SUNDAY READING.

CHRISTMAS.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair.
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming to-night ! On the snowflakes which cover the sod The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white, And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight,

That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,

That voice of the Christ-child shall fall,
And to every blind wanderer opens the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before, With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field Where the feet of the holiest have trod; This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed, When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,

That mankind are the children of God. -Phillips Brooks.

PULPIT, PRESS AND PLATFORM.

Dr. John Hall: The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.

Ram's Horn : Before we give up Christ for the pursuit of riches, hadn't we better ask a millionaire how much money it takes to make one happy?

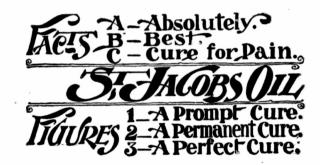
Rev. F. E. Marsh: But if men will not have God's mercy in love, they must have His might in judgment. He is almighty in grace (Gen. xvii. 1), but He is also almighty to punish (Rev. xv. 3).

Joseph Parker, D.D.: The great fight of life is a contention between the material and the spiritual. Goliath represents the material; he is towering in stature, vast in strength, terrible in aspect. David represents the spiritual; he is simple, trustful, reverent.

Rev. C. L. Williams: "Thou preventest [precedest] him with the blessings of goodness'-Ps. xxi. 3. Because God has gone before them, men find opportunities in their path and possibilities of happiness open to them. On all sides are evidences of his prevision and of the provision he has made tor all emergencies. His grace is far in advance of all human need.

Dr. Wm. M. Taylor: When we think of the tribal inheritance of Judah, still in a large degree retained by the Philistines, we bave a striking analogy to the heart of the is a hot bed where any kind of evil will grow, believer, wherein divers sins and lusts do as is manifested in the lives of the antedilustill contend for the mastery. Each of us has his own giant to fight, and here, too, it must be single combat, with no one to help us but He who went forth with the stripling David.

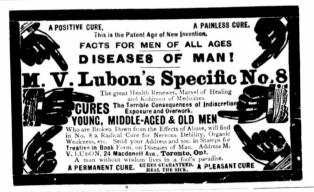
Rev. F. E. Marsh : Self-will, like the love of money, is a root of evil. Self-will is a blight that will turn the fairest spot on earth into the foulest, as illustrated in Adam by his sin marring his paradise. Self will is the forerunner of evil, as is seen when Cain protection of men and women in the Chris-





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brought a self-conceived sacrifice to God and was rejected in consequence. Self-will

Rev. James Millar: The other day a friend passed on to me some literature in the interests of the Society for the Prevention of Vivisection. The contentions of the society are that the experiments made upon five animals, without the use of anaesthetics, are unnecessary, are cruel to the subjects, and demoralizing to the experimenter. Will not some one start a kindred society for the

tian church against the operations performed upon them by their fellow Christians? How often the church society meeting is turned into a dissecting room, and some member operated upon with bared nerves and fine sensibilities, while every one present cuts and stabs with a bluntness and thoughtlessness amounting to cruelty, and tears and rasps the feelings of the poor unfortunate, with less than half of the mercy that is credited to the vivisectionists. Our Lord has written the constitution for such a society in a sentence, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." And all the arguments of the other society will apply literally.