LESSONS FROM GENERAL JOSHUA'S TAKING OF AI

Rev. Dr. Talmage Gets Ideas For Successful Christian Work From an Old Bible Battle Scene.

time battle scene Dr. Talmage in this discourse makes some startling sugges-tions as to the best styles of Christian work and points out the reason of so many plous failures. Text: "Then shall ye rise up from the ambush and seize upon the city"-Joshua viii., 7.

One Sunday evening, with my family around me, we were talking over the scene of the text. In the wide open scene of the text. In the wide open eves and the quick interrogations and the blanched cheeks I realised what a

make quick work with Joshua and his troops:"

No sooner had these people of Ai come out against the troops of Joshua than Joshua gave such a command as he seldom gave—"Fall back!" Why, they could not believe their own ears! Is Joshua's courage failing him? The retreat is beaten, and the Israelites are flying, throwing blankets and canteens on every side under this worse than Bull Run defeat. And you ought to hear the soldiers of Al cheer and cheer and cheer and cheer and cheer and creating their vision to get some signal from Joshua that they may know what time to drop upon the city. Joshua takes his burnished spear, giftering in the sun like a shaft of doom, and boints it toward the city, and when the men up yonder in the ambush seit with hawklike swoop they drop upon Ai and without stroke of sword or stab of spear take the city and put it to the torch.

So much for the division that was So much for the division that was in ambush. How about the division under Joshua's command? No sooner does Joshua stop in the flight than all his men stop with him, and as he wright the week they wheel, for in a voice of thunder he cried "Halt!" one strong arm driving back a torrent of flying troops. And then, as he points his spear through the golden light toward that fated city, his troops know that they are to start for it. What a comp that fated city, his troops know that they are to start for it. What a scene it was when the division in ambush down against the men of Ai on the one side, and the troops under Joshua doubled up their enemies from the other side, and the men of Ai were caught between these two hurricanes of Israelitish courage, thrust before and behind, stabbed in breast and back, ground between the upper and the nether millstones of God's indignation!

Woe to the city of Ai! Christian entreaty may accomplish. Oh, for more Christians in ambuscade on the listing in dileness, but waiting for a quick spring, waiting until just the right time comes! Do not rub a man's disposition the wrong way; do not take the imperative mood when the subjunctive mood will do just as well; do not talk in perfervid style to a phiegrament with an icicle. You can take any man for Christ if you know how to get at him.

tion rather than make an unchristian surrender, when on St. Bartholomew's day mounted assassins rode through the streets of Paris, crying "Kill!" Blood-letting is good in August! Kill!" Death to the Huguenots! Kill!" When Lady Jane Grey's head rolled from the executioner's block, when Calvin was imprisoned in the castle, when John Knox died for the truth, when John Bunyan lay rotting in Bedford jail, saying, "If God will help me and my physical life continues, I will stay here until the moss grows on my eyebrows rather than give up my faith," the days of retreat for the church were days of victory.

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Washington despatch: From an old | to Golgotha, back from Golgotha, to the mausoleum in the rock, back down over the precipices of perdition until he walked amid the caverns of the eternal captives and drank of the wine of nal captives and drank of the wine of the wrath of the Almighty God, amid the Ahabs, and the Jezebels, and the Belshazzars. Oh, men of the pulpit and men of the pew, Christ's descent from heaven to earth does not measure half the distance! It was from glory to perdition. He descended into hell. All the records of earthly retreat are as nothing compared with this falling

scene of the text. In the wide open eves and the quick interrogations and the blanched cheeks I realised what a birtilling drama it was. There is the old city, shorter by name than any other city in the ages, spelled with two letters, A., A. i. Joshua and his men want to take it. How to do it is the question. On a former occasion, in a straightforward, face to face fight, they had been defeated, but now they are going to take it by ambuscade, Gen. Joshua has two 4.visions in his army. The one division the battle worn commander will lead himself, the other division he sends off to encamp in ambush on the west side of the city of Al. No forches, no lanterns, no sound of fice y battallons, but 30,000 swarthy warriors moving in silence, speaking only in whisper; no clicking of swords against shields, lest the watchman of Al discover it and the strategrabe a failure. If the roistering soldier in the sractism army forgets blimself, all along the line the word is "Hush!"

Joshua takes the other division, the one with which he is to march, and buts it on the north side of the city of Al and then spends the night in reconnicering in the valley. There et a stands in the night and says to himself!

Yonder is the division in ambush on the west side of Al. Here is the division in ambush, hey behold the other division of the west side of Al. There is the dod city slumbering in its sin. To-morrow will be the battle." Look! The morning affready begins to tip the hills. The military offleers of Al look out in the morning very early, and, while they do not see the division in ambush, they behold the other divisions of Joshua, and the cry, "To arms!" rings through all the streets of the old town, and every sword, whether hacked and bent or newly wetded, is brought out, and all the crown early wetded, is brought out, and all the crown the side of the city of a command as a command as a stall the record of the city of a command the comma

Lesson the third: How much may Lesson the third: How much may be accomplished by lying in ambush for opportunities. Are you hypercritical of Joshua's manoeuver? Do you say that it was cheating for him to take that city by ambuscade? I answer, if the war was right, then Joshua was right in his stratagem. He violated no flag of truce. He broke no treaty, but by a lawful ambuscade captured the city of Al. Oh, that we all knew how to lie in ambush for opportunities to serve God. The best of our opportunities do not lie on the surface, but are secreted. By tact, by stratagem, by Christian ambuscade, you may take almost any castle of sia for Christ. Come up toward men with a regular besiegement of argument and you will be defeated, but just wait until the door of their hearts is set ajar, or they are off their mere and the product of their second and the second castle of their second castle of the control of their hearts is set ajar, or they are off their mere or they are off the mere or they are off the mere or th til the door of their hearts is set ajar, or they are off their guard, or their severe caution is away from home, and then drop in on them from a Christian

ambuscade.
Oh, make a flank movement! Steal a march on the devil! Cheat that man into heaven! A \$5 treatise that will stand all the laws of homiletics may fail to do that which a penny tract of Christian entreaty may accomplish

matilish courage, thrust before and behind. stabbed in breast and back, ground between the upper and the nether milistones of God's indignation. Woe to the city of Al! Cheer for Israel!

Lesson the first: There is such a thing as victorious retreat. Joshua's falling back was the first chapter in this successful besiegement. And there are times in your life when the best thing you can do is to run. You were once the victim of strong drink. The demijohn and the decanter were your foes. They came 40-wz. upon you with greater fury than the men of Ai upon the men of Joshua. Your ondy safety is to get away from them. Run for your life! Fall back! Fall back from the drinking saloon! Fall back from the drinking saloon! Fall back from the wine party! Your flight is your advance; your retreat is your victory.

Here is a converted infidel. He is so strong now in his faith in the gospel he says he can read anything. What are you reading? Bollusbroke? Andrew Jackson Dawis tracts? Tyndall's Glasgow university address? Drop them and run. You will be an Enfeld before you die if you don't quit that. These men of Ai will be too much for you. Turn your back on the rank and file of unbelief. Fly before they cut you with their swerds and transix you with their favelins.

So, also, there is victorious retreat in the religious world. Thousands of times the kingdom of Christ has seemed to fall back. When the bibod of the Scotch Covenanters gave a [deeper dye to the heather of the highlands, when the Vaudois of France chose extermination rather than make an unchristian surrender, when on St. Bartholomews day mounted assassins rode through the streets of Paris, crying "Kill!" when Lady Jana Grey's head rolled from the executioner's block, when Calvin was imprisoned in the castle, when John Knox died for the truth, when John Bunyan lay rotting in Bedford jail, saying, "16 God will help me and my physical life continues, I will say here until the moss grows on my eyebrows." en marching down from the other side, the last battlement of sin is compelled to swing out the streamers of Eman-uel. O, church of God, take aim and

I have heard it said, Look out for a man who has only one idea; he is ir-resistible. I say look out for the man who has one idea, and that a deter mination for soul saving. I believe God would strike me dead if I dared to point muscle and fresher brain and purer heart for God's work. I feel on my head the hands of Christ in a new ordination. Do you not fee! the same omnipotent pressure? There is a work for all of us. Oh, that we might stand up side by side and point the spear toward the city! It ought to be taken. It will be taken.

It is comparatively easy to keap on a parade afaid a shower of bouquets and hand clappings and the whole street full of crithuslastic nuzzas, but it is not so easy to stand up in the day

street full of enthusiastic nuzzas, but it is not so easy to stand up in the day of battle, the face hlackened with smoke, the uniform covered with the earth plowed up by whizzing bullets and bursting shells, half the regiment cut to pleces, and yet the commander crying "Forward, march!" Then it requires old-fashioned valor. My friends, the great trouble of the kingdom of God in this day is the cowards. They do splendidly on a parade day and at communion, when they have on their best clothes of Christian profession, but in the great battle of life, at the first sharpshooting of skepticism, they in the great battle of life, at the first sharpshooting of skepticism, they dodge, they fall back, they break ranks. We confront the enemy, we open the battle against fraud, and, lo, we find on our side a great many people that do not try to pay their debts. And we open the battle against intemperance, and we find on our own side a great many people who drink too much. And we open the battle against intemperance, and we find on our own side a great many people who drink too much. And we open the battle against infidelity, and, lo, we find on our own side a great many men who make hard speeches. And we open the battle against infidelity, and, lo, we find on our own side a great many men who are not quite sure about the book of Jonah. And while we ought to be massing our troops and bringing forth more than the united courage of Austerlitz and Waterloo and Gettysburg we have to be spending our time in hunting up ambuscades. There are a great many in the Lord's army who would like to go out on a campaign with satin slippers and holding umbrellas over their heads to keep off the heavy dew and having rations of canvasback ducks and lemon custards. If they cannot have them, they want to go home. They, think it is unhealthy among so many bullets!

I believe that the next year will be the most stupendous year that heaven ever saw. The nations are quaking now with the coming of God. It will be a year of successes for the men of Joshua, but of doom for the men of Ai. You put your ear to the rail track, and you hear the train coming miles away. So I put my ear to the ground, and I hear the thundering on of the lightning train of God's mercles and judgments. The mercy of God is first to be tried upon this nation. It will be preached in the pulpits. Year of mercles and of judgments; year of jubilee and of woe. Which side are you going to be on—with the men of Ai or the men of Joshua. Pass over this Sabbath into the vanks of Israel. I would clap my hands at the joy of your coming. You will have a poor chance for this world an sharpshooting of skepticism, they dodge, they fall back, they break ranks.

PRESERVING BEAUTY.

How Women My Help in Retaining Youth's Charms.

Some philosopher has said: Women are like flowers; at best they bloom and fade quickly. There is no present. They were yesternay blossoms; to-morrow they will be withered stems, unless they keep well beaten the path to the fountain of youth. Yet we read of Diana De Poitiers, the reign-ing beauty at the courts of three successive kings of France. One who knew her well said of her. "A: 60 successive kings of France. One who knew her well said of her: "At 60 years of age she was as charming, as fresh and as lovely as any lady of 30." We do not know by what subtle chemistry she preserved her beauty, but when she died at the age of 67 she had no rival among the younger beauties of her time. It was the age of cosmetics, therefore we may be sure that she employed the art preservative to its fullest extent, since she never grew old. Ellen Terry and servative to its fullest extent, since she never grew old. Ellen Terry and Sarah Bernhardt, two of the greatest living artists on the dramatic stage, are both charmingly young and agile, and both are grandmothers and have been for some years. These women thoroughly understand how by the best natural process and the aids the best natural process and the aids of cosmetic art they can retain not only the semblance of youth, but youth itself, "It is charm," Miss Terry said in a recent interview. Ah, yes. But how is that charm sealed? One But how is that charm sealed? One can easily understand that it is by making a constant levy on all the forces and traditions of beauty.

While the employment of oils and unguents has taken big place of the steamer in the specialists treatment, there are many who find an occasional steaming of the skin a great benefit to the face, especially where the color is bad, the texture coarse, and pimples or blackheads appear. Scrubbing the face with a good complexion brush and a suds of hygienic soap almost answers the same purpose, but a faceanswers the same purpose, but a face-steaming, followed by a light massage with a good face cream, will show for itself valuable results. The ease with which one can do the work at home commends the method. Take a face tub of boiling water and throw a tub of boiling water and throw a Turkish towel over your head, as you lean over the steam, as that is porous, and lets the air through. Ten minutes is long enough for the steaming process, and when that is over and the moist cuticle is puffed up and tender ay on a cloth dipped in ice-cold water or a moment to harden the flesh and for a moment to harden the less and then massage gently all the little crow's feet, wrinkles and lines or pin-head spots, as they will stand out in relief after the treatment. If your skin is oily feed it with skin food after it is steamed. If dry use the same method. For the oil in the skin is out

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out for the good of His people. Ron viii. 28. SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. V. APRIL 29, 1900.

Jesus and John the Baptist.-Luke 7; 18-28.

Supt.—What is the Golden Text? School.—He hath done all things well. Mark vii. 37. What is the Central Truth? Jesus can settle all doubts concerning Him-

what is the Topic? Jesus encouraging and commending John the Baptist
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message to John. 3rd. Christ's message to John. 3rd. Christ's testimony
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When was the Time? July, or August, A. D. 28.
Where was the Place? Somewhere in Galilee, perhaps at, or near, Nain.
Who were the Persons? Jesus. The disciples of John. The people.
What is the Parallel Account?
Matt. xi. 2-14.
Commentary.—On the next day after healing the centurion's servant Heled His disciples southward to Nain, where He raised to life the widow's son, who was about to be buried. Proson, who was about to be buried. Pro-bably at the same time and piace He received the messengers from John the Baptist, and answered John's questions.

18. Disciples of John showed Him-John was confined in prison in the fortress of Machaerus, on the southern border of Peraca. His confinement was not of the closest kind, as his disciples were allowed interviews with him. Of all these things-The miracles which Jesus had performed, and, perhaps, an account of some of His public discourses.

19. Art thou he that should come?

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—Some suppose that John sent this message for his own information, others think that his purpose was to confirm the faith of his disciples in Jesus as the Messiah, while all agree that John was anxious to have Him declare openly. His Messiashin. Or look we for openly, His Messiaship. Or look we for another—John had confidence in the integrity of Jesus, and believed that if He, after all, were only a fore-runner like himself, He would say so plainly.

20. The men were come unto him-

These disciples of John needed encouragement. It was a severe test to them to see John in prison so long.

24. In that hour he cured many

—They find Jesus in the midst of His miraculous activity. Some suppose that these disciples only remained with Jesus one year. And of evil spir-its—In the account of the sick here healed. Luke, the physician, distin-guishes the demoniacs from naturally

sick persons.—Lange.
22. Go your way and tell John —
Jesus kept them long enough to show
them the remarkable cures which He them the remarkable cures which he was performing. Christ would have men judge of Him and of others, by their works. This is the only safe way of judging. The blind see—In His reply Jesus combined the highest wisdom with the highest power; He appealed to His works, by which John could not fail to recognize Him as could not fail to recognize Him as the Messiah.—Lange. The dead are raised. They probably witnessed the raising of the widow's son at Nain. To the poor the gospel is preached-

To the poor the gospel is preached—
This is the crowning proof of His
Messiashlp. "The preaching of the
gospel to the poor is the highest signature for the divinity of the gospel." The greatest mercy and the
greatest miracle of all.

23. Shall not be offended in me—
Christ's education at Nazareth, Hisresidence in Gallice, the humble life of
his family and relation, his poverty,
and the lowiness of his followers—
these 'and the like were stumbling
blocks to many; he is blessed that is
not overcome by these things.—
Henry. See I Pet. ii. 7, 8.

24. He began to speak unto the
people—In answer to their thoughts
and secret questionings. They
might imagine from John's message
that the Baptist wavered in his faith,
and that his imprisonment had shaken
his constancy. What went ye out...
for to see—This is a reference to

his constancy. What went ye out.... for to see—This is a reference to for to see—This is a reference to John's early ministry, when the whole country went to hear and see him. Matt. iii. 5. A reed shaken with the wind—The reed of Palestine is a very tall cane, growing twelve feet high, with a magnificent blossom at the top, and so tender and yielding that it will lie perfectly flat under a gust of wind, and immediately resume its upright position.—Tristram.

25. A man clothed in soft raiment—A second excellency of John was his

A second excellency of John was his sober, self-sacrificing life. Gorgeous A second excellency of John was his sober, self-sacrificing life. Gorgeous raiment was the mark of effeminate persons: John was clothed with a camel's-hair garment. "A preacher of the gospel should have nothing about him that savors of worldly pomp; he is greatly mistaken who thinks to prevall on the world to hear him, and to receive the truth, when he conforms himself to worldly fashions and customs." Are in king's courts — I you desire to see gorgeous apparel and delicate living, go to Herod's pal-

and delicate living, go to Herod's palace.

26. Much more than a prophet—1.

Because he was himself the object of prophecy. 2. Because he pointed out the Messiah, whom others foretold, and saw him whom kings and prophets desired to see. 3. He was fore-runner as well as prophet. It was his mission, not merely to foretell the coming of the Lord, but to prepare the people to receive Kim.—Abbott. 27. Of whom it is written—In Mal. iii. 1—An allusion to one who went iii. 1.—An allusion to one who went before a king to remove all obstacles out of the way and prepare for his coming. (See third lesson of first quarter.) John was the instrument in the Lord's hands of preparing the

method. For the oils in the skin is out of its proper place, and will retreat before the action of the cold cream. Hot milk and water are used by many in preference to pure water, milk being considered a tonic when used as a cosmetic, making the skin white and fine. I would not advise daily or nightly use of the face-steaming bath, nor even as frequently as once a week. Twice every month immediate treatment of massage and plenty of open-air exercise. Please remember that living in a hot room all day in a dry, lifeless atmosphere, is the worst test to which one's complexion can be subjected.

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Two personages of great prominence are before us—Jesus and John the Baptist. Two messages and a testimony are the subjects for reflection. John's message to Jesus excites wonderment and inquiry. John sent to Jesus, saying: "Art Thou He that should come? or look we for another?" V. 19. Surely "He that should come" must be the coming One, the Messiah, of whom John was the forerunner. But why such an embassy, and why such why such an embassy, and why such an inquiry? Had not Jesus already been recognized by him as the one who should "baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire?" as "the Lamb of God?" We must look at His surroundings and condition for the true explanation. explanation.

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Jesus' answer to the embassy. "In that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind He gave/sight." Now, says the Saviour, "Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard." The truths heard and the miracles seen are included among the evidences of Christ's divine character and mission. They were to carry the testi-

sion. They were to carry the testimony of their own observations. Christ's testimony concerning John. "And when the messengers of John were departed He began to speak unto the people concerning John." v. tion of John's disciples by an appeal to their own senses. He now retiles. to their own senses. He now replies to the thoughts of the multitude concerning John. He reminds them of what John was. They might have imagined from John's message that he wavered in his faith or that his Imprisonment had shaken his constancy. "Jesus teaches them that John was not an inconsistent and vascillating man, but a man of inflexible resolution and invincible courage.

Thoughts .- "The proof of Christ lanity is the beneficent effects on the world, and especially to the poor and sick. Note the wonderful privileges of the Christian; He stands to-day upon the top of all the fathers have built. The gospel is presented in dif-ferent ways and different aspects, to attract all classes of people and meet all kinds of needs; but those who are determined not to serve God will find fault. no matter which way it is presented."

WON BRIDE IN LOTTERY,

But Klose Drew a Blank Instead of a Prize.

DESERTED HIM THREE TIMES.

keeps a farniture store on the corner of Newark street and Park avenue, Hoboken. He asked the local police yesterday to keep his young wife from visiting his home. He says she has deserted him at least three times side they were marked discontinuous. since they were married, six weeks

Mrs. Klose never loved her husband. She admits this uncongenial condition of things. She unhesitatingly asserts that her marriage with Max was a of things. She unhesitatingly asserts that her marriage with Max was a business affair, as she believed she would have a comfortable home and an easy life for many years to come. That marriage is a lottery was practically demonstrated in Mrs. Klose's case. She was won by a game of chance.

She boarded, before she changed her name, with a Mrs. Slevers, on Second street, Hoboken. In the same house resided a young man named Harry in the west are encouraging.

name, with a Mrs. Sievers, on Second street, Hoboken. In the same house resided a young man named Harry Vogart. He fell in love with Bertha. This was the Christian name of the young and pretty Jewess. She partly reciprocated his affection. Business brought Klose to the Second street house, and he fell in love with Bertha and lost no time in telling her so. He next told her that he wished to make her his wife.

A MATTER OF BUSINESS. The girl hesitated, but the landlady, who was a business woman, told Bertha to accept the offer. She agreed, but a protest was lodged against the proposed compact by Vogart, who said that he had a prior claim on the girl's affections. Bertha was undecided how to act, and, seeing her hesitancy, Vogart exclaimed: "Let's draw lots for her."

Klose didn't like the idea, but the younger lover was positive and de-

younger lover was positive and de-monstrative. Two straws were pro-cured and cut into different lengths. Bertha held the straws and Vogart had first pull. He drew the shorter

had first pull. He drew the shorter straw, and Klose smiled and got closer to his intended bride.

"That draw wasn't fair!" protested the younger man. "Bertha should not have held the straws. Let Mrs. Sievers hold them."

This was agreed upon after a vigorous kick from Klose. Again Vogart lost. The furatture dealer hurried Bertha to the office of Justige of the Peace Gaescke, at Newark and Clinton streets, and in express time the knot was tied.

LIKED BREAKFAST IN BED.

Trouble began a week later, when Bertha refused to get up in the morn-ings and breakfast with her lord and master. She preferred having her breakfast in bed. This was too much Max, and he said rude things to s bride of a week, and she left the house for three days. Twice again this was repeated, and the fourth time was too much for the husband. He called upon the police to help him, as related. Klose was advised by the sergeant in charge of the desk to apply, to the Court of Chancery for redress.—N. Y. Telegraph.

DEATH INTERVENED.

Ephraim Convay, Sentenced for Manslaughter, Released to Die.

Paris, Ont., April 20.—Ephraim Convay died at his residence, Princeton, last evening, aged 77. He was convicted of the manslaughter of George Frost at the Woodstock assizes, on September 3, 1897, and sentenced to five years. He was released last spring and sent home to die.

Convay killed a Barnardo boy, emoved on the farm at Princeton. The ployed on the farm at Princeton. The lad had repeatedly annoyed him, and one day when the pair were working in the barn the old man drew a pistot and shot his tormentor dead. Much sympathy was felt for the aged man at the time of his trial, the crime having been committed under great prevocation. provocation.

There are artesian ideas and emotions in us all, lacking only the pro-per machinery to bring them to the surface.—H. A. Kendall.

Market Reports The Week.

Leading Wheat Markets. Following are the closing prices important wheat centres to day

	Cash.	May.
Chicago w	8	3 0 66
New York	: .	0 73 3-8
Milwaukee	0 67	
St. Louis	0.71	0 70
Toledo	0 71 1-2	0 71 3-4
Detroit, red	0 71 3-4	
Detroit, white	0713-4	0 71 3-4
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Toronto Farmers' Market. Wheat steady; 150 bushels sold as ollows: White, 70 to 71c; goose at

70c. Barley—One load sold at 45c. Oats easier; 300 bushels sold

Hay—One load sold at \$11 per ton. Straw—Two loads sold at \$8 to \$9 per ton. Dressed Hogs-Prices easy, at \$7 to

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Wheat—Two hundred bushels of white fall wheat sold steady at 70c to 71c and one hundred bushels of goose 1c firmer at 74c to 74 1-2c.

Oats—One hundred bushels sold for \$1.32c.

at 33c. at 33c.

Hay and straw—Twenty loads of hay sold unchanged at \$11 to \$12 a ton and one load of straw at \$9.

Market for other farm products was ight and prices unchanged.

Seeds. In Chicago to-day timothy seed closed unchanged at \$2.40 nominal for April and clover steady at \$7.75 nominal for April, all per 100 lbs. In To-ledo old prime clover closed 10c lower at \$4.85 and April steady at \$5.15 per bushel. per bushel.

Dominion Trade Returns.

Ottawa, April 20.—The exports for the month of March show an increase of nearly \$2.000,000, and imports an increase of over \$2,000,000. Bradstreets' on Trade.

The Easter holidays interrupted The Easter holidays interrupted business this week at Montreal, but the first half of the week showed a fair movement in wholesale departments. The outlook for business later in the month is encouraging. There have been comparatively few failures so far this month. The local mills are very busy.

Business at London continues fair. The Easter business has been good. Remittances are fair.

Trade at the Coast is improving a little. The settlement of the labor

The settlement of the labo troubles at Rossland has had a stimu-lating effect on business. The controubles at Rossland has had a stimulating effect on business. The conditions of business generally are healthy, and the outlook is promising. Building operations at Vancouver are active and labor is welf employed. At the moment collections are slow. Spring salmon have been running freely.

At Hamilton trade reports are very satisfactory "Pravellers" orders

in the west are encouraging.

At Toronto there has been a moderately active trade done this week. Business was interfered with by the travellers returning home before the close of the week for the Easter holidays. Values of all critical states are the states of the st days. Values of all staple goods con tinue very firm NOTES.

The warm spring weather this week has caused a better demand for spring goods

The market for wools is lower. Local dealers are now bidding only 15c to 17c per pound for Ontario fleece wool. This decline is owing to the fact that wools which correspond in merchantable value to tho

merchantable value to those produced of in Ontario can be bought in the British markets for 8½d.

There has been a sharp decline in the price of eggs the past week, nearly 50 per cent. One reason of the sudden drop in the price was that large quantities were held back for the Easter trade and then rushed into the market, which became glutted with stocks.

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according to R. G. Dun & Co. business failures in Canada the past week totalled 17 against 36 the preceding week, and 22 the corresponding week of 1899. By Provinces they were: Ontario 6, Quebec 4, Nova Scotia and Manitoba 1 each, and British Columbia 5.

ATTACKED BY CROWS.

Remarkable Adventure of a Farmer Near Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 20.—Lem-uel Hinds, a farmer, living four miles west of here, was attacked by a large flock of crows while at work in the ield yesterday and painfully injured. Hinds was distributing fertilizer when a great swarm of crows settled around him. There must have been at tempted to drive them away, but instead of being frightened they viciously attacked him. He beat them off as best he could with a pitchfork, killing quite a number, but they continued to peck his face and neck. His cries for help brought his wife and two boys, with a shotgun. Several shots were meip brought his wife and two boys, with a shotgun. Several shots were fired into the flock, and they fiew away with loud cries. Twenty-eight dead crows and a dozen maimed birds were picked up on the ground after the battle. Mr. Hinds' injuries are quite severe. The crows are thought to be part of the immense flock now canning in the prestern exterior. camping in the western outskirt the city.

Give the Baby Water to Drink. It is a mistake to suppose because nilk is a liquid food it is, at the same time a drink which is capable of sat-isfying the thirst of infants. Although milk appeases hunger, it makes thirst more intense after it has remained some time in the stomach and digestion of it has begun. It is thirst which causes healthy breast-neurished. infants to cry for long periods of time in many instances. The child would be benefited in a great many ways if al