



SERMON.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—JOHN 12. 32.

THESE memorable words Jesus uttered in Jerusalem a few days before He suffered. He had that solemn event full before Him. The hour so frequently named by prophetic page was at hand, Calvary was hard by. The materials of the cross were already shaped. In less than a week, His body, then in the fullness of youthful vigor, would undergo death in its most exposed, most shameful, most excruciating form. Jesus knew all this, and moment by moment He was voluntarily and steadfastly approaching it.

Certain Greeks having come to Jerusalem to be in readiness for the Feast of the Passover, expressed to Philip a wish to "see Jesus." Possibly these Gentile proselytes to the Jewish faith were devout men, waiting for "the consolation of Israel." Gentiles from the