

Ezra and Nehemiah Teach the Lav Neh., 8, 1-18,

Commentary.—I. Reading God's Word (ys. 1-8). I. The people gathered.—The completion of the walls marked an epoch in the life of the marked an epoch in the life of the nation. The work had engaged the tention of all, and the people had re-alized the unifying effect of this com-mon purpose. They also were con-strained to acknowledge that God had been graciously favoring them. Before the water gate—The place of meeting was southeast of the temple before the watergate, through which water was carried for use in the temple. Ezra the scribe—Ezra had returned to Jerusalem from the land of capto Jerusalem from the land of captivity thirteen years before this time, but in the record of the events of twelve years his name was not mentioned. The general opinion is that he returned to Babylon, where he remained for several years, possibly engaged in copying the law. Bring the book of the law—It seems probable that Ezra's return prompted the people's request to have the law read to ple's request to have the law read to them. Which the Lord had commanded—If was the word of Jehovah. 2. Ezra the priest—Ezra was of the priesty tribe, being a direct descendant of Aaron (Ezra 7. 1-5). Brought the law before the congregation—The the law before the congregation—The assembly included men, women and children, who could hear the law intelligently. The later rabbinical teaching was to the effect that women should be excluded from hearing the law, but that teaching was opposed to the word of God. First day of the seventh month—The month Tisrians the reventh month—The of the seventh was the seventh month of the eccles iastical year and the first month o the civil year, and the first day was a great day among the Jews. The month our September and the former part of our October. 3. From the morning until midday—The reading continued from early in the morning until noon. It is probable that the other read in turn, thus relieving Ezra. Were attentive unto the book—The people were intensely interested in the word of the Lord. They were eager to know what he would have them do, and then they would understand better their attitude toward him. This great interest show-ed that the religious life of the na-tion was being revived. 4. A wooden platform was constructed, raised sufficently high to afford all in the con gregation an opportunity to see reader standing thereon. It was broad enough to accommodate Ezra and the persons mentioned in this

opened the book-Books in those days were long strips of parchment relied at either end upon sticks, and to open a book meant to unroll the scroll all the people stood up—They had evidently been sitting while walt-ing for the reading to begin, and rose to their feet out of respect for the word of God. It is likely that they sat down after the exercises mentioned in the next verse, and remained sitting while Ezra read the book of the law.

6. blessed the Lord—Gave thanks.

amen—The people's response to Ezra's words of thanksgiving and praise. The word means, "So let it be." lifting their hands—By this act they showthat they accepted the words read as the law of God and would be obe-dient to it. Lifting up the hands in worship is referred to in the scriptures (Psa. 63:4; 1 Tim. 2:8). bowed their beads...with their faces to the ground They assumed an attitude of reverent humility. They were impressed with the goodness and mercy of God and the sacredness of his word. 7. and the sacredness of his word. 7. The names here recorded are those of Levites who assisted in explaining the words of the taw to the people. 8. read....in the law of God distinctly—Those who read were careful to speak clearly so that the great assembly could catch every word. The people were eager to hear and it was important they should, gave the sense—The Jews had been long in captivity and were unfamiliar with the law. and were unfamiliar with the law. hence explanations were needed that they might grasp the meaning of the vords read. Some think that had to a considerable extent lost the knowledge of the pure Hebrew lan-guage through their contact with their captors in Babylon. and caused them to understand—"So that they understood."-R. V. Results of reading the law of

God (vs. 9-12). 9. Tirshatha—This was a title given to Nehemiah representing his office as provincial governor. this day is holy unto the Lord It was the new moon and as such notable day because of the reading of the law. mourn not—The people wept upon hearing the law because it showed them how they had been sinning against God and his commandments. There weeping was an indication of e penitence. It seems clear that they were ignorant as to the demands of the law. 10. eat the fat mands of the law. 10. eat the fat, and drink the sweet—A proverbial expression, meaning that the occasion was not one of fasting and grief.—Ryle. send portions—In the midst of their rejoicing they were to remember the poor by supplying them with that which would nourish and cheer them thus adding to their own incoming the supplying them with the poor by supplying them with the poor by supplying their own incoming the supplying the s the joy of the Lord is your strength-Religious joy, properly tempered by dependence on the help of God, meek pewerful means of strengthening the soul. In such a state every duty is practicable and delightful. In such a reacticable and delightful. In such a frame of mind no man ever fell.—Clarke, 11. stilled all the people—Restrained from mourning. neither be ye grieved—Sorrowful. 12. because they had understood—It was a source of grief to the people that they had been ignorant of God's law and had not lived according to its teachings. It became a cause of rejoicing understand its requirements, its warnings and its promises.

II. Observing the Feast of Taber-nacles (vs. 18-18). On the second day the reading and explaining the law wer continued with "the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites" as nearers. When it was read and understood that the Feast of Tabernacles should be observ the fifteenth of the month, pr parations were at once commenced for its observance. They gathered branch-es of trees and constructed booths up-on the roots of their houses, in the courts of their own houses, and of the temple, and "in the street of the water gate" at the southeast of the temple, and "in the street of the gate of Eph-riam," probably in the north wall of the city, and led toward the land of Ephriam. It appears that all those who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon constructed booths and sat under them . This feast was in com-memoration of the journey of the chil-dren of Israel from the land of Egypt to Canaan. Upon this journey they had no houses in which to lodge, and during the feast of tabernacles the people dwelt in booths constructed of people dwell in bootins constructed on branches, in memory of that great de-liverance. The feast continued for eight days, beginning with the fif-teenth day of the month Tisri and closing with the twenty-second. It was

a season of great rejoicing.

Questions.—For what purpose did
the people assemble before the water
gate at Jerusalem? What is meant by the law of God? Who was the reader, and how many assistants did he have What classes of people listened to the reading of the law? In what manner was it read? What effect did the reading of the law have upon the hearers? How long did the study of God's word continue? What feast was objected? What event did the feast commemor-What was the Jews' religious condition?

# PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic.-Spiritual progress. I. Quickened through instruction.

II. Attested by practical service. I. Quickened through instruction. The public reading and exposition of the law of Moses in the presence of all the people, as soon as possible after their settlement and the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem, took place an the anniversary of the restoration of the altar. The time was regarded with special interest. Through his labors Nehemiah had provided for the safety of the people. Ezra the scribe very appropriately gave instruction from the law of the Lord. The peo-ple evidenced their carnestness by fistening attentively. It was in the faith that God has evermore blessed his own word as the chosen instrument of all revival progress in his church that Nehemiah sought to have the rem-nant of Judah instructed in the divine law. Having been long scattered in a strange land deprived of temple privileges, they were sadly defective in their knowledge of the divine law. Nehemiah's labors for their tersoral security had inspired his brethren with patriotic love. He labored to inspire holy affection in their hearts. To do that he depended upon the difference of the holy affection of the holy affection in the laboratory of the hearts. fusion of the knowledge of the holy

scriptures

God had raised up Nehemiah to perform a great work. Ezra, though endowed with different gifts, was his God-given associate in the great cause. They united in complete harmony for the revival of spiritual life in Judah. Nehemiah, having been invested with ruling power in the city, gave place to the ministers of the spacing with their the ministers of the sanctuary in their proper work of teaching. On that oc-casion there was introduced a new element into the religious realm. Formrely the temple had filled the whole religious horizon to the Jew. It had been the place for sacrifice, not instruction. It was the sphere of the priest, not the scribe or prophet. God's ancient covenant with the people had largely passed from memory. When largely passed from memory. When the congregation heard it again, it came before them as the revelation to a new discovery. They were over-come with penitential grief. Their tears were an expression of alarm and compunction, of apprehension for the consequences of their sins together with bodly prow on account of them. Nehemiab gave lirection and counsel. Their sorrow was not wrong or out foundation, but defective in its views of divine fercy, in an apprehen-sion of the lowing kindness of the God. history of ir God Lord, their covenant, their God. The law itself and the whole history of their fathers showed that their God was gracious and forgiving. The in-structions and exhortations of Nehemiah, Ezra and the Levites prevailed to assuage their sorrow and enabled them to celebrate the festival in accordance with its full design. grief can not be such as God demands if it hides from man the ettributes of God and the arrangements divinely made for the pardon of sin. For the Jews at that time, feeble as they were, the joy of the Lord would be their stronghold, their fortunes against their enemies. It would serve to units and inspire them and make

brave. It would samuate them in God's service, which was their safety, as it would secure their protection and power to do and suffer the will of God.

II. Attested by practical service. Combined with an exposition of the law was an exhortation to dur. With the joy of the Lord there was to be an overflow in charity. Nehemlah the joy of the Lord is your strengthReligious joy, properly tempered by dependence on the help of God, meekness of mind and self-diffidence, is a powerful means of strengthening the soul. In such a state every duty is practicable and delightful. In second the state of the second the second of the way to do an overflow in charity. Nehemiah set the people about the common duties of life. There was hard work for those Jews to do. The whole task of religious reformation lay bewith rejoicing for what the second of providing for their future religious life. That tranquit satisfaction must be accomplished by the discharge of duty as a practical demonstration of cligious joy, properly tempered by their spiritual revival. Under the eppendence on the help of God, meek-case of mind and self-diffidence, is a the consciousness of renewed spiritual. life, they returned to a complete and hearty observance of the ancient fes-tival, the feast of Tabernacles, which was especially commemorative. The recalling of past exiles and past sorrows and wrong-doing confirmed their hearts in gratitude and devotion.

> Wigwag-You should bear in mind that it is just as easy to make friends as to make enemies. Closefist—Perhaps, but our friends are apt to cost

# ANNOUNCEMENT ON FUTURE HOG

Statement of U. S. Food Administration in Full---What It May Mean to Canada.

The following is an anneuncement regarding future hog prices which was made by the Food Administration of tention of the Food Administration of the United States Government November 3rd. The statement in full is as follows:

The main purposes of the Food Ad ministration as to hogs are four: see that the producer at all times can count on a fair price for his hogs, so that it will be profitable to him; to see that the farmer increases the number of hogs bred; to limit the profit of the packer and the middle-man, and to eliminate speculation. All of these purposes are necessary because we must have more hogs, so that the ultimate consumer shall at all times get an adequate supply of hogs at the lowest feasible prices.

We shall establish rigid control of We shall establish rigid control of the packer. Fair prices to the farm-er for his hogs, we believe, will be brought about by the full centrol which the Food Administration has over the buying of the allies, our army and navy, the Red Cross, the Belgian relief, and the neutrals, which together constitute a considerable fac-tor in the market. tor in the market.

tor in the market.

The first step is to stop the sudden breaks in prices paid for hogs at the central markets. These prices must become stable, so that the farmer knows where he stands, and will feel knows where he stands, and will feel justified in increasing hogs for next winter. The prices so far as we can effect them, will not go below a minimum of about \$15.50 per cent. for the average of the packers' droves on the Chicago market until further notice.

"In adopting the pressure for details have, the

We have had, and shall have, the dvice of a board composed of practical hog growers and experte. That tical hog growers and experte. That board advises that the best yard-stick to measure the cost of production of the hog is the cost of corn. That board further advises that the ratio of corn price to hog price on the averave over a series of years, has been about twelve to one (or a little less). In the past, when the ratio has gone lower than 12 to 1, th estock of hogs in the country has decreased. When it was higher than twelve, the hogs have increased. That board has given its judgment that to bring the stock of hogs back to normal under present conditions, the ratio should be about thirteen to one. Therefore, as to the hogs farrowed next spring we will try to stabilize prices so that the farmer can count on getting for each 100 pounds of hogs ready for market, thirteen times the average the hogs. Let there be no misunderstanding of

this statement. It is not a guarantee backed by money. It is not a promise by the packers. It is a statement of the intention and policy of the Food Administration, which

This clear statement as to the intention of the Food Administration in the United States will be received with satisfaction by hog producers. as Mr. Cotton frankly says, there is no money guarantee back of the minimum price of \$15.50, but so far as the Food Administration can influence Food Administration can influence prices they will not go below the value of thirteen bushels of corn. Consequently, this statement, together with the fact that the Food Admin istration is controlling all reports of bacon, makes it probable that they
will be able to hold the price at about
\$15.50 per cwt. on the Chicago market until a change seems necessary.
The regulation of profits in the packing industry may also assist in stabil-iring prices, and it remains to be seen whether the packers will do the square thing or try to force prices down to the minimum.

A very large share of credit is due to our esteemed contemporary "Wal-laces' Farmer," for getting the Food Administration in the States to see the necessity of having a definite ratio established between the price of hogs and the price of feed, if the campaign for increased hog production is to be a success. For approximately the last two years that paper has been publishing a chart every month, showing the profits and losses in raising hogs, based on the relative prices of corn and hogs. As "Wallaces' Farmer" says in its issue

"In adopting the value of corn as the measure for determining the price of next year's pig crop, the Food Ace of next year's pig crop, the Food Ac-ministration has pointed the way to the only road which is safe to travel in this perlious venture of price-fix-ing. All prices are relative. The

dollar is no longer a true measure of value. Prices must be fixed in terms of the cost of production. Any other method will be fatal to production, and will bring about world famine condition. The adoption of the corn-hog ratio is the first recognition on the part of any government body that price-fixing must be in conformity with and not in violation of funda-mental economic laws."

In establishing a ratio between the price of feed and the price of hogs here in Canada, it is better to use here in Canada, it is better to use shorts or middlings rather than corn. In our last week's issue we published a chart showing the profits and losses in raising hogs during the last ten cost per bushel of the corn fed into years, where the price of hogs was years, where the price of hogs was compared with the price of shorts in Toronto during this period. An interesting fact is that this chart, showing the profits and losses in hog raising for Canada, is in substantial agreement with the chart published in "Wallaces," Farmer," for the corn ing for Canada, is in substantial at least \$1.05 f. and w., Toronto, if agreement with the chart published even a normal supply is to be main-in "Wallaces' Farmer," for the corn tained. —The Canadian Countryman.

belt of the United States. During 1908 and 1909, when hog raising was relatively unprofitable in Canada it was relatively unprofitable in the U.S. In 1910 it was relatively unprofitable in both countries during 1913-1914 it was relatively profitable. During 1915, though the price of hogs was high, the price of feed was higher, also, and raising hogs was relatively

unprofitable in both countries. In 1916 hog raising was profitable to both the farmer in the States and the farmer in Canada. In 1917, however, while hogs raising was relatively unprofitable to the American farmer on account of the high price of corn, it account of the high price of corn, it was profitable to the Canadian farm-er, as the price of shorts remained at a comparatively low level.

No statement has as yet been made by Mr. Hanna which applies to Can-ada where any price is mentioned at which he will endeavor to keep the price of hogs. He has, nevertheless, price of hogs. He has, nevertheless, said that he and Mr. Hoover are work ing in perfect accord, so that we may expect fair prices at least for hogs produced in Canada. Moreover, the price of hogs in the United States influences to some extent, at least the price of hogs in Canada.

Hogs at the time of writing are selling on the Chicago market for about \$17.50 per cwt. which is about 50 cents per hundred more than they command on the Toronto market. prices do go down to \$15.50 in Chica-go we would expect the price of hogs in Toronto to be about the same or a quarter or fifty cents per hundred

The average price of hogs for the ast ten years was \$9.25. The averlast ten years was \$9.25. The average price of shorts was \$25.85 per ton. That is, it required the value of 7.17 hundredweight to induce farmers to stay in the hog raising business. When the price of hogs was higher than the price of 7.17 hundredweight of shorts, hog raising was relatively profitable when the price of hogs was lower than the value of 7.17 hundred-weight of shorts, hog raising was rela-tively unprofitable. Since the Can-adian Board of Grain Supervisors fixed the price of wheat in August, the price of shorts has been remarkably constant. It has been \$42 per ton at Toronto for the past four months, practically without a break. As a rule, shorts is dearest during the months of September and October. During this period of 1917, it was sell-ing for \$42 per ton, so that we are apparently justified in assuming that if the price does not go down it cer-tainly will not go up. According to the short-hog ratio, when shorts is \$42 per ton, the price of hogs should be

wives into widows every day.

I may go on board as a sailor, that

is industrial; I may go as a passenger, that is commercial; I may go as a passenger, that is commercial; I

may go as a prisoner, that is Govern-

mental: I may go as a guest, that is glorious. "Come then and all thy house into the ark," said God to

Noah. He went by invitation.
I once had a dream: "A stalwart swimmer hailed Noah one morning.

atch is fastened on the outside, so I

cannot come out, and a good thing.

An old sailor once gave his experi-

ence as follows: "It is a long time since I crossed the gangway, and came on board the Cospel Ship. You know

tween the shore and the ship-it gra-

dually widened, and very soon we were in the open. It is many a year

since, but I have never been off duty

and never been ashore, for the Com-mander gives no vacations, and there are no holidays, yet we are happy.

deck, and now and then I catch a smile from the face of the Command

er, and this is my best reward. The

orders come from the quarter deck, the responsibility rests with the Com-

mander, and I and all my mates, with

all that is on board, are going to ar-

"One peculiarity about this ship is that he has no pumps. The cry will never be heard from the boatswain.

"All hands to the pumps; the ship has sprung a leak." That will never

be, the ship is water proof, fire proof, storm proof, Devil proof. No pirate will ever heave in sight and demand

surrender. How safe, how easy, how sure, how sure to arrive!"

That was a pretty long experience

for an old sailor to give at an experi-ence meeting, but it was given with

force and fire, and they all believed

Jonah went to Jeppa to ask what ships were on the berth. He fixed on the ship going the longest trip. 2,000 miles; he did not go on bard by in-

vitation, and as a guest; he had to pay. Those who come to God, come free; those who turn their back on

God and run away, have to pay! They run fast and far whom the devil drives. "Wherefore do ye spend mon-

LITERALLY

by on that which is not bread

I do my trifling duties about

"The Lord shut me in and the

'Come out and have a swim."

TORONTO MARKETS. FARMERS' MARKET.

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miterated current	10 00	400 50

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Veal, common, cwt.
Do., predium
Do., prime
Heavy Hogs
Abattoir hogs
Mutton, heavy
Do., light
Lambs, Spring, lb.
SUGAR SUGAR MARKET. Wholesale quatationes to the retail trade on Canadian retined sugar, Toron: of the livery, in effect October 33: trade on Canadan retined sugar, Toronto delivery, in effect October 33; Acadia granulated 100 lbs. \$3.14 Redpath granulated 100 lbs. \$4.14 St. Lawrence, granulated 100 lbs. \$4.4 St. Lawrence, granulated 100 lbs. \$9.49 No. 1 yellow 100 lbs. \$6.49 No. 2 yellow 100 lbs. \$6.49 No. 2 yellow 100 lbs. \$4.40 Granulated in 20-lb. bags, 15 cents over cwt. prices; 10-lb. bags, 20 cents over 5-lb. cartons, 25 cents over, and 2-lb. carrons, 30 cents over, \*Atlantic quoted 10c lower.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKETS TORONTO CATTLE MARKE

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Milkers, choice
Swingers, choice
Swingers, choice
Sheep, ewes
Lacks and culls
Lambs
Hogs fed and watered
Calves

### OTHER MARKETS

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WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE
Fluctuations on the Winnipeg Grain
Exchange yesterday were as follows
Outs—
Open, High, Low, Crose,
Nov. 0814, 0826, 0736, 0836, 0836,
Dec. 07814, 0796, 0796, 0836, 0836,
May 079 0797, 0776, 0 3 10 3 12 3 97 3 97 2 94 3 9514 2 91 2 974 2 9514 2 97 2 9514 2 97 MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET Minneapolis.—Corn.—No. 2 yellow, \$1 o \$2. O.us.—No. 3 white, 70 5-3 to sec. Flour—Unchanged. Bran—\$35

DULUTH LINSEED. Duluth.—Linseed—\$3.24 1-2 to \$3.37 1-2; to arrive, \$3.20 1-2; to arrive Dec. 5th, \$5.55 1-2; November, \$3.23 1-2 bid; December, \$3.20 1-2; May, \$3.20 bid.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. East Buffalo, Report.-Cattle, receipts,

East Buffalo, Report.—Cattle, receipts, 125; steady. Veals, receipts 50; steady, \$7 to \$15. Voals, receipts 5,100; slow. Heavy \$72.50 to \$17.75; mixed \$17.50 to \$17.70; yorkers \$17.25 to \$17.30; slight yorkers and \$16.55 to \$17.50; slight yorkers and \$16.55 to \$17.50; slight yorkers and \$16.50; stages \$14 to \$15. Sincep and lambs, receipts 1,800; active. Lambs strong at \$12 to \$17.75; others unchanged.

CHICAGO LIVE STO	OCK.	
Cattle, receipts 25,000.		
Beavers	7 30	14 75
Western	6 15	13 6
Stockers feeders	6 00	FF 10
Cows and heifers	5 00	1 9 5.
Caives	7 50	23 50
Hogs, receipts 35,000.		
Market slow.		
Light	16 00	37 75
Mixed	17 15	17. 36
Heavy	17 25	17 (41
Rough t	17 20	17 46
Pigs	13 00	1.5,55
Bulk of sales	17 35	17 50
Sheep, receipts 14,000. Market steady.		
Wethers	8 75	12 70 17 00
Lambs, native	12 50	17 90
	Secretary Section 1999	

MONTREAL MARKETS

Montreal Report-The offerings at the Canadian Pacific stock yards this morning amounted to 600 cattle, 650 sheep and lambs, 700 hogs, and 500 calves. Trading was good during the week, and the market was pretty well cleaned out. There are so few croises cattle offering that prices paid for the best were comparatively high, Choice steers especially were lacking. But-cher cows were a Hitle better in price, some choice selling at \$9. There was a good demand for canners' cattle selling at from \$5 to \$5.50. Lambs went as high as \$16.50, while some good sheep sold at \$12.50.

# The Day is Growing Longer.

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"Our earth appears to be slowly down its gift. Two 1 high \$22.6 \text{ is a fix who have just finished a long. I so the matter report that it now takes almost exactly three seconds longer for the world to turn over once tian it took on hundred years ago; and, a century hence still another three, seconds will have been added to the day.

"At this rate. Shakkespeare had nearly tim seconds less in his twenty-four trours than has a modern dramatist. We the Conqueror was handcapped a half minute in keeping up with his descendants. Julius Caesar was a whole minute to be adjusted been ame twenty of our days shorts of what his longeraniers would have claimed for him.

"Abraham and the carly Pharacia."

"Abraham and the early Pharacha would have been still, more pressed for

year. The carliest men, say in the year 190,000 B.C. wound have race to the carliest men, say in the year 190,000 B.C. wound have race to the carliest pay. For they had only twenty-three hours to do their living in, and were really only seventy-six years old when they thought they had reached four-moore. Edward Tenney Brewster, in "St. Nicholas."

A new stock for shotguns is so formed that it can be held in the usual way against a man's right showler, but almed with his left eye.



The Lord has hidden His face."

sadly cry, As we sit in the night of grief, with no helper by

"Guiding uncounted worlds in their courses dim,
How should our little pain be marked by Him?"

But all the while we mourn the Lord stands near, And the Son divine is waiting to help

and hear;
And 'tis we who hide our faces, and blindly turn away,
While the Sun of the soul shines on

'mid the perfect day. Sugan Coolidge.

Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.-I will teach you the good and the right way.—I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man ometh unto the Father, but by me.

Follow me.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few be that find

An highway shall be there, and way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.—Then shall we know, if

we follow on to know the Lord.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, i would have told you. I go to prepare a place for

# ANGEL ISLAND.

(By the late Rev. T. H. Miller.) Is there such an island; can I reach it, and shall I be welcome; will I find it, and shall the welcome, will thin quality and equality? We can answer to you satisfaction. The fare is paid, the ship is ready, come away. You ask may 1? and we answer, yes!

People came to Jesus and asked foolish questions; one was, did the marriage relation obtain in heaven?

"We do exceedingly err not knowing scriptures or the power of God. They neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God. Angels are messengers, bringers of dings. They are intellectual and imtidings. mortal beings. They watch, they wait mortal beings. They watch, they wait, they serve, they talk, they help, they tit, they go not from place to place, they are in every place; they are strong, wise, and stand in the presence of God unabashed; they encamp, they defend, they minister, they smite kings, confuse armies. They are the charlots of heaven!

Now the Master says of us, we are as the angels. How busy are the angels, they are submarine, under the sea; they are sub-terrean, under the

earth; they are sub-lunary, under the other element, an element that turns earth; they are sub-lunary, under the moon; they are sub-missive, they are under law. They need no light, they are always ahead, they hearken, they do. They know not fear, regard not results; they smite with blindness, darkness and death, they bring pestilence, famine and the sword. They destroy, perhaps they create. they paint the flowers, the wings of birds, they garnish the heavens. They keep secrets, they bless women. They work paint the flowers, the wings they garnish the heavens. They keep secrets, they bless women. They work secrets, they have and purpose. They secrets, they bless women.
in unity, harmony and purpose. They
do not weep, or if they do, it is for
joy. If they have a past, they have no future, they are ever present. They are sons of God; men are sons of God. and if you will think a little clearly. you will see that "now are we the sons of God," and we can go to this angel island and feel at home. Here you can visit, and stay, and be. You can be superior to time, flesh, and sea.

numility dwells with dignity, majest with meckness, exaltation through humility is the law of spiritual life. I passed the gangway it was hauled ashore and soon there was a space be-

KINSHIP.

Within the bulwarks of success, Aloof and strong-

Their comfort find In sacrifice that brings them near

CHRIST THE IMAGE OF GOD.

was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.—The brightness of His glory, and the express image of his person.— God was manifest in the flesh

have redemption In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgive-ness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.-Whom he did foreknow he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, might be the firstborn among many

brethren
As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image

(By the late Rev. H. F. Miller.)
To step on board a ship is an interesting act, it is distinct and definite. You leave the shore and go on an-

can visit, and stay, and be. You can be superior to time, flesh, and sea. space, hear the angels. You can be all this because you are a spirit.

Oh, wonder! we can live in two worlds at once—we can do our duty nere and live above it. On this island humility dwells with dignity, majests.

O peace—O holy rest, O balmy breath of Tove! O heart, divinest, best-Thy depth I prove! A life all lily-fair, And fragrant as the place Where seraphs are.

Ah, not so blest are they, who stand An envied throng,

As they, who, fighting heavy odds

All humankind. -Charlotte Becker.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.—No man hath seen God as any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father. He hath declared Him. And the Word

(Baltimore American)
"How did you get away from the traffic cop who was after you for speeding?
Did you foot him?"
"Well, not exactly, but we did manage
to throw dust in his eyes." We shouldn't accuse the taxidermist of the heavenly.

ON BOARD. of making his money in a skin game Sillicus-I think it is right and natural to take a friendly interest in other people's affairs. Cynicus —Yes, provided you don't take a greater in-terest than they do themselves.