OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS

The State Department Never Had So Many Complications.

MONROE DOCTRINE TO THE FORE.

The Attention of the Whole World Concentrated on Washington and the Possibilities of Hostilities Between This Country and Several Transatlantic Nations ... The Policy of Non-Interference.

The extraordinary number and rapid sequence of foreign complications of a more or less serious nature which have suddenly come upon the State Department have precipitated a situation in which the United States Government has not been placed before for a great many years, and the opinion of foreign diplomatists in Washington is that the attention of all Europe has been, in a remarkable short interval of time, transferred from international affairs and rumors of war in the Old World to the alleged possiilities of hostile relations between this coun-

try and several of the European Nations. Even the Japanese-Chinese war, which is still in progress, is believed to be in the way to a harmonious termination by the peace negotiations; and the attitude of the United States Government with regard to its own interests, in opposition to the behavior of European Nations on this side of the world, is virtually absorbing attention across the

The State Department has never, within the experience of men new living, had so many difficult foreign questions on its hands, or been interested in so many commotions in the smaller republics of this continent. The dispute with Spain about the Allianca

and the status of Cuba, quarrels with Great Britain about Bluefields and Alaska, are direct commercial interests in the threatened war of Mexico and Guatemala, the peculiar complication in the Venezuelan contention with British Guiana, the Salvador uprising, the Brazilian and Peruvian revolutions, the hostile position of Argentina and the rebellion in Colombia, all of which are of special coneern to the commercial and political relations of this country, have virtually concentrated the attention of the whole world on the State Department at Washington.
The necessity of maintaining: the policy of

non-interference by European powers with North and South American affairs, common-ly known as the "Monroe doctrine," by diplomacy, if possible, by force, if necessary, and the protection of our interests, particularly in Bering Sea, against Canadian contention, emphasize the complicated situation to an extraordinary degree.

The Hawaiian muddle also, which was re-

garded as settled, is revived by Secretary Gresham's demand for Minister Thurston's withdrawal. The outcome of any and all those matters cannot fail, in the long run, to redound to the credit and dignity of the United States: but meanwhile it is feared that mistakes may occur, and the immediate future is doubtful.

OUR FOOD PRODUCTS ABROAD. The Exclusion of American Meats Also a Grave Problem.

In addition to all of these acute foreign inplications which confront the State De partment, the administration has a very grave problem to deal with in the action of Germany and other European countries in excluding American food products. The President and Secretary Gresham are still very reluctant to adopt retaliatory tactics for the reason that it would injuriously affect the foreign commerce of the United States and reduce the revenue from customs. They are being strongly pushed, however, to take such action by the farmers, meat packers and others interested in the exporting of farm products. Whether there will ultimately be a commercial war or not will depend, in large part, on the action of Germany. Advices just communicated to the State Department put a more hopeful aspect on the situation. The German Consuls are beginning to make their influence felt with that Government, and the Department has reason

to American meats and other products Great Britain in South America.

to believe that there will be a reaction

against the agrarian movement and that the

ports of Germany will once more be opened

Despatches received at the State Depart-Washington from Ambassador Bayard at London, in response to telegrams asking him to ascertain the attitude of Great Britain in case Nicaragua should refuse to pay the indemnity demanded for the exculsion of the British Consul, Mr. Hatch, in icate that England will not seek to acquire American territory. The intimation has also come from the British Government of a disposition to submit the Venezuelan question

Cabinet Meeting on the Subject.

The Cabinet met at the White House and discussed the international complications, including the Venezuelan and Nicaraguan situations and the Allianca affair. In accordance with President Cleveland's views, it is said to have been decided that no decisive action shall be taken at present in

reference to any of the foreign complications. DEATH OF RICHARD VAUX.

The Well-Known Philadelphia Gentleman of the Old School Passes Away.

Ex-Congressman Richard Vaux, who had been ill of the grip at his home in Philadelphia, Penn., for several days, is dead. He was seventy-five years of age.

Richard Vaux was born in Philadelphia in 1819. He came of old Quaker stock. For years he had been prominent there, and was one of the most eccentric men in that city. Mr. Vaux was a gentleman of the old sehool, and a man of striking personal appearance. One of his marked peculiarities was that he has never worn an overcoat nor carried an umbrells, no matter what the state of weather. and he always appeared on the street in

patent leather pumps.

While Secretary to Minister Stevenson at the Court of St. James's many years ago Mr. Vaux enjoyed the honor unusual to a citizen of a republic of being selected by Queen Vic-toria to dance a quadrille with her. Mr. Vaux was Mayor of Philadelphia. Recorder (an office now abolished), and was elected to the Fifty-second Congress to finish the unexpired term of Samuel J. Randall.

Hypnotism for Hydrophobia.

A leading physician at Chattanooga, Tenn. has created a sensation in the medical profession by completely curing by hypnotic influence a man who had been bitten by a mad patient was in a frenzied condition, border ng on madness.

A Famous Bull Fighter Gored to Death. Word has been received of the fatal goring at Cullican, State of Sinaloa, of Ponciano Diaz, the most famous bull fighter in Mexico and impressario of the Bucarell bull ring, in the City of Mexico. He was gored in the groin and badly trampled. Demoterio Rodriguez, who was lately killed in a similar way

at Durango, was an old associate of Diaz.

Twenty-eight Fishermen Drowned. Twenty-eight fishermen were drowned during a storm on Lake Kuennerow, in Pommerania, Germany.

MASSACRED BY CHITRALIS.

Lieutenant Ross and Forty-six Sikhs Surrounded and Shot.

News was received of the defeat of a Sikh company under Lieutenant Ross, of the British Army, by Chitralis in India. Lieutenant Ross and sixty Sikhs were marching to reinforce the troups at Reshun. The na-Karagb, fusilladed them and forced them to

They followed the company closely and eventually hemmed them in on all sides.

There were about 1000 natives, all firing steadily upon the Sikhs. Ross, forty-six Sikh soldiers, and eight camp followers were left dead on the field. The rest of the force

LI HUNG CHANG WOUNDED.

A Young Japanese Shoots at the Old

At the close of the peace conference at Shimonoseki, Japan, Li Hung Chang, China's representative, when returning home, was shot at by a young Japanese and wounded in the cheek. The imperial doctor was immediately summoned to attend the Viceroy.

Much regret at this unfortunate event was



felt both by the Japanese Government and

The Central News correspondent says that Li Hung Chang was returning from the peace conference in which he conducts ne-gotiations in behalf of the Chinese mission, and was accompanied by several of his suite. When he was a short distance from his apartments a young Japanese ran up to him and fired a pistol in his face. The young man was seized and disarmed at once by the police. At the station house he gave his name as Koyama and his age as twenty-one years. According to the short report received in Tokio, Li's wound is not dangerous.

FATAL AND DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

Lives Lost and Property Consumed by

Fierce Blazes. All but one member of Hose Company No. 3 lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the St. James Hotel .. at Denver, Col. The Hose Company, excepting the Captain, is composed of colored men. The dead are: Harold W. Hartwell, Captain; F. S. Brawley, Lieutenant; Rich-ard Dandridge; Stephen Martin. The ard Dandridge; Stephen Martin. The blaze was discovered by the clerk. Every room in the house was occupied. All occupants escaped without injury. The ortunate firemen were groping about in blinding smoke in the rotunda of the hotel when the tile and cement gave way, precipitating the basement, where into were mangled and suffocated. Four other firemen who fell with them managed to climb out, though badly bruised and lacerated and nearly overcome by the dense smoke. It was more than an hour after the accident that the body of Captain Hartwell was found, and fully two hours later before the others were

A \$700,000 Fire in Kansas City. Fire destroyed the greater portion of Reed Brothers' packing house in Armourdale, Kansas City, Mo., involving a loss of fully \$700,000. The packing house plant is in the west bottoms, and thousands of people gathered on the west bluff of the city to view the fire. The fire started in the third story of the hog building a structure of three stories. At building, a structure of three stories. At 7.10 p. m. the first wall fell, and then the fire spread to the ice houses, five in number. All were destroyed. Next the flames attacked the storage building, four stories high. It was packed from top to bottom with pork. The floors and walls were soaked with grease and burned like tinder. The plant occupied sixteen acres of ground just across the bridge in Armourdale. The daily capacity was 700 cattle, 250 sheep and 3000 hogs. The average number of hands employed had been 1100.

Burned to Death.

two-story nouse at \$11 Catnarine street, I'hil-ndelphia, Penn.. Minnie Witt, aged seven-teen, and Frank, her brother, aged nine, were severely, and Mrs. Welmina Klosman, the grandmother of the two children, fatally, burned. The house is occupied by Frederick Klosman as a bakery.

A Theatre Burned in Chicago. The United States Theatre, known until-lately as Sam T. Jack's Empire Theatre, No. 144 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill., was destroyed by fire. The fire was started by an explosion, which blew a hole in the of the building and sent into the air a sheet of flame to the height of 150 or 200 feet.

HOSTILE TO BISMARCK.

The German Reichstag Declines to Proffer

Birthday Congratulations. The German Reichstag at Berlin, by a vote of 163 to 146, rejected the proposal of Herr von Levetzow, President of that body, that the Reichstag charge him with the duty of offering the congratulations of the Chamber to Prince Bismarck upon the occasion of the ex-Chancellor's eightieth birthday. When the result of the vote was announced, President von Levetzow immediately resigned.

The Socialists, Radicals, Catholics, Independents, and Poles succeeded in defeating the measure. Animmense uproar resulted in the House and cries of "shame!" came from the floor and the galleries. There were loud cheers from the Opposition when President von Levetzow left the chair. The Government supporters proclaimed that the Reich-stag had made itself ridiculous in the eyes of the world and demands were made for the immediate dissolution of the Chamber. The incident was straightway reported to

Emperor William, who immediately sent to Prince Bismarck this telegram: "Prince von Bismarck, Duke von Lauen-Friedrichsruh: I have to convey to Your Serene Highness the expression of my most profound indignation at the action which the Reichstag has just taken. It is in direct opposition to the feelings of all the German Princes and peoples. WILLIAM."

Emperor William received the following "To His Majesty, Emperor and King: pray Your Majesty to accept the respectful expression of my gratitude for the most gracious message by which Your Majesty has transformed the action of my political op-ponents, concerning which I am not yet fully

informed, into a source of joyful satisfaction. "BISMARCK. The loss of an army bill could not have excited Germany more than the Reichstag's refusal to congratulate Bismarck.

CRUISER CHICAGO HOME.

More Than Forty Ports.

She Has Carried the American Flag Into

Once more in American waters, after an absence of a year and three-quarters, the United States cruiser Chicago, Captain Alfred T. Mahan commanding, steamed through the Narrows, New York Harbor, and anchored off Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Since the great naval celebration the Chicago has been on the European station, acting as the flagship. Her cruise has been a series of triumpas for the ship and officers, and in particular for Captain Mahan, who was received abroad with such honors as have seldom, if ever been accorded to any other American naval

The Chicago has carried the American flag into more than forty ports, from England to Syria. She has been gone one year and nine months, and has cruised 21,380 miles.

Big Gale in South England.

A sovere gale swept the south of England. Many houses were unroofed. In London three persons were killed and three others three persons were killed and that severely injured by falling walls. A race-boat on the Thames was upset and its two boat on the Thames was upset and its two boat on the Thames was upset and its two boat on the Thames was upset and its two boat on the Thames was upset and the Thames was upset a occupants were drowned. Many isolated cases of death in the storm have been reported from the provinces.

DOCTORING PAPER MONEY

Counterfeiters Ingeniously Raising One Dollar Bills to \$10.

Counterfeit bills have appeared in Omaha, Neb., showing that sharpers know of some chemical that removes the ink from the paper from which greenbacks are manufactured without injuring the paper. Then the crooks put in other figures, raising the amount ten-fold. The First National Bank received one of the bill, and another was exhibited to the Merchants' National Bank teller. Both had

ome from retailers.

The bill at the First National is a \$1 Treasury note, payable in com, of the series of 1886, and with the likeness of Stanton on of 1886, and with the likeness of Stanton of one side. The other is a silver certificate of the 1880 series, on which appears the face of Martha Washington. Without the use of the glass to follow the ink stains in the fibre of the paper the only manner in which the spurious bills can be detected is by the vignettes on either side. This betrays its spurious origin, but affords a practetion except to experts, who are no protection except to experts, who are aware that these likenesses do not appear on any bills of the denomination of \$10. secret service agent said an alarming feature of the case is that chemicals are being used by this gang to remove the figures in the original. The fibre of the paper in use is supposed to be proof against this sort of manipulation. Probably two dozen figures must be removed in each bill handled and thers substituted.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

European Interference on This Hemisphere

Dangerous to Our Peace and Safety. President Monroe was elected in 1816, and in 1820 he was re-elected. Chile declared its independence of Spain in 1810, Paraguay in 1811. Colombia, then including Venezuela, in 1819, Mexico in 1821, Peru in the same year, and Brazil revolted from Portuguese domination in 1822. The other States of South and Central America, notably, Argentina, had followed in the footsteps of the United States by freeing themselves. of the United States by freeing themselves from European control, and the covert proposition to re-establish it evoked from the President these never-to-be-forgotten words,

Part of his annual message to the Eighteenth Congress on December 2, 1823: "We owe it to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and the allied powers, to declare that we should consider any attempt on that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any por-tion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existing colo-nics or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered, and shall not nterfere; but with the Governments which have declared their independence and main-tained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and just principles acknowledged, we could not view an interposition for oppressing them, or con-trolling in any other manner their desting, by any European power, it any other light than as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States.

A BIG FIRE IN MILWAUKEE.

Several of the Largest and Finest Buildings in the City Destroyed.

A fire which originated in the building occupied by the A. F. Tanner Furniture Company and Landauer & Co., dry goods, at Milwaukee, Wis., became one of the most destructive fires ever known in that city. The

loss was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Before the fire department arrived on the scene, Grand avenue and Fourth street, the block was one mass of flames, and about ten minutes after the alarm the walls fell in with a big brash. The five story brick building occupied by

the shoe firm of Au Bon Marche, on the south-west corner of Grand avenue and Fourth was gutted. On the north side of Grand avenue, among the houses destroyed was the art store of Roelsen & Reinhardt, and most of the valuable pictures are a complete loss.

The Young Men's Christian Association

Building was partially destroyed, though every effort was made to save the structure, which is one of the finest in the city.

MURUAGA'S SUCCESSOR.

Secretary Gresham Notifies Spain That Senor de Lome is Acceptable.

The State Department received an official While trying to escape from a fire in the two-story house at 411 Catharine street, Philtion as Minister Muruaga's successor in the form of an inquiry from the Spanish Government as to whether the appointment of Senor le Lome would be agreeable to the United

After a consultation with President Cleveland Secretary Gresham replied that the se-lection was entirely satisfactory to this Government, and it is presumed in official circles re that the new Minister's credentials will be issued at once, and that, following an authorative announcement of his ment, he will come at once to Washington.
It is not thought that, pending his arrival,
much progress will be made toward a settlement of existing questions between this country and Spain.

Bank Robbers Use Dynamite Successfully. The Newcomer Bank at Mount Morris, Ill., was entered by robbers. After drilling into the vault and breaking the door dynamite was used, nearly wrecking the safe. The robbers escaped with an unknown amount

of money. About \$10,000 was in the safe. Seed Grain for Nebraska Farmers.

Governor Holcomb signed the bill passed by the Nebraska Legislature appropriating \$200,000 for the purchase of seed grain and food for drought-stricken farmers of Western Nebraska. The law becomes immediately operative.

Out of the Common Run. A SAMPLE order for 20,000 tons of coal for Mexico has been placed among West Virginia

WAYNE COUNTY, Kentucky, is suffering with an epidemic of hydrophobia, and a general slaughter of dogs is in progress.

When a physician in Arkansas becomes habitual drunkard the State Board of Health is by law enjoined to revoke his license.

Something queer called a "water dog" was found not long ago in a Hannibal, Missouri. cistern, and local scientists believe it rained

Mary Sweeney, of Wisconsin, has a mania for smashing windows. She now claims to have the mania under control, but says the impulse is very strong. At Bristol, Ind., a horse twenty-six years old recently had its first experience of run-

ning away, smashing the buggy to bits and hrowing its owner out. An examination of the eyes of white and colored children in the Washington schools shows that the latter are much less liable to

shortsightedness and astigmatism. The practice of cropping dogs' ears has be cruel to animals within

the statute by a London court. An unusually large cougar was shot and killed near Woodlawn, Oregon, recently. It measured six feet four inches from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, and weighed

AT Brazil, Ind., Eliza Stanleton, sixteen years old, testified that her husband, sixty itive years old, is a witch, and had brought sickness and distress upon her. She related many mysterious deeds which she claimed her husband committed. A cow owned by John Gelston, of Good-

speed's Landing, Conn., has given birth to a two-headed calf. When born the calf was alive, but it contracted a cold and died in a few hours. The cow also took cold and died the next day. A bill has been introduced in the Oregon Legislature proposing a tax on unde persons who wear a cue. This is special legislation

aimed at John Chinaman, but couched it At Dieppe, France, recently, a Canadian vessel loaded with flint stones pounded against the quay, the flints struck fire and the ship burned.

Grimes Austin, the "wild man of Mada ascar," who used to scare folks with his ed eyes and white hair from behind the bars of a Barnum cage, was born in Indiana and died recently worth \$40,950. In Wisconsin will now be seen the curion

sight of a whole town moved bodily by rall.

The big mill of the Penokee Lumber Company having been moved from Morse to Ashland, a number of vacant houses from the former town are following by rall.

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

SUNDAY'S SERMON IN THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Subject: "Tongues of Fire."

Text: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost."

The word ghost, which means a soul, or spirit, has been degraded in common par-lance. We talk of ghosts as baneful and frightful and in a frivolous or superstitious way. But my text speaks of a Ghost who is omnipotent and divine and everywhere pres-ent and ninety-one times in the New Testa-ment called the Holy Ghost. The only time I ever heard this text preached from was in the opening days of my ministry, when a glorious old Scotch minister came up to help me in my village church. On the day of my ordination and installation he said, "If you get into the corner of a Saturday aight without enough sermons for Sunday, send for me, and I will come and preach for you." The fact ought to be known that the first three years of a pastor's life are appallingly arduous. No other professions that the first three sends are send to be send to be supported by the send of the so a spaningly arounds. No other profession makes the iwentieth part of the demand on a young man. If a secular preacher prepares one or two speeches for a political campaign it is considered ardunds. If a lecturer prepares one lecture for a year, he is thought to have done well. But a roung restor has two scenarios to deliver. young pastor has two sermons to deliver every Sabbath before the same audience, besides all his other work, and the most of ministers never recover from the awful ner-vous strain of the first three years. Be sympathetic with all young ministers and withhold your criticisms.

My aged Scotch friend responded to my first call and came and preached from the

text that I now announce. I remember nothing but the text. It was the last sermon he ever preached. On the following Saturday he was called to his heavenly reward. But I remember just how he appeared as, leaning over the pulpit, he looked into the face of the audience, and with earnestness and pathos and electric force asked them, in the words of my text, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost?" The office of this present discourse is to open a door, to unveil a Personage, to introduce a force not sufficiently rec ognized. He is as great as God. He is God.
The second verse of the first chapter of the
Bible introduces Him—Genesis i., 2. "The
Spirit of God moved upon the face of the
waters"—that is, as an albatross or eagle spreads her wings over her young and warms them into life and teaches them to fly, so the Eternal Spirit spread His great, broad, radiant wings over this earth in its callow and unfle iged state and warmed it into life and fluttered over it and set it winging its way through immensity. It is the tip top of all beautiful and sublime suggestiveness. Can you not almost see the outspread wings over

the nest of young worlds? "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Another appearance of the Holy Ghost was at Jerusalem during a great feast. Strangers speaking seventeen different languages were speaking seventeen different languages were present from many parts of the world. But in one house they heard what seemed like the coming of a cyclone or hurricane. It made the trees bend and the houses quake. The cry was, "What is that?" And then a forked flame of fire tipped each forehead, and what with the blast of wind and the dropping fire a panic took place, until Peter explained that it was neither cyclone nor conflagration, but the brilliance and anointing and baptismal power of the Hory Ghost. power of the Hosy Ghost.

That scene was partially repeated in a torest when Rev. John Easton was preaching. There was the sound of a rushing, mighty wind, and the people looked to the sky to see if there were any signs of a storm, but it was a clear sky, yet the sound of the wind was so great that horses, frightened, broke loose from their fastenings, and the whole assembly felt that the sound was suwhole assembly left that the sound was su-pernatural and pentecostal. Oh, what an infinite and almighty and glorious person-age is the Holy Ghost! He brooded this planet into life, and now that through sin it has become a dead world He will brood it has become a dead world He will brood it the second time into life. Perilous attempt would be a comparison between the three persons of the Godhead. They are equal, but there is some consideration which at-taches itself to the third person of the Trin-ity, the Holy Ghost, that does not attach itself to either God the Father or God the Son. We may grieve God the Father and grieve God the Son and be forgiven, but we are directly told that there is a sin against the Holy Ghost, which shall never be for-given either in this world or in the world to come. And it is wonderful that while on the treet you hear the name of God and Jesus Christ used in profanity you never hear the words Holy Ghost. This hour I speak of the Holy Ghost as Biblical interpreter, as a hu-man constructor, as a solace for the broken

hearted, as a preacher's re-enforcement. The Bible is a mass of contradictions, an affirmation of impossibilities, unless the Holy Ghost helps us to understand it. The Bible says of itself that the Scripture is not for "private interpretation," but "holy of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"—that is, not private interpretation, but Holy Ghost interpretation. Pile on your study table all the commentaries of the Bible —Matthew Henry and Scott and Adam Clarke and Albert Barnes and Bush and Alexander, and all the archæologies, and all the Bible dictionaries, and all the maps of Palestine, and all the international series of Sundayschool lessons. And if that is all you will not understand the deeper and grander meau-ings of the Bible so well as that Christian taineer who. Sunday morning, after having shaken down the folder for the catcomes into his cabin, takes up his well worn Bible, and with a prayer that stirs the heavens asks for the Holy Ghost to unfold

ore unreasonable would I be if I should take up The Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg, all printed in Russian, and say, "There is no sense in this newspaper, for I cannot understand one line of all its colcannot understand one line of all its col-umns," than for any man to take up the Bible, and without getting Holy Ghost il-lumination as to its meaning say: "This Book insults my common sense. I cannot understandit. Away with the incongruity!" No one but the Holy Ghost, who inspired the Scriptures, can explain the Scriptures. Fully realize that, and you will be as enthusiastic a lover of the old book as my venerable friend who told me in Philadelphia last week that he was reading the Bible through the fifty-ninth time, and it became more attractive and thrilling every time he through it. In the saddlebags that hnng across my horse's back as I rode from Jerusalem down to the Daud Sea and up to Damascus I had all the books about Palestine that I could carry, but many a man on his knees, in the privacy of his room, has had flashed upon him more vivid appreciation of the word of God than many a man who has visited all the scenes of Christ's birth, and Paul's eloquence, and Peter's imprisonment, and Joshua's prowess, and Elijah's ascension. I do not depreciate any of the helps for Bible study, but I do say that they all together come infinitely short without ect communication from the throne of God in response to prayerful solicitation. We may find many interesting things about the Bible without especial illumination, as how many horses Solomon had in his stables, or how long was Noah's ark, or who was the only woman whose full name is given in the Scriptures; or which is the middle verse of the Bible, and all that will do you no more good than to be able to tell how many beanpoles

there are in your neighbor's garden.

The learned Earl of Chatham heard the famous Mr. Cecil preach about the Holy Ghost and said to a friend on the way home from church: "I could not understand and do you suppose anybody understood it?" "Oh, yes," said his Christian Iriend, "there were uneducated women and some children present who understood it." I war-rant you that the English soldier had under supernal influence read the book, for after the battle of Inkermann was over he was found dead with his hand glued to the page of the open Bible by his own blood, and the words adhered to his hands as they buried him, "I am the resurrection and the life; that believeth in Me, though dead, yet shall Next consider the Holy Ghost as a human

reconstructor. We must be made over again. Christ and Nicodemus talked about it. Theologians call it regeneration. I do not care what you call it, but we have to be reconstructed by the Holy Ghost. We become new creatures, hating what we once loved and loving what we once hated. If sin were a luxury, it must become a detestation. If we preferred bad associations, we must prefer good associations. In most cases it is such a complete change that the world notices the diff rence and begins to ask: "What has come over that man? Whom has he been with? What has so affected him? What has rausacked his entire nature? What has turned him square about?" Take two pictures of Paul—one on the road to

Damaseus to kill the disciples of Christ, the other on the road to Ostia to die for Christ. Come nearer home and look at the man who ound his chief delight in a low class of club rooms, hiccoughing around a card table and then stumbling down the front steps after midnight and staggering homeward, and that same man, one week afterward, with his family on the way to a prayer meeting. What has done it? It must be something tremenious. It must be God. It must be

he Holy Ghost.

the Holy Ghost.

Notice the Holy Ghost as the solacer of broken hearts. Christ calls Him the Comforter. Nothing does the world so much want as comfort. The most people have been abused, misrepresented, cheated, lied-about, swindled, bereft. What is needed is balsam for the wounds, lantern for dark-reads, receive from maligning, pursuers. roads, rescue from maligning pursuers, a lift from the marble slab of tombstones. Life to most has been a semifailure. They have not got what they wanted. They have not reached that which they started for. Friends betray. Change of business stand loses old custom and does not bring enough custom to make up for the loss. Health becomes precarious when one most needs strong muscle and steady nerve and clear brain. Out of this audience of thousands and thousands, if I should ask all those who have been unhurt in the struggle of life to stand up, or all standing to hold up their right hands, not one would move.

Oh, how much we need the Holy Ghost as comforter! He recites the sweet gospel promises to the hardly bestead. He ssures of mercy mingled with the severities He consoles with thoughts of coming release He tells of a heaven where tear is never wept and burden is never carried and injustice is never suffered. Comfort for all the young people who are maltreated at nome, or re-ceive insufficient income, or are robbed of their schooling, or kept back from positions they earned by the putting forward of others less worthy. Comfort for all these men and women midway in the path of life, worn out with what they have already gone through, and with no brightening future. Comfort footboxes are done one amid many infigurities. for these aged ones amid many infirmities an i who feel themselves to be in the way in the home or business which themselves es-

ought not to go on this. way about my mother's death. She had suffered enough. She had borne other people's burdens long nough. I am glad that father and mother waiting to greet us, and it will be only a little while anyhow, and God makes no mistakes." Or you soliloquize, saying: "It is hard to lose my property. I am sure I sworked hard enough for it. But God will take care of us, and, as to the children, the money might have spoiled them, and we find that those who have to struggle for themselves generally turn out best, and it will all be well if this upsetting of our worldheaven." Or you soliloquize, saying:
"It was hard to give up that "It was hard to give up that boy when the Lord took him. I expected great things of him, and, oh, how we miss him out of the house, and there are so many things I come across that make one think of him, and he was such a splendid fellow! But then what an escape he has made from the temptations and sorrows which come to all who grow up, and it is a grand thing to have him safe from all possible harm, and there are all those Bible promises for parents who have lost children, and we shall feel a drawing heavenward that we could not have otherwise experienced." And after you have said that you get that relief which comes from an outburst of tears. I do not say to you, as some say, do not cry. God pity peo-ple in trouble who have the parched eyeball and the dry eyelid and cannot shed a tear That makes maniacs. To God's people team are the dews of the night dashed with sun think these things you say to yourself are only soliloquies. No, no: they are the Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost.

Notice also the Holy Ghost as the preach

er's reinforcement. You and I have known preachers encyclopedic in knowledge, brilliant as an iceberg when the sun smites it, and with Chesterfieldian address and to many thousands. There had been much to many thousands. There had been much prayer on the grounds for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost at that service, and the awakening power exceeded anything I ever witnessed since I began to preach, with perhaps the exception of two or three occasions. Clergymen and Christian workers by the score and hundreds expressed themselves as having been blessed during the service. That afternoon I took the train for an outloor meeting in the State of Ohio, where I was to preach on the night of the next day. As the sermon had proved so useful the day before and the theme was fresh in my mind, I resolved to reproduce it, and did reproduce it as far as I could, but the result was nothing at all. Never had I seemed to have any-thing to do with a flatter failure. What was the difference between the two servwas the difference between two two two constructions and followers in all long journey." No, I was not tired at all. Some will say, "The temporal circumstances in the first case were more favorable than in the last." No, they were more favorable in the last." No, they were more favorable in the sattern markets, and has been one of Florida's most profitable crops, but the recent cold weather along the Atlantic sattern and followers in all parts of the country. the last. The difference was in the power of the Holy Ghost—mightily present at the first service, not seemingly present at the first second. I call upon the ministers of Ameri-ca to give the history of sermons, for I be-lieve it will illustrate as nothing else can the truth of that Scripture, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."
On the Sabbath of the dedication of one of our churches in Brooklyn, at the morning service, 328 souls stood up to profess Christ. They were the converts in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, where we had been wor-shiping. The reception of so many mem-bers—and many of them baptized by immersion—had made it an arduous service, which continued from half past ten in the morning until half past two in the afternoon. From that service we went home exhausted, because there is nothing so exhausting as deep emotion. A messenger was sent out to obtain a preacher for that night, but the search was unsuccessful, as all the ministers were engaged for some other place. With no preparation at all for the evening service, except the looking in Cruden's Concordance for a text and feeling almost too weary to stand up, I began th service, saying audibly while the opening song was being sung, although because of the singing no one but God heard it: "Oh, Lord, Thou knowest my insufficiency for this service! Come down in gracious power upon this people." The place was shaken with the divine presence. As far as we could find out, over 400 persons were converted that night. Hear it, all young men entering the ministry; hear it, all Christian workers.
It was the Holy Ghost.
In the Second Reformed Church, of Somer-

ville, N. J., in my boyhood days, Mr. Os-borne, the evangelist, came to hold a special service. I see him now as he stood in the pulpit. Before he announced his text and before he had uttered a word of his sermon strong men wept aloud, and it was like the findgment. It was the Holy Ghost. In 1857 the electric telegraph bore strang messages. One of them read, "My dear pa rents will rejoice to hear that I have found peace with God." Another read. "Dear peace with God." Another read, "Dear mother, the work continues, and I, too, have heen converted." Another read, "At last faith and peace." In Vermont a religious meeting was singing the hymn, "Waiting and Watching for Me." The song rolled out on Watching for Me. The song rolled out on the night air, and a man halted and said, "I wonder if there will be any one waiting and watching for me?" It started him heaven-ward. What was it? The Holy Ghost. In that 1857 Jaynes's Hall, Philadelphia, and Fulton street prayer meeting, New York, tel-egraphed each other the number of souls ved and the rising of the devotional tides. royage. Police and fire departments met in their rooms for divine worship. At Albany the Legislature of the State of New York assembled in the rooms of the Court of Appeals for religious services. Congressional union prayer meeting was opened at Washington. From whence came the power? From the Holy Ghost. That power shook New York. That power shook America. That power shook the Atlantic Ocean. That power shook the earth. That power could take this entire audience into the peace of the gospel to the captain's office and settle by paying a quicker than you could lift your eyes heaven-ward. Come, Holy Ghost! Come, Holy moned for jury duty, or present their excuses

Ghost! He has some! He is here! I feel in time.

Him in my heart. There are thousands who feel Him in their hearts, convicting some, saving some, sanctifying some.

The difference in evangelical usefulness is not so much a difference in brain, in scholarship or elocutionary gifts as in Holy Ghost power. You will not have much surprise at the extraordinary career of Charle G. Finney as a soul winner, if you know that soon after his conversion he had this experi-

ence of the Paraclete. He says: "As I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire I received a baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any expectation of it, with-out ever having the thought in my mind that there was any such thing for me, with-out any recollection that I had ever heard the thing mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Ghost descended upon mein a manner that seemed to go through me, body and soul. Indeed, it seemed to come in waves and waves of liquid love, for I could not express it in any other way. It so like the very breath of God. I can rec distinctly that it seemed to fan me like im-mense wings. No words can express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart. I wept aloud with joy and love. These waves came over me and over me and over me, one after the other until, I recall I cried out 'I shall die if these waves continue to pass over me.' I said, 'Lord, I cannot bear any more.'"

Now, my hearers, let 500 of us, whether clorical or lay workers, get such a divine visitation as that, and we could take this world for God before the clock of the next

century strikes 1.

How many marked instances of Holy Ghost power? When a black trumpeter took His place in Whitefield's audience proposing to blow the trumpet at a certain point in the service and put everything into derision, somehow he could not get the trumpet to his lips, and at the close of the meeting he sought out the preacher and asked for his prayers. It was the Holy Ghost. What was the matter with Hedley Vicars, the memorable soldier, when he sat with his Bible before him in a treat and his deciding convedes. him in a tent, and his deriding comrade came in and jeered, saying, "Turned Metho-dist, eh?" And another said: "You hypocrite! Bad as you were I never thought would come to this, old fellow." And the nome of business which their own grit.

The Holy Ghost comfort, I think, generally comes in the shape of a sollioquy. You find yourself saying to yourself: "Well, I miles away telegraphed his spiritual anxiety and the statement of the saying to yourself: "Well, I miles away telegraphed his spiritual anxiety and the saying th ties to Hedley Vicars, saying, do?" Vicars telegraphed as thrilling a mes-sage as ever went over the wires, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

other innumerable wires or lines of influence reaching out from this place into the vast beyond and across continents and under the seas, for in my recent journey around the world I did not find a country where I had not been preaching this gospel for many years through the printing press. So a telegraph operator sits or stands at a given point and sends messages in all directions, and you only hear the click, click, click of the electric apparatus, but the telegrams go on their errand. God help me now to touch the right key and send the right message along the right wires to the right places. Who shall we first call up? To whom shall I send the message? I guess I will send the first to all the tired, wherever they are, for there are so many tired souls. Here goes the Christly message, "Come unto Me, all ye who are weary, and I will give you rest."

ONLY TWO FEET TALL

Death of a Dwarf Who Lived Twenty-two Years and Never Walked or Talked. Charles E. Mintram, a dwarf, whose singular existence has created widespread atten-tion, died a few days ago at the home of his father, E. Mintram, at Pine Bush. Orange County, N. Y., of pneumonia. He was in his twonty-second year and was only twenty-four inches tall. He was born in Worten-dayle. N. I and was one of nine children. and with Chesterfieldian address and rhetorical hand uplifted with diamond big enough to dazzle an assembly and so surcharged with vocabulary that when they left this life it might be said of each of them as De Quincey said of another that in the act of dying he committed a robbery, absconding with a valuable polyglot dictionary, yet no awakening or converting or sanctifying result, while some plain man, with humblest phraseology, has seen audiences whelmed awakening or converting or sanctiving result, while some plain man, with humblest phrasoology, has seen audiences whelmed with religious influence. It was the Holy Ghost. What a useful thing it would be if every minister would give the history of his sermons! Years ago at an outdoor meeting in the State of New York I preached to many thousands. There had been much all that was said to him, and was healthy until his last sickness.

> MONSTER GRAPE FRUIT FARM To Be One of the Largest Fruit Orchards

in California. One of the largest enterprises in the planting of fruit orchards now in progress in Cali-fornia has just been begun within three miles of Pomona by Henry M. Loud, a millionaire of Detroit, Mich., who owns 600 acres of fine fruit land in the valley. Mr. Loud is the first man to undertake the production of grape fruit on a large scale on this coast. He has contracted for 3000 trees of this variety of fruit, all that can be had in that part of the State for immediate planting, put the success
of the experiment will be watched with inerest by fruit growers and followers in all

but the recent cold weather along the Atlantic coast killed every grape fruit tree in that

A CARRIER PIGEON RACE.

To Test Their Usefulness as Messenger.

From Distressed Vessels. As the result of discussion as to the use fulness of carrier pigeons as messengers from distressed vessels at sea, the idea having been suggested by the voyage of La Gas-cogne from Havre to New York, Le Petit Journal announces an international race for pigeons. It is intended that the birds shall be liberated from a ship charted for the purpose, the distances from land to be deter-mined later. The promotors of the scheme offer \$2000 in money, to be competed for, and there will also be other prizes. The race is to take place in June. Entries will be received until the end of April.

Injuries in Football Games. Injuries in Football Games.

The following, says the University of Pennsylvania Courier, is a report from reliable men in a number of institutions in regard to men in a number of institutions in regard to the pennsylvad in football games last fall:

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Dartmouth	77	8		
Brown	65	1	1	
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Wesleyan	30	5	0	
Union	50	2	2	
Colgate	28	2	0	
West Point	56		0	
Butgers	45	0	0	
Lehigh	125	10	0	
Franklin and Marshall	50	4	1	
Dickinson		5	0	
Purdue		0	0	
University of Illinois	75	4	2	
University of Kansas		4	0	

..1112 65. (a) Number of different players.
(b) Players Kept out of game for (c) Players kept from study and general activity for week or longer. (d) Players hurt permanently or for term of years.

Japan's National Exhibition.

The fourth Industrial Exhibition of Japan will be held this year at Kioto. It opened on April 1 and will continue until July 31. This is the Japanese National exhibition also being held in commemoration of the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Kioto Noonday prayer meetings were held in also being held in commemoration of the all the cities. Ships came into harbor, 1000th anniversary of the founding of Kioto captain and all the sailors saved on that known as the Western capital, though in reality no longer a seat of government, and is the most fascinating city of the empire. Temples abound in and about Kioto and it s the home of the finest products of Japan-

Delinquent Jurors Fined, More than two hundred delinquent jurors have been obliged by Judge McAdam, of the Superior Court, New York City, to walk up to the captain's office and settle by paying a

SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR APRIL 14.

Lesson l'ext: "The Wicked Husbandman," Mark xlL, 1-12-Golden Text: Mark xii., 6 -Commentary.

3. "For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received how that Christ that which I also received now that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures." Various sections of this epistle are easily recognized by the words "now concerning" or "now as touching" (chapters vii., 1; viii., 1; xii., 1; xvi., 1). The section in which we find our lesson begins with xii., 1, and concerns the diversities of cits which and concerns the diversities of gifts which exist in the one body of Christ, the church, showing the supremacy of love and exhorting to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (xv., 58).

4. "And that He was buried, and that He

a. "And that He was buried, and that he sories again the third day, according to the Scriptures." The death and burial and ressurrection of Christ, which constitute and consummation of His finished work and may be summarized by the phrase "His blood," were plainly foretold and may be readily, seen by againted eves in Ps. xvi. readily seen by anointed eyes in Ps. xvi. and xxiii, Isa lviii, and elsewhere. 5. "And that He was seen of Cephas, then

• 5. "And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve." On resurrection day He was seen on five different occasions—first by, Mary Magdalene, then by the other women, after that by the two who walked to Emmaus, also by Peter, and in the evening by the twelve, as they were called, but that evening Thomas was not present, and Judas Iscarlot had gone to his own place. See Luke xxiv., 33, 34; John xx., 24. That He should honor Peter with a special appearance, and also with a special message (Mark xvi., 7), should be a matter of special interest to anyone who may have, through

(Mark xvi., 7), should be a matter of special interest to anyone who may have, through temptation, wandered away.

6. "After that He was seen of above 500 brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." This must have been the largest number to which He appeared at one time and may have been in Galilee or on the results of the assention probably the former. mount of the ascention, probably the former.
If two or three witnesses could establish a matter, such a company ought to make it-very sure. We have no record of His everappearing after the resurrection and before the ascension to any but brethren—that is, believers—and when He comes again, as believers only saw Him ascend. so only be-lievers will meet Him on His way (I Thes.

lievers will meet Him on His way (I These.
iv., 16, 17).
7. "After that He was seen of James, then
of all the apostles." We would not have
known of this special appearance to James if
Paul had not told us, and it may be that
both Peter and James talked with Paul of
these special appearings when he saw them
during his visit to Jerusalem (Gal. I., 18, 19). There were at least ten or eleven appearances, including the one at the ascension; then after the ascension He was seen by Stephen and Paul and John. That He rose from the dead and is now at the right hand of the Father is a fact well established.

8. "And, last of all, He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." This was the last appearance up to Paul's time, for the apperance to John in Patmos was full for the apperance to John in Patmos was full-thirty years later. I wonder why Paul did not mention the appearance to Stephen. Per-haps it was too sore a recollection. Paul-speaks of his conversion when the Lord ap-peared to him as a birth before the time, and also a pattern of those who should hereafter believe (I Tim. i., 16), for the conversion of the nation of Israel will be when they look upon Him at His coming in clory. We are upon Him at His coming in glory. We are now saved by looking to Him, not upon Him. Compare Isa. xlv., 22, and Zech.

xii., 10.

9. "For I am the least of the apostles that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." Paul's growth in his own estimation was true growth in grace. It was very lowly to call himself "least of the apostles." It was more latter to letter parted to great of himself himself "least of the aposties." It was more lowly, at a later period, to speak of himself as "less than the least of all saints" (Eph. iii., 8), but it was lowest of all, at a still later period, to call himself "the chief of sinners" (I Tim. i., 15). This is the work of the Spiritto magnify the Lord in all His loveliness and to increasingly expose the hideousness and to increasingly expose the hideousness of the natural man. May we all grow thus.

10. "But by the grace of God I am what I

am, and His grace, which was bestowed upon me, was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me." Paul-was forever magnifying the grace of God, by which is yet to be more fully revealed, and which Paul felt was in his case "exceedingly which Paul felt was in his case "exceedingly abundant" (Eph. ii., 8; Rom. v., 2; I Pet. i., 13; I Tim. i., 14). This abundant grace constrained him to abundant labors, but he wholly renounces all thoughts of his doing anything, and, as in Gal. ii., 20, emphasizes his "not I, but Christ," "not I, but the grace

11. "Therefore, whether it were I or they, so we preach and so ye believe." Whether it was Paul or Apollos or Cephas, they were only ministers by whom the Lord wrought (I Cor. iii., 5-7), so that the members cannot of Cor. iii., 5-7), so that the members cannot and must not glory, only in the Lord. for no flesh shall glory in His presence. Let us glory only in the Lord.

12. "Now, if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the case." The Seddunger did not believe in

lead?" The Sadducees did not believe in dead? The Sadducees did not believe in any resurrection (Luke xx., 27). Some gen-tiles mocked at the idea (Acts xvii., 32); but, worse still, some professing Christians of our time say that at death we get our resurour time say that at thesh we get out reasurection body, and they have no further use for the body that is laid in the grave. Yet it is plainly written that all that are in their graves shall come forth. They that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, and when Jesus rose from the dead many bodies of the

Jesus rose from the dead many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves and went into the holy city and appeared unto many John v., 28, 29; Dan. xii., 2; Math. xxvii., 52, 53).

13. "But if there be no resurrection of the dead then is Christ not risen." This verse, I think, gives the key to verse 29, which peraplexes many. The question which Paul is arguing is, Has Christ risen? Now, all believers were baptized in the name of the Lord Lords. nevers were paptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, but if He is a dead Christ, and not risen, why baptize for the dead? Why baptize any one in the name of a dead Christ?

14. ***Ind if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. He goes on to add that if Christ be not risen all preachers are false witnesses and all the

all preachers are false witnesses, and all liv-ing believers are still in their sins, and all dead believers have perished. The great fact of the resurrection of Christ is not a truth merely for Easter, but for every Lord's day. His life and death would be of no avail to us had He not risen again, but He is ris (verse 20), and thus with power declared to be the Son of God (Rom. i., 4) -Lesson Helper.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS.

They Cover Sixty Per Cent. of Vie State, but Are Not Conserved Property.

The second annual report of the New Hampshire Forestry Commission says that the forest area comprises practically sixty-per cent. of the entire area of the State, and has not greatly changed since the publication of the report of the first temporary Forestry Commission in 1885. The amount of virgin spruce forest in New Hampshire is 525,000 acres, about 300,000 acres of this being in the White Mountain district. The annual product from its acreage is about 280,000,000 feet board measure, and the amount used for pulp is increasing about fifteen per cent, each year. The lumbermen, as a rule, continue tor out their lands "clean," thereby destroying all opportunity for reproduction of spruce by growth of small trees, while the large pulp mills, which own vast tracts of virgin forest, cut none less than twelve inches in diameter at the stump, and are already reaping the benefits of such a course.

The methods of lumbering are discussed.

and the conclusion is arrived at that a change

is necessary, and that the State must soon

face the question how it will stay the ruthless waste and protect its torests. It is suggested that by the exercise of the right of eminent domain for the erection of a series of public forest preserves, the State could effectually secure this object, and make the White Mountain range a source of constant income unfailing water supply, and perpetual scenic

Effects of the Freeze in Florida. Professor A. H. Webber and W. T. Swingle, two entomological experts, have been send into Florida by the Government to invest gate the effects of the freeze upon the various insect pests which infect Florida orange groves. They are especially directing their attention to the white fly and the red scale.