

THEMES AND TEXTS OF RECENT LEADING SERMONS.

1. Walking in God's Paths. "Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not."—Ps. xvii: 5. By G. W. Alexander, D.D., New York.
2. Dangers of Modern Taught. "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe."—Ps. cxix: 117. By Rev. H. F. Butler, Cincinnati.
3. Where God is, there is Development. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation."—Isa. ix: 22. By R. S. Storrs, D.D., Brooklyn.
4. Education of the Young. "As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom," etc.—Dan. i: 17. By A. E. Kittredge, D.D., Chicago.
5. God's Passionate Cry over the Sinner. "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim! How shall I deliver thee, Israel?"—Hos. xi: 8. By T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., Brooklyn.
6. The Theology of the Heart. "And behold, a woman in the city, who was a sinner . . . stood at his feet, behind him, weeping," etc.—Luke vii: 37, 38. By Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Brooklyn.
7. Features of the Day of Pentecost. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come," etc.—Acts ii: 1-47. By Prof. F. L. Patton, D.D.
8. The Disinterestedness of Love. "I seek not yours, but you."—2 Cor. xii: 14. By J. Spencer Kennard, D.D., Chicago.
9. The Top of the Ladder. "And to know the love of Christ," etc.—Eph. iii: 19. By Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, in Metropolitan Tabernacle, London.
10. Paul's Ideal Hope. "Till we all come in the unity of the faith . . . unto a perfect man," etc.—Eph. iv: 13, 15. By Rev. Stopford A. Brooke, in Bedford Chapel, London.
11. Panics, and their Dreadful Evils. "Learn to follow honest trades" (marginal reading)—Titus iii: 14. By Rev. Robert Collyer, New York.
12. The Immovable Kingdom. "Wherefore we, receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved," etc.—Heb. xii: 28. By John Hall, D.D., New York.
13. The Crown of God's Attributes. "Be ye holy, for I am holy."—1 Pet. i: 16. By John H. Barrows, D.D., Chicago.
14. Religion and Civil Government. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."—Rev. xi: 15. By J. P. Newman, D.D., New York.

SUGGESTIVE THEMES.

1. Angelic Earnestness. ("While he [Lot] lingered, the men [angels] laid hold upon his hand . . . and brought him forth, and set him without the city."—Gen. xix: 16.)
2. Old Hopes Made Alive. ("Isaac digged again the wells of water which he had digged in the days of Abraham"—Gen. xxvi: 18.)
3. Supernatural Sustenance. ("He [Moses] was there [in the mount] with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread nor drink water."—Ex. xxxiv: 28.)
4. The Untroubled Path. ("Ye have not passed this way heretofore."—Josh. iii: 4.)
5. Unconscious Abandonment. ("And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him."—Judges xvi: 20.)
6. A Demagogue's Arts. ("So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."—2 Sam. xv: 1-6.)
7. Weariness in Affliction. ("So am I made to possess months of vanity," etc.—Job vii: 3.)
8. The Divine Lullaby. ("As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."—Isa. lxvi: 13.)
9. Charity the True Sanctity. (Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke x: 25-37.)
10. The Hidden Manna. ("I have meat to eat ye know not."—John iv: 32.)
11. Conflict between Science and Religion. ("Lighting upon a place where two seas met" [Paul's shipwreck]—Acts xxvii: 41.)
12. The Possible and the Impossible. ("Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."—Ex. xiv: 13.) "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Phil. ii: 12.

GERMS OF ILLUSTRATION.

*Wouldst know the whole? Then scan the parts; for all
That moulds the great lies mirrored in the small.*—GOETHE.

Profession without practice is well described in Benjamin Franklin's characterization of the bustling, inefficient Lord Loudoun: "He is like the St. Georges on the signs—ever on horseback, but never riding on."

Gloom Turned into Glory.—Few disasters of recent years have been attended with more horrors than the volcanoes, a few months ago, in Java. The sun was obscured, villages destroyed, and thousands of lives were lost. Yet, according to Professor Draper, of New York, the smoke and lava-dust, lifted high in air and carried half-around the world, imparted a peculiar red tinge to the rays of the sun, and caused the remarkably gorgeous sunsets lately witnessed in South America.

The Gospel of Culture, in its assumption that man needs but his own efforts to re-

deem himself from sin, might do well to ponder the advice of the Emperor Constantine to the heretic bishop of the Novatians: "Acesius, take a ladder and get up to heaven by yourself." To get the full gist of this advice, one should attempt to hold a ladder erect, and climb it at the same time.

Formalism in Worship has too often barred the door to Christ's entrance. Oliver Wendell Holmes says: "Every person's feelings have a front door and a side door by which they may be entered. The front door is on the street. Some keep it always open, some keep it latched, some locked, some bolted, with a chain that will let you peep in, but not get in; and some nail it up, so that nothing can pass the threshold. This front door leads into a passage which opens into an ante-room, and this into the interior