

this you must judge. If it be not, principle must not be sacrificed to interest. You must apply discipline. God's law in regard to the Sabbath is supreme, and must be vindicated. (Acts iv: 19.)

"A. B. C."—Is it true that some of the leading theatres in New York are owned and managed by *clergymen*? A.: As this question has been asked us frequently we have made diligent inquiry, and the only basis of the rumor, so far as we can discover, is, that the publisher of a New York religious weekly, who happens to be the brother of a clergyman, is the financial manager of one of our city theatres.

"J. C. S."—Who were "the inhabitants of the valley" named in Judges i: 19?—A.: We are often queried on points which any person can answer for himself if he will refer to his Concordance or to a good Encyclopedia. We must decline to reply to such questions, as it is not fair to our thousands of readers. We depart from the rule in this case. By reference to Joshua xvii: 16, it will

be seen that they were "Canaanites," noted for their strength and fierceness. The house of Joseph complained to Joshua because they had not a larger part of the land, and he bids them (seeing they were a warlike tribe) go down into this valley and conquer and expel these Canaanites and possess it, "though they have iron chariots and be strong." It was a challenge to them to do their duty.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES REFERRED TO OUR READERS.

"J. A. P." in April number asks: Is Pres. Edwards' sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," published, and by whom? "W. R. B." answers that it is published in "Masterpieces of Pulpit Eloquence," Vol. II. (in 2 vols., \$5.)

"F. W. R."—Can you name any sermon treating the question, "Will the Heathen be saved without the Gospel"? "W. B." answers: Dr. Bushnell's sermon, entitled "The Outside Saints," in his volume, *Sermons on Living Subjects*, \$2.

THEMES AND TEXTS OF RECENT LEADING SERMONS.

1. Unselfish Praying. "I beseech thee shew me thy glory."—Ex. xxxiii: 18. C. F. Deems, D.D., New York.
2. Spiritualism Unclean and Adulterous.—Deut. xviii: 10-12. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., Brooklyn.
3. The Mind-Cure. "Yet in his [Asa's] disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers."—2 Chron. xvi: 12, 13. A. C. Bartol, D.D., Boston.
4. Experience the True Test in Religion. "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good."—Ps. xxxiv: 8. Hugh S. Carpenter, D.D., Brooklyn.
5. Common Life. "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing?" etc.—Matt. x: 29. Prof. David Swing, D.D., Chicago.
6. A Wonderful Picture. "And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it," etc. Luke xix: 41, 42. A. E. Kittredge, D.D., Chicago.
7. High Doctrine and Broad Doctrine. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John vi: 37. Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, London, England.
8. Christ's Kingdom a Spiritual Power. "My kingdom is not of this world."—John xviii: 36. Moses Hoge, D.D., Richmond, Va.
9. Significance of Christ's Seamless Robe. "Now the coat was without seam."—John xix: 23. H. H. Rivers, D.D., Louisville, Ky.
10. Needless weeping. "Woman, why weepest thou?"—John xx: 13. John R. Paxton, D.D., New York.
11. Questions of Expediency. "Let us not therefore judge one another . . . that no man put a stumbling-block . . . in his brother's way."—Rom. xiv: 13. S. J. McPherson, D.D., Chicago.
12. The Argument for the Resurrection.—1 Cor. xv. William M. Taylor, D.D., New York.
13. Looking Into the Future. "For we that are in this tabernacle do groan," etc.—2 Cor. v: 4. C. H. Parkhurst, D.D., New York.
14. Paul's Prayer for his Brethren. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," etc.—Eph. iii: 14. John A. Broadus, D.D., Louisville, Ky.
15. Orthodoxy vs. Agnosticism. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine," etc.—2 Tim. iv: 3. S. J. Nicholls, D.D., St. Louis.

SUGGESTIVE THEMES.

1. Seven days of strange Delay—a fearful trial of Noah's Faith. ("And Noah went in . . . into the ark . . . And on the seventh day [marginal reading] the waters of the flood were upon the earth . . . And the Lord shut him in."—Gen. vii: 7-10; 16.)
2. The Evil of Borrowing. ("As one was felling a beam the axe-head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed."—2 Kings vi: 5.)
3. Heart Sickness. ("Why is thy countenance sad, seeing that thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart."—Neh. ii: 2.)
4. A Waiting God and a Waiting People. ("And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you," etc.—Isa. xxx: 18.)
5. God's Law of Correction. ("I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."—Jer. xxx: 11.)