A LAY SERMON.

the Chinese had the compass and did not give us its benefits. Why. Because the Chinese had not the teaching of the Royal Psalmist and heavenly inspired geographer David, who first calls our earth round. Neither had the Chinese the electric power of that stupendous miracle on the shore of the Red Sen, when heaven and earth joined forces, and told mankind for all ages to go forward, in all times and places, to duty; heedless of raging billows, Greenland's icy mountains or India's coral strand, or to trace crime. Go forward is our duty, progress and diffusion of power is our watchword. It is in our nature by the power of our Creator and inspiration of Holy Writ. Look at our homes, sweet, sweet homes, when they are not corrupted by vice and Neroie monsters; at our big ha Bible, the voice of song and praise, the Sabbath bell pealing the marriage of earth to neaven. But hark to that music pealing from that solemm temple; the sun hinself seems to linger over that glorious scene, and those grand, melodious sacred sounds going from earth to heaven.

> All people that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, Come ye, before Him, and rejoice.

Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to man. This is Milton's sevenfold chorus of hallelujah and harping symphonies. There are thy triumphs, thy exploits, O man; you show yourself worthy the majesty of your mission as a co-worker with the great I AM. Nature and the human art is a working model of the spiritual, the earth is crammed with heaven and every common bush a fire with 'God for man's use.

> How excellent in all the earth, Lord, our Lord, is Thy name; Who hast Thy glory far advanced Above the starry frame. When I look up into the heavens, Which Thine own fingers framed, Unto the moon, and to the stars, Which were by Thee ordained,

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