

LESSON I.-JAN. 3, 1909. The Ascension of Our Lord .- Acts

1:1-14. Commentary .- I. Jesus alive from the (Matt. 24, 30, 31; 26, 64). dead (vs. 1-3). 1. the former treatise- | 12. Olivet-Frequently called twelve generally called disciples in the believe in Him and are present at the Geese, Ib 0 11 gospels are in the Acts spoken of as Pentecostal outpouring. apostles, or "those sent forth."

3. passion-Sufferings on the cross. infallible proofs-The single Greek word, translated "infallible proofs," denotes cludes the whole Christian dispensation, earth." its message, progress and economy.-Cam, Bib Jesus instructed them con- (v. 2). "Christ's return to the Father ment of his church.

mised to the church through Christ.

of Christ. With water-John's baptism | every interest mersion in a purifying and life-giving By diligently searching his word. fore. At this time their heart would be | with you always" (Matt. 28:20). "H love. Not many days-About ten days | the holy affections of our souls. 3. In

6. Were come together- At the Mount of Olivea (see Luke 24, 50). Dost thou at this time, etc. (R. V.)-Is this the hour when the Roman yoke is to be broken from our necks and the king- heaven; his glorified wounds, the marks dom of the Messiah established? "In con- of his humiliation, will shine forth on sequence of Christ's assurance that a that day in the sight of his people and sold at \$30 to \$6.75 per cwt. great blessing was waiting for them, of the world; then will his people be Sheep and Lambs.-Lambs are firmer, 576 in 1907. they unitedly inquire whether the res- comforted, seeing that their Savior has at \$5.25 to \$5.85; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.40; The numbers of live stock sold or toration of national sovereignty to Is 'obtained eternal redemption' (Heb. 9: rams, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt. rael is included in it. Unenlightened | 12) for them; but unbelievers and all as yet by the Pentecostal illumination, the enemies of the cross shall be filled steady at \$6 for selects and \$5.75 for they speak more in the spirit of Jewish | with terror; they shall look upon him | tights. patriots than of heavenly-minded Chris- whom they have pierced, and all shall tians." 7. Not for you to know -Christ | mourn" (Zech, 12:10). Jesus is coming always avoided giving his disciples a dir- again, coming literally, visibly, personect answer to questions which could only ally, certainly. The same Jesus who satisfy their curiosity and be of no par- | said, "I go," said also, "I will come | ticular benefit. In His own proper again" (John 14:1, 3). He went away ers' cattle, 25 milch cows and springers, "Authority."-R. V. The word rendered promising power (v. 8); he will come 50 calves, 250 sheep and lambs and 550 hives. power here is not the same as the one with power (Matt. 24:30). He went fat hogs were offered for sale to-day at so rendered in the next verse. It should away in "a cloud" (v. 9); he is coming the East End Abattoir. There were sevbe noted that Jesus did not disapprove again in "a cloud" (Luke 21:27). He cral loads of good Northwest cattle on What mean these bells resounding of the question asked in verse 6, but, as | went away into heaven" (v. 11; Luke | the market, but there was very little Lange says, "He rather confirmed it by 24:51); he is coming again from heav- demand for any kind of stock, and declaring that the Father had fixed the en (1 Thess. 4:16). He went "from the prices ranged from 21/2 to 41/2c per lb. "The old year's dead! The new year's time." Lange adds: "Jesus withheld | mount called Olivet" (v. 12); he is com- There were nearly as many springers as from them and from us a knowledge only | ing to the "mount of Olives" (Zech. 14: | there were milch cows, and the prices of the time, but did not leave the fact | 4). The last prayer in the Bible is, itself involved in doubt. The Old and "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22: New Testaments establish the truth that Israel may look forward to a future condition which is full of promise."

8. Shall receive power-The word power comes from the Greek word "dunamin," which is translated by our word "dynamite." They were to receive spiritual dynamite. It is not the power of logic or eloquence, but "the power of a living union with a living God." "This power has its source outside the church are national characteristics and envirand human life altogether. It is to be received as a gift; not generated from "Der Sylvester Abend" ("St. Sylvester's within; not attained by straining pre- Der Sylvester,) for it is not considered bid. sent powers or enlarging present capac- unbecoming for the young people to ity." Bib. Illus. They were given make merry, the event in more serious power. 1. To become the sons of God households takes on a religious aspect. (John 1: 12). 2. To overcome the world. During the evening there is prayer at 3. To work miracles for the purpose of the family altar. At midnight the watchproving their divine mission and estab- man of the church tower blows his horn lishing the truth they preached. 4. To announcing the birth of the New Year. | BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW lead men to Christ. 5 To overcome all | There is a unique form of the custom their enemies. Is come upon you- The of watching the Old Year out and the Holy Spirit gives: 1. Knowledge and New Year in which prevails in Scotunderstanding. 2. Faith. 3. Holiness. land. Large companies assemble in 4. A spirit of prayer. 5. Courage. 6. may Scottish households; and, as the of holiday business were going to be nesses They shall not merely bear wit- converting the old into the new, friend ness, but be witnesses in their own greets friend and wishes him a "gude time trade was quiet, but it has opened We may see unfold before us dawn- tra for New Year's dinner. persons .- Lange. They were to be wit- New Year and mony o' them!" Then up well during the past week, and a nesses to a crucified, a risen, and a the door is unbarred to let the Old Year | good average turn over seems to be as- | While from mystic future ages, in coming Christ. In Jerusalem, etc .- out and the New Year in, while the men | sured. Wholesale business is necessarily They were to begin at home, with the guests go out to call on their acquain- quiet and many houses are stock-taking. Float to us angelic voices, blending that wus left oot o' his p'y for delever. Then June's dreamy days and sunny hours, Jews, and gradually reach out until the tances and to give them the "first foot." glorious gospel reached the whole human | Lovers take the opportunity to call up- up fairly well, and that in holiday goods

spoken-From Luke 24: 15 we learn other lands. that he was blessing them. While they A pretty Russian family ceremony is has ever been. Retail jewelers also rebeheld-The disciples did not see him that which signalizes the New Year's port better buying. Wholesale business rise out of the grave, because his resur- advent. At midnight each member of is naturally quiet at the present morection could be easily proved by their the Russian household salute every other ment, and most of the houses are stockseeing him return to heaven, as there member with a kiss, beginning with the taking. Travellars will soon be in for would be no other way to prove it. head of the house, and then they retire | the holidays. So far they report excel-Taken up. The ascension was not an after gravely wishing one another a hap- lent indications for business during the imaginary, a visionary affair, but a real py New Year. passing of the risen Jesus from earth to the unseen world. Stephen, Paul and John all saw Jesus after his ascension. A cloud-"Perhaps it was like the fiery, cloudy pillar, the symbol of God, that

bright cloud of glory that overshadowed ! Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration." IV. The promise of Christ's return (vs.

10. Were looking (R. V.)-Wondering what it all meant. Two men-Angels in the form of men. White apparel See Matt. 28, 3. The white garments were an emblem of purity. 11. Shall so come— The second or final coming. This will not be in obscurity like His first coming, but He will come in power and glory, in the clouds, and with His holy angels

The former "history"-the gospel writ- Mount of Olives. Sabbath day's journey ten by Luke. Luke was also the author | -About three-fourths of an English of the Acts. O Theophilus-Nothing is mile. 13. Come in-That is, into the city known of this person, but he was no from the country. Into the upper chamdoubt a person of rank and perhaps a ber (R. V.)-Probably the upper room Roman officer who had been converted which had been used by our Lord and to Christianity (compare Luke 1:3). His disciples for the passover feast .-began-What Luke had written concern- Cam. Bib. Where abode-"Where they ing Jesus was an account of the begin- were abiding."-R. V. "This does not nings of Christ's work up to the time of | mean that this was their present habitathe ascension; this treatise would relate | tion, but they remained there for the dewhat Jesus continued to do after the scent of the Holy Spirit."-Barnes. 14. Wheat, fall, bush \$ 0 93 \$ 0 00 ascension, to do and teach-"He did Continued-During the ten days they Oats, bush..... 0 42 first, then he taught." 2, until the day waited. With one accord-With one Barley, bush 0 48 The fortieth day after his resurrec- mind. There were no schisms, no divided Rye, bush. 0 70 tion, through the Holy Spirit (R. V .- interests, no discordant purposes. Sted. Peas, bush 0 87 Spirit, had given commandment (R. V.) women-This probably refers to the wo- Straw, per ton 12 00 This is understood by Meyer, Hackett | men who followed him from Galilee, but | Dressed hogs..... 800 and others to refer to the great com- it may mean merely that women were Butter, dairy 0 28 mission as recorded in Matt. 28:18 and present. Mary-This is the last mention | Fggs, new laid 0 45 Mark 16:15, 16, which from its memor- in Scripture of the mother of Jesus, His | Do., creamery...... 0 30 able character, Luke assumed to be fam- | brethren-The brothers of Jesus at first | Chickens, dressed, lb. 0 12 hiar to his readers. apostles-The rejected Him (John 7, 5), but now they Ducks, spring, th..... 0 11

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS,

Christ's Ascension and Return. To the disciples Jesus said, "Ye have the strongest proofs of which a subject heard how I said unto you, I go away, is capable, an irresistible proof .- Schaff. and come again unto you" (John 14, 28). being seen of them-The disciples saw He ascends "to His Father's right hand Jesus repeatedly after his resurrection. to receive the Kingdon; to enter on His He walked and talked and ate with work of intercession; to send the Holy them. forty days—This was the time Spirit for the gathering and forming of Spirit for and during this time there were ten or His feet shall stand again upon the Lamb, per cwt. 8 50 - 9 50 eleven appearances. kingdom of God- Mount, and His enemies shall be made This expression has several significa- His footstool, and the rejected and crucitions, but here, as in Mark 1:14, it in- fied One shall be King over all the I. The ascension. "He was taken no"

cerning the organization and establish- was the ending of his visible walk among men; of his doing and teaching 11. The promise of power (vs. 4-8). 4. on earth, but not of his operations in being assembled-With the discpiles, the midst of his redeemed people." He quite probably on Ascension Day, com- ascended, and is now at the right hand manded them-The last commandment of God as our Advocate and Priest, Jegiven by the Lord to the apostles direct- sus was "taken. out of their sight" (v. ed them to await the gift of the Holy | 9), but not out of reach of their faith; Spirit in Jerusalem. not depart from not away from their love, not beyond are: Jerusalem-The coming of the Spirit | their hearing, not where he could not | was to be at the next great feast after | still be touched with the feeling of their | to \$10. the crucifixion. Jerusalem was the cen- infirmities (Heb. 4:15). He was taken tre of Jewish influence and at that time out of their sight, but they were still in cording to quality. strangers would be reached from all his sight. A mother sent her son to a parts of the world. They were not qual- boarding school, where the rules perified to go until after the Spirit came | mitted her to visit him once in two upo nthem. wait-Many run too soon. weeks. This could not satisfy her long-"Tarry at the promise till God meets | ing love, so, all unknown to the boy or you there."-D. L. Moody. promise of his teachers, she rented an attic overthe Father-Through the prophets the looking the school. Often she sat in gift of the Spirit had been promised by that upper room and watched him as he the Father (see Isa, 44:3; Joel 2:28, 29; played in the yard or studied in the compare Acts 2:17, 18). heard of me— school room. He thought her miles to 101/c; rolls, 103/c to 11c; breakfast This promise is found in John 14:16; away, but had he wept or called her bacon, 1436e to 15e; green meats out of 15:26. Reference is also made to it in name she would have come quickly to Luke 24:49. The Holy Spirit was pro- comfort him. This is a faint picture of the watchful, unceasing love and care of 5. John-The Baptist, the forerunner our great High Priest, who guards our

John pointed to Christ who should bap | ished, the blessings of which we are to | tario beet, in barrels or bags, \$4.50; No. | 10.13 in 1907 tize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. extend to others. 2. To heaven, into 2 granulated, in bags, \$4.30. Shall be baptized-This was the promise | which he was taken up, and where he of the Father; it could not fail. "The has prepared a place for us. 3. To his gift of the Spirit is here termed a bap- | second coming, which we are to await tism, and is thus characterized as one with a devout and submissive spirit. of most abundant fulness, and as a sub- | We look toward our ascended Lord, "I element."-Lange. With the Holy By earnestly seeking those things which Chost-Ghost is Old English for Spirit. | are above. 3. By having a strong desire The Holy Spirit was about to be given | that he should draw us to himself." them in greater fulness than ever be- | Christ said at his departure, "Lo, I am cleansed and they would be filled with is with us, 1. In the scriptures. 2. In the persons of those who bear his

II. The return. The angels said. "This same Jesus...shall so come...as ve have seen him go" (v. 11). "He will come 'in like manner' as he went into

Watch-Night Parties Round the

The whole world watches the New of the globe's belt line of watch-night 1034 to 101/2e per lb. companies are as varied and diverse as

In Germany New Year's Eve is called

on their sweethearts. This custom in is exceedingly brisk. Money seems to III. The ascension (v.9). 9. Had modified forms has been adopted in be plentiful, and the demand for novel-

No Danger.

Excited Woman-Are you going to run away with me? Reckless Driver (slightly intoxicated) | promises to be large. led the Israelites through the wilder. | -Sorry, mum; but-but I can't oblige | Vancouver and Victoria: Trade along ness; or Elijah's storm chariot; or the you. I'm mar-married already.-Judge. the coast keeps fairly brisk.



TORONTO MARKETS.

FARMERS' MARKET. Receipts of grain to-day were small Wheat is unchanged, with sales of 300 bushels of fall at 93c. Barley firmer, 400 bushels selling at 50 to 56c. Oats unchanged, with sales of 409 bushels

Poultry in active demand, with turkeys bringing 18 to 20c per 1b. Hay is unchanged, with sales of leads at \$12 to \$13.50 a ton for No. 1 and at \$7 to \$10 for mixed. Straw sold

at \$13 a ton for a load of bundled. Dressed hogs are steady at \$8 to \$8.-25 for heavy and at \$8.50 for light.

Cabbage, per dozen.... 0 30 Celery, dozen..... 0 30 Onions, bag... 0 80 Potatoes, bag 0 65 Do., forequarters.... 4 50 Do., choice, carse..... 7 50 Do., medium, carcase.. 5 00

Prices at country points: Alsike-Extra fancy lots, \$7.40; No. Timothy-Prices are from \$1,50 \$2.10 per bushel, according to quality. Red clover-\$4.25 to \$5.25 per bushel. Fancy lots a little higher, London,-Calcutta linseed, December,

BALED HAY AND STRAW. Prices in car lots on track, Toronto

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$11; inferior, \$8 | 1907. Straw-Range is from \$7 to \$7.50,

Pork-Short cut, \$22.50 to \$23 per Lard-Tierces, 12e; tubs, 1214e; pails

PROVISIONS.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats-Long clear bacon, 10% to 11c, tons and cases, pickle, le less than smoked.

GROCERIES. Local quotations are: Montreal granulated sugar, per ewt., in barrels, \$4.60;

TORONTO LIVE STOCK. Receipts of live stock at the City Yards were 36 carloads, composed 282 cattle, 429 hogs, 704 sheep and lambs and 38 calves.

Not many good cattle were on sale. As there was a light run, business was active and all offerings were taken at about steady prices.

Exporters-One load of exporters was reported at \$5.15 per cwt.; bulls at \$3 .-25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Butchers-George Rowntree bought 65

butchers, as follows: Cows at \$1.50 to 071 in 1907. good to choice, heavy cattle, at \$4.70 to | 165 in 1907. \$5.12 per cwt. Milkers and Springers .- A few milkers 1,106,083 in 1907.

and springers sold at \$30 to \$55 each. Veal Calves.-About 40 veal calves

Hogs .- Mr. Harris quotes the market | 1908, were as follows:

OTHER MARKETS. MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal.-About 500 head of butch sold at from 3e to 41/2e per lb. Sheep 6c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at from 61/2 to 63/4c per lb.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. London.-London cables for cattle are steady at 13 to 14%c per lb., dressed Year in. The customs and environment | weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at |

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Wheat-January 97% bid, December 9814e bid. May \$1.02.

Oats-December 36%c bid. May 41%c NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET. Sugar-Raw nominal; fair refining,

3.20e to 3.23e; cent ifugal, 96 test, 3.70e We may stand on Pisgah's mountain, to 3.73c; molasses sugar, \$2.95 to \$2.98;

Montreal: Retail trade generally would now look as though the volume tions earlier in the month. At that Toronto: Business in staple lines holds ties and fancy goods is as heavy as it rest of the winter and the coming spring. Paper is being well met, and collections

Winnipeg: The holiday retail rush is now on, and the volume of business done

are mostly satisfactory.

able to trade; the latter has been especially good amongst the retailers; the latter report sales as good as this time a year ago, although the demand is

largely for cheaper lines. Hamilton: The movement of holiday goods is now brisk, while staple lines salers say business is quiet with them, and they are stocktaking. Travellers report good prospects for spring. Col-

lections are generally satisfactory. London: Retail trade is brisk with the holiday business, and it is expected the turn-over will be lage. Ottawa: The movement of etail trade fauldin' up her grey cassimer dress tae fire they a' retired for the nicht.

(Ontario Department of Agriculture.) yields of the principal field crops Ontario for 1908. The areas have been 0 50 | correspondents in each township:

0 14 430,476 bushels, or 24.2 bushels per acre, Spring Wheat-142,124 acres yielded

2,197,716 bushels, or 15.5 bushels per acre, as compared with 2,473,651 and 17.1 Barley-734,029 acres yielded 20,888,-

Oats-2,774,259 acres yielded 96,626,-7 75 419 bushels, or 34.8 bushels per acre, as grate) tak' this tae the pawnshop an' Yes, John, I believe there's many being in here for him, and knowing I am "Yes, John, I believe there's many being in here for him, and knowing I am 6 50 comapred with 83,524,301 and 28.5 in ask fower shillin's on't. Bring hame a happy days in store for us yet." Rye-87,908 acres yielded 1,453,616 pared with 1.039,021 and 15.5 in 1907. Buckwheat-140,605 acres yielded 3, . \$6.75 to \$7; No. 2, \$6 to \$6.25; No. 3 323,568 bushels, or 23.6 bushels per acre, had nae dinner yet." as compared with 2,546,468 and 22.5 in

> Peas-396,642 acres yielded 7,401,336 bushels, or 18.7 bushels per acre, as compared with 7,365,036 and 21.6 in 1907. Beans-46,385 acres yielded 783,757 bushels, or 16.9 bushels per acre, as compared with 790,269 and 16.6 in 1907. Potatoes-166,974 acres yielded 18, 517,642 bushels, or III bushels per acre, as compared with 20,057,675 and 113 in

> Mangels-68,685 acres pielded 29,870, 966 bushels, or 435 per acre. Carrots-4,080 acres yielded 1,120,145 bushels, or 275 per acre.

Sugar Beets-17,453 acres yielded 7, 004,748 bushels, or 401 per acre. Turnips-120.920 acres yielded 41,210, an' the tears again rowed down her pale the sport of the higher powers. 189 bushels, or 341 bushels per acre, as thin cheeks. compared with 48,205,605 and 392 in

Corn for Husking-299,690 acres yieldbushels per acre, as compared with 21, hersel'.

899,466 and 64.7 in 1907. Corn for Silo-233,753 acres yielded was, 1. A baptism unto repentance. 2. The ascension of our Lord directs our yellow, \$4.20; in bags prices are 5c less; 2,729,65 tons (green) or 11.68 tons per "Mither, the broker wad only gie me stead of passing into another of its A type of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. To the work which he fin- Acadian, in barrels or bags, \$4.50; On- acre, as compared with 2,029,457 and three shillin's an' a hauf on your nice many chambers. We miss not only dear

Hay and Clover-3,253,141 acres yielded 4,635,287 tons, or 1.42 tons per acre. as compared with 3,891,863 and 1.18 in tons per acre.

acres in vineyard. STATISTICS OF LIVE STOCK. The number of live stock on hand on July 1, 1908, were as follows:

Horses-726,471, against 725,666 Milch Cows-1,113,374, against 1,152, \$4.40; medium cattle at \$4 to \$4.30, and Other Cattle-1,711,485, against 1,774,

Sheep and Lambs-1,143,898, against Swine-1,818,763, against 2,049,666 in

Poultry-12,285,613, against 13,428, slaughtered in the year ending June 39,

Horses, 71,214; cattle, 798,062; sheep, 545,320; swine, 2,129,944; poultry, 4, Wool-The clip of wool was 4,150,510

pounds, from 635,528 fleeces, or 6.53 pounds per fleece. Bees-Apiaries on Ontario farms are valued at \$1,028,599, there being 179,688

A New Year's Message.

now afar "o'er ocean's wavebeat shore?" born!" they say; but carry, fur-

ranged from \$25 to \$50 each. Calves This greater message to each soul "Eternity is drawing nigh." sold at about 4c and the lambs at about | Thus speak these clamoring tongues of iron whose music floats thro earth and sky.

they ring a year's march toward the sunset at the close of life's fair Another year's march toward that City where all burdens down we lay; Another year's march toward the

glories in the "haven of the gifts." Another year's march toward the mansions "where the weary are at

if we climb from vales below, Breathe the atmosphere of angels, | man, wha cam' in on the train, for carry-Far upon the heights of Nebo we may said it wus ma New Year's gift," an' see the self-life die, seems to be moving quite briskly. It And go forth to holier living as eter- mither's lap in triumph. nity draws nigh.

Steadfastness. 7. Zeal. Shall be wit- clock strikes the magical hour of twelve, ahead of what was indicated by condi- Standing there upon the summit as mither leukit unco pleased. She thoust the Old Year flits away, tints of th' eternal day; strain that ne'er shall cease, in the songs of peace.

> -Zion's Herald. some mair coal on the fire an' keep Another Year. JOHN W. CHADWICK. Another year of setting suns, Of stars by night revealed, Of springing grass, of tender bud By winter's snow concealed.

> Another year of summer's glow, Of autumn's gold and brown, Of waving fields and ruddy fruit. The branches weighing down. and she munched the delicious morsel Another year of happy work That better is than play; Of simple cares, and love that grows

More sweet from day to day. Another year to follow hard Where better souls have trod; Another year of life's delight, Another year of God.

New Year's at the Wilson's

are moving only moderately well. Whole-(By Jessie Crum, in N. Y. Scottish | awa quite unruffled by Tammy's re-

> Wi' a sad, weary expression on her delicate-leukin' race, Mrs. Wilson stood | beef stew for New Year's dinner. It wus at her kitchen table on New Year's Eve | noo late, an' efter the mither raked the

sen' it tae the pawnshop. "It's ma last bit decent goon, bit it'll hae tae gang; the bairns maun hae breid, an' we canna dae withoot a fire

this cauld winter weather," she murmured, drappin' intae a chair, an' burying her face in the faulded goon she grat Mrs. Wilson had marriet the man of her choice, braw John Wilson, as he was

an' a hard, weary time hes she had an' cried, "John, my John!" while he George Gordon, 23, was arrested in concompiled from individual returns of far- o't, daein' a' kin's o' plain shooin' au' took her in his airms. mers and the yields by a special staff of knittin' tae keep the wee bit hame | "Can ye forgie me, Effic, for lea'in' or other Howe, who was alleged to be Fall Wheat-679,642 acres yielded 16, provide encuch for them tae eat. Bit whan the bairns were enjoyin' them- don's arrest, and he sent the following 0 14 as compared with 15,545,491 and 23.0 in anxiety o' min' an lack o' nourishment gie me?" Year's Eve fand her seeck at hert an' days an' sleepless nichts I've had since for something. I want to know if you sair discouraged. She had wark tae dae, 'ye left us."

he fwus ower fond o' a we drap.

trumelt soe an' her heid ached. chippers o' coal in the bottom o' the vet. Dae ye believe me, Effie?" at the coalree an' tell them tae sen' up | the day. oushels, or 16.5 bushels per acre, as com- a pail o' coal, Haste ye back, Tammy, wi' the things. Ye ken there's no a bite in the hoose, an' you and Jeanie hae

Tammy wus a rale wice bit callant. Seein' his mither sae dooneast, an' wishin' tae comfort her, he slippit his airms roon' her neck, sayin', "Dinna greet, mither, maybe I'll get something tae dae. I cud carry parcels for the shopkeepers, if they wad let me."

lant," she said, pattin' his heid. "Noo, haste, yet, or the fire'll be oot, an' there's nae mair coal in the hoose"; an' she' opened the door for him.

"Mither, dinna vex yersel; ye hae Tammy an' me," said wee sax-year-auld Mixed Grains-456,049 acres yielded Jeanie, drawin' her creepy stule close up 15,354,350 bushels, or 33.7 bushels per tae the lounge an' layin' her wee roon acre, as compared with 14,202,511 and face against the mither's faded cheek, thinkin' to cheer her.

ed 23,601,122 bushels (in the ear), or 78.8 that," the mither murmured softly tae to protect their bodies. Those whom

cassimere dress, an' I took it." "Weel, Tammy, we'll dae the best we can wi' what we hae." Just then the 1907. The average of 26 years was 1.47 The mither built a fire and set over the poverishment because changes are tea kettle, an' by and' by they had some There are 3,336.169 acres of cleared tea and toast for dinner; an' efter it forget that immortality is in us, not land devoted to pasture, 326,550 acres in was a' ower Tammy pit on his bunnet, in the things about us, and that when orchard and small fruits, and 11,675 tellin' his mither no' tae feel anxious if he wusna hame for a while, for he was gaun to see if he cudnae get some eerin's tae rin for the shopkeepers. "Oh, Tammy, laddie, be carefu'. The change.

rin or no'."

did in a hurry. Then he started for the as Emerson says, railway station, an' had the guid fortune tae get an auld gentleman's valise | "As the bird trims her to the gale, tae carry tae the hotel for him "How old are you, my boy?" askit the auld gentleman, as Tammy handed him

his valise at the lower step o' the hotel. "Ten past last June, sir. "Well, well; you're large for your age. Now, how much do you expect for carryin' my bag" an' the auld gentleman smiled at Tammy.

"Well, what would you do if I said they are charged with no note of the inevitable battle with the world man laughed good-naturedly,

"I'd tak' what yer willin' tea gie me, the inn, between those who go and

"Thank ye, sir;" an' oor Tammy, in same home,

in' the parcels tae I wus a' oot o' -The Outlook breath, so I cud get tae the railway station whan the eicht o'clock train cam in! See whit I got frae an auld gentlemore of peace and heaven know, in' his valise tae the hotel for him. He here Tammy laid the hauf croon in his

"Oh, Tammy; hoo guid o' a rale stranger tae gie ye sie a gift," an' the noo the bairns cud hae something ex-"Mither, if ye want me I'll gang for

the things for the morn's dinner," said Tammy, handin' the mither ninepence in' parcels. "No, ma laddie, ye've had ensuch o rinnin' the nicht. I' gang masel'. Pit

warm. I'll no' be lang," she said, as she threw her shawl ower her head. The fire being replenished Tammy an' Jeanie sampl't the curran' bun an' short breid, an' enjoyed some o' the mixtures. "My! Tammy, they taste awfu' guid. A new year is coming with stately tread, Hoo much did ye p'y for them?" askit Jeanie, poppin' a big fat raisin intae her mooth. "They cost a lot, didn't they?"

Tammy leukit at her wi' an air superiority. "Dae ye no' ken it's bad mainers tae ask the price o' a gift?"
"No. Bit never min', Tammy, they're guid a' the same." An' she munched

The mither cam' in then, bringin' some

smoked ham for breakfast an' a sma' Mrs. Wilson passed a sleepless nicht | Sessions. thinkin' o' John, an' wunnerin' whether ne wus deid or leevin'. Next morning' they were a' up bricht an' early; the

Year" tae the mither, wha luikit pleased, an' tried for their sakes tae be cheery. The dinner o' stewed beef, potatoes, breid an' butter an' a nice rice puddin' was jist set on the table whan there was | handed. The other dropped the sack ca'ed when she wus only eichteen years a rap at the door. Mrs. Wilson opened and got away, but was alleged by the auld, an' fan' oot, whan ower late, that the door, and there stood a man nearly police to be a laborer named John sax feet tall, clad in a heavy tap coat an' Howe, 22, who was arrested later in the The following gives the areas and New Year's Eve fin's her sad an' seeck broad felt hat. He wus thin an' daithly evening in a public house in Angel at hert. No' ae word or sicht o' him pale, but the meenit Mrs. Wilson saw street, hes she had for the last twal month, him she threw her airms aroon' his neck | On November 5th a hawker named

she wus completely overdune, an' New | "Av. John; I forgie ye, bit oh! daurk | "I see you have got George Gordon in

but cudna haud the needle, her han's "Weel, Effie, I vowed I'd ne'er come for Dyson's and other things which I Leukin' up, an' wipin' the tears awa' strong drink. God an' ma ain soul only witness for Dyson's. I can get other wi' the corner a' her apron, she said, ken whit this cure hes cost me. I'm bit | witnesses as can prove it. 569 bushels, or 28.5 bushels per acre, as "Here, Tammy (addressin' her ten-year a mere wreck o' ma former sel', but wi' auld laddie, wha sat by the fire tryin' God's help I'll pu' through an' mak' a he has told Fanny [the writer's wife] tae warm his hans' at the han'fu' o' red comfortable home for you an' the bairns | that he would own up to being guilty of

ar, an' a quarter o'pun' o' butter. Stop there's no' a happier family in Glesca it, I will do as much for you when I

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Eve, as in all hours of surrender to the ask him what he can do for me. You impulse for pleasure and diversion, can show him this letter . . . or there come unbidden those sober second thoughts which wait on the gaiest moments and are guests at every festival. The fire that smoulders on the hearth at midnight when the bells are ringing | don in Strangeways, under instructions in the New Year know many lonely from the Chief Constable. Gordon there The mither smiled. "I've a good calfigures, brooding over the ravages of said: "That is right. I am guilty, and time has made in the fair estate of life, and counting all that has vanished as lost. If it were true that time waits Feelin' exhausted she threw hersel' on anxiously on happiness, and, when it the lounge, an' in the sairness o' her approaches its consummate hour, men hert cried oot, "Oh, John! Whaur are might well feel as some of their remote ye? Whaur are ye this cauld New Year's ancestors felt, that the gods are jealous eve? I wish I kent. Oh! hoo could ye of human joy, and that a deep and terlea' the bairns an' me? Hoo cud ye ;" rible irony underlies life and makes us

There is but one refuge against the sadness which the years inevitably bring, and that is the deep and abiding consciousness that all life is one, and that in the invisible mansions in which the spirits of men have their home there is greater safety than in the fort-"Aye. That I hae. Thank God for resses of stone they have often built we love go from room to room, and we Afore lang Tammy returned, his remain before the dying fire and mourn faces and familiar voices, but places and conditions and things to which we have grown used during happy years, coal man cam' in wi' the pail of coal, and are burdened with a sense of imwrought in our surroundings; and we they have served their purpose of sustaining, nourishing, helping us, that which was enduring in them has al become our beyond the touch of time or

streets are sae crooded this evenin'; be There comes a time for us all when we carefu'!" cautioned the mither, tyin' a begin to take down the familiar things scarf roon his neck an' pu'in his bunnet | we have brought about us at the inn doon ower his lugs. "Dinna stay oot late, where we have tarried, and to give ma laddie, whither ye get an' cerin' tae | them to those who have made our stay pleasant or profitable; when energy Tammy ca'd at some o' the shops slackens and the passion for expression whaur he was kent, an' was lucky en- in some kind of activity gives place to euch tae get some parcels tae deliver; the desire to meditate on what we have an' deliver them oor sturdy wee Tammy | done that we may understand it; when,

I trim myself to the storm of time. man the rudder, reef the sail, Obey the voice at eve obeyed in prime: stays up all night just to enjoy my Lowly faithful, banish fear, Right onward drive unharmed:

The port, well worth the cruise, is near, And every wave is charmed." These partings would be heartbreak

"Dae ye think, sir, it's worth a fower | ing if they were the farewells of those who were never to meet again. But

high glee, started for hame. On his way | And as the strength fails and the | were appointed by the London County he entered a baker's shop an bocht twa senses lose their keenness and the Council. London Illustrated News, pun' o' currant bun an' a saxpenny cake | pathos of physical age touches life with short-breid, for the mither, an' tip- its peculiar sadness, there comes also pence worth o' mixtures for Jeanie. He | the great hope of passing, not out of a whistled a' the road hame, an' deposited strong house into a lonely waste, out his bun an' short-breid in the mither's out of a little room into the freedom of lap, handin' Jeanie her mixtures at the that home the happiness of which "eye same time. "There's your New Year's hath not seen, or ear heard;" for as the house of the body decays, the spirit "Whaur did ye get a' this, Tammy? which has found refuge in it for a brief Did ma laddie get some eerins tae rine" space on its journey, emerges into the "Av. mither; an' didna I rin, deliver- slear light of God's perpetual presence,

To My Old Calendar.

No friend has proved more faithful than My old year's calendar: You've been so loyal, and stanch, and true, My plain old calendar! January dawned with the year all aglow, February gleamed with its mantle of snow, The March winds did not forget to blow; Did they, old calendar?

More days you have given of joy than pain, Would you, old calendar? April failed not with its gentle showers, May followed blushing with buds and O kind old calendar!

You've been a true and trusty guide All the year, calendar; 'Tis with a pang I lay you aside, Dear old year's calendar July came with buzz and drone of bees, August bore thoughts of comfort and ease, September the cool and refreshing breeze; Growing old calendar!

Poor old year's calendar; Your hours, and days, and seasons have Farewell, old calendar; October's days were tinted with gold, November's blessings were manifold,

December is here—dying—is cold! Good-bye, old calendar! Even when a woman does all in power to brighten the home her husbam has to pay the gas bills.

Professional Meeting at Manchester In the Small Hours.

(Sheffield Independent.) The remarkable operations of a thieves' club in Manchester were disclosed during the hearing of a curious case, which lasted until late on Wednesday afternoon at the Manchester City

On October 3rd a burgiary occurred at the warehouse of Mr. Alfred Baron, bairns in high glee cryin' "A Happy New | in Port street, and the same evening two men, each with a sack of "swag," were seen by the police.

One, named James Shaw (alias Kerwin), a laborer, aged 29, was caught red-

abune the heids o her twa bairns, an' you an' the bairns?" he askit, later on the leader of the gang, heard of Gorthe strain was tellin sadly on her. Wi' selves oot in the kitchen. "Can ye for- remarkable letter on November 9th to Detective-Sergt, Winter: will try to do your best to get him in

back till I wus cured o' the love o' can prove it you will send for me as a

"If you can do nothing for me send word by next post, and I will send word Into the merriment of New Year's to the Chief [i, e., Chief Constable] and show it to the magistrates and ask

Detective-Sergeant Clynes, to whom the letter was handed, took it to Gor-

In view of this development, Howe's case was brought up before the magistartes again, and he was granted bail. These details were stated by Mr. Spencer Hogg, in opening the case for the prosecution, at yesterday's City Ses-

Proceeding, counsel told how the men. Howe and Gordon, lived together in a couse in Angel Meadow, where the "professional conference" used to meet in the small hours of the morning, and the other man, Shaw, used to visit the meetings, when arrangements were presumably made. Howe was president

of the conference. The jury found the three prisoners guilty, and Shaw was sent to prison for twelve months: Howe, for 15 months; Gordon (including sentence for another



A FOND URCHIN Friend-I suppose the baby is fond Papa—Fond of me? Why, he sleeps all day when I'm not at home and

society.

School in Hospital Ward. The authorities of the London Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease make it their affair not only to do what they can toward curing their charges, but to endeavor to fit them for that was to much?" and here the auld tragedy, however sad they are at the School is held in the wards. The "three moment; they are spoken at door of R's" are taught and the pupils are instructed also in such things as drawing, those who remain a little longer be- lacemaking, knitting, sewing and basket "Well, then, tak' that for a New fore they too journey on to the same weaving. Nor are they left without Year's gift; you resemble a little ne- country. The world is full of the part- such exercise as is possible for them, phew of mine I lost two months ago." ings of ways that, through vast cir- and there is a regular course of physical An' the auld man laid a hauf croon in cuits, converge again; of the separations drill. School time is from 10 to 12 in of those who go by many roads to the the morning and from 1.30 to 3 in the afternoon. The three teachers engaged



TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

Old Greybeard-It's a pity to keep such a pretty bird in a cage. Miss De Style-Isn't it a shame! How perfectly exquisitely lovely it

would look on a hat. ----

Garden Repartee. My eyes!" exclaimed the potato, "but this is poor soil for a garden." "That's right," said the onion. " I don't get along worth a scent, and I'm

"I'm going to leave," said the cab-

bage, "I'll never be able to get a bend

"This spot isn't fit for a berrying ground," said the strawberry, "But gere comes the sun, and we'll all have to dry up "-Chicago News,

losing strength every day.