rest of made one Fye got:

| Basket of chief of the rest of t fringe upon their foreheads. We are fire.

ous loss, for was the wages of . day's work. We com, lost in the lust, yet ever there bearing the stamp of the sing, is an admirable il iustration of men in his ruined con. dition, unconscious of the royalty, and useless to the world yet well world seeking. Light a candle. In the East houses have few windows, and are dark even in the day-time, hence to search thoroughly the canalo mes found unless sought by the light of divine truth, the word of God. Par. ence and dill grace and minute of servation are as, greatly meded

ner. If one scriner report ne car attune the hates of heaven hav me surclessly sweet and pervisive and inthe militant courch.

A GOLDEN WORK BENCH

"Gold dust Bas, strange Atetrative

top stained any gold that might be a piess of the wood. I was surprised to fire the tores literally choked with the precious metal. I did not understand the method used in extracting and tarned the bench and table ever to a mint expert on shares. He cat the with scid. It was a tedious job, and a good deal of the metal by not burn-

a bonanza as my old fixtures turned

NOT SO SLOW.

There is no question but the Jest Chinaman keeps profity well receive the political affairs of the court One day not long since a Chinamal was, driving a laundry wagon out North Seattle, when he met two so diers coming in from the army post Hello, John, said one of them.

ply. John, remarked one of them ev dent ly in a aportive frame of mind, you'll

Me belly well, was the laconic re

You list exclaimed the excited Co lestial. Me no boxer. You talkee ! much; alle samee Blyan.

SOLEMN SUBJECT.

I see that the servant-girl question has been made the subject of a comic opera in London, said Cumso. That's all wrong, roplied Cawket The servant-girl problem is no laugh ing matter.

NO RELIEF Now that the heat of summer sp pears to be over, the heat of the campaign will begin. Another case of getting from the frying pan into the

UNREQUITE

More at peace, yes! It was peace she sighed for. At the castle she had not been at peace. There had been a passionate revolt for ever going on in her soul, a revolt against the serve to stude which she bore so meekly, a san sense of wounded pride which a prin- in cass of the blood foyal might have felt. And she had never suffered that to agony of inward shame so acutely as when Victorian was at the castle. for

So the friendly compact between the demagogue's daughter and that Honest and somewhat mild Radical, Mr.Chapman was seaned. Stella was to occur the little room on the half-flight so long as she liked, and was to bave as many little stone bottles of link out of the shop and as many of these steel nibs which Mr. Chapman las, ef. at'sevenpence a gross, and retaine! a. . four a penny as ever she chose to be consume.

Polly spent the whole day deventing a manuscript story and whatte absorbed in the fiction and even of fering the writer the tribute of a

occasional tear. Jem Barnsby dropped in at teasting not the elegant five o'clock, tet polite life, but a solid seven o'cleck meal which marked the close of the day's labor and served at ones for ten and supper. Very savory was the board which Mrs. Chapman smolden her cosy little kutchen where tod family meals were usually eatens well one ceremonious exception ingle and favor of Sunday tea, which was ... ways served in the parlor.

Jem listened intently to the account of Miss Boldwood's literary production ties and to Polly's glowing description of the story she had just been read-

"We ought to be able to find square

thing for you to do at our place. said Jem, grandly, with the air of a sub-editor at the very least, "I) you think you could manage a Lon don letter?"

"Lor', Jem, why she's never bee in London in her life."

"Ah," sighed Mr. Barnsby, "that's against it, ain't it? or else if si had a nice smart way of putting and little bit of news or scandal she could pick up I might get out folks to staft a 'Lounger at the Clubs,' don't you'

The Chapmans caw the possibility of this, had Stolla been altogether

different person. "Or if sh'd been thoroughly up to trap about the theatres now times a week would go down like bit terscotch with our subscribers.

"But, my dear Jem." remousibated Polly vexed at her admirer's objects ness, "Miss Boldwood is a novelist a born novelist. She has written the loveliest story I have read for ever se

"Ah! but that's a big line. see a chance for her with that gine Why, our proprietors give their thousands and fifteen hundreds' down for a fooliton, and they want bit marries. If she were only to make a success as now, they'd have her to-morrow. Perhaps if she was to knock off a little story for the Christmas number, 1 might got our chief to look at fl, and If he were to like it, and could fine of room for it, there'd be a fi'pan how would be getting in the thin qui

the wedge into the bargain." "I'll try," said Stolla ; "it is very kind of you to interest yourself for

CHAPTER XX.

Lord Lashmar's telegram to 31 torius, sent as soon as the v post-office opened on the morning ter Stella's flight, brought no until late in the afternoon, which there came an answer from A the seat in the neighborhood of Edinberg to the effect that Mr. Nestorius wire. be at Lashmar Castle next methic

"He is not afraid to face us," want Lashmar, relieved by this reply: for in spite of her ladyship's conviction to the contrary, he had been forthingd, all last night and all that day by rankling suspicion that Nestorius and induced Stella to clope with him and that his intentions were not altogathe er honorable,

Lady Carminow did not attempt to hide her disgust at the fuss that wis being made about Stella's flight. 'I had no idea that Lady Lashmar's reading girl was the most important person in the house, she said at luncie-

"She is very important to my mother," answered Lashmar, mooding no one else can read as well, and to 'a be read to is the only relief for iny (100

mother's nerves."
"You should write to Mrs. Dathas tell for a good reader. I dare say in her ou elocution caleses she has a dozen girls at who can read better than Miss Bold- he wood."

'I doubt it; with her reading was for a gift-voice, enunciation, all were per-Rect. To hear her read Milton was la like church music. I happened to go ac into her ladyship's room one morn-