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SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOBED DIVINE.

Subject: "Warming the World."

Text: "Who can stand before His cold?"—Psalm cxvii, 17.

The almanac says that winter is ended and spring has come, but the winds, and the frosts, and the thermometer, in some places down to zero, deny it. The psalmist lived in a genial climate than this, and yet he must sometimes have been vexed by winter.

October 19, 1812, Napoleon's great army began its retreat from Moscow. One hundred and fifty thousand men, 50,000 horses, 600 pieces of cannon, 40,000 stragglers, it was a sight which has never been equaled since.

In the middle of December, 1777, at Valley Forge, 11,000 troops, with frosted ears and frosted hands and feet, without shoes, without blankets, lying on the white pillow of the snow bank.

When the troops were not ready to march, so in the Revolutionary War there was a demand for winter campaign until Washington lost his equilibrium in the winter of 1777.

Now they have come up to the tavern. The Samaritan, with the help of the landlord, assists the sick and wounded man to dismount and put on his coat and hat.

One-half of the industries of our day are based on the rattling machinery of the weather. The furs of the North, the cotton of the South, the flax of our own fields, the wool of our own flocks, the coal from our own mines, the wood from our own forests.

Notwithstanding all the modern inventions for heating, I tell you there is nothing so full of geniality and sociality as the old-fashioned country fire-place.

When I was a lad, I remember seeing two round woodpeckers, one on the top of the other, in a tree. The upper one was perched upon the other's back, and the lower one was pecking at the top of the upper one's head.

Japanese Student Cuts His Throat. Jokichi Uchida, a Japanese student at Cornell (Iowa) College, a ward of the Methodist Church and a well-known lecturer, committed suicide while in a dependent mood by cutting his throat.

BALLINGTON BOOTH ARMY

"God's American Volunteers" the Name Adopted.

SCOPE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

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COMMANDER BOOTH SPEAKS.

A Letter of General Grant's Sold to Swell the Volunteers' Treasury.

ORANGE, N. J., March 16.—Twelve hundred people gathered at the Ballington Booth headquarters in New York City to hear the Commander of the American Volunteers speak at a meeting of the American Volunteers.

Under the New Flag.

NEWARK, N. J., March 16.—Commander Booth's adherents in Newark, N. J., gathered at the headquarters of the American Volunteers to receive their new flag and uniform, except the brass buttons to be worn by the women.

Americans the Chess Champions.

The great international chess contest played between Brooklyn and London by cables has resulted in a victory for the American team and the challenge trophy offered by Sir G. Newnham will cross the water.

Hanged for Shooting His Sister.

Albert Wallace, who shot and killed his sister, Mrs. Bowlsky, a year ago, while she was playing an organ in her parlor, was hanged at Pekin, Ill.

Minor Mention.

It is said that Sir George Newnes, a London publisher, for whom a yacht is building by the Henderson Brothers, of Glasgow, will challenge for the America's Cup in 1897.

It is proposed by the Senate and House Committees to make an appropriation sufficient to complete the work of coast defenses in the United States in about seven years by furnishing the engineers of the army \$10,000,000 a year.

The estate of the late Edgar Wilson Nye, the humorist, is said to figure up between \$30,000 and \$50,000. His income is said to have been \$30,000 a year from his newspaper sketches, but this is doubtful.

Dawson Oldham, a seventy-eight-year-old resident of White Hall, Ky., never has missed a sermon at the Methodist Church in that place in the forty years he has been a member. He never has used tobacco in any form, nor has he tasted whiskey.

SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR APRIL 5.

Lesson Text: "Warning Against Sin," Luke xiii, 22-30—Golden Text: Luke xiii, 24—Commentary.

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OUR HOG EXPORTS.

Great Britain Takes a Larger Quantity of Diminished Pigs.

In view of the fact that by far the largest amount of our exports go direct to Great Britain, and that of these hog products form no inconsiderable a part, the following figures may prove interesting in showing our chief competitors.

In 1894 England imported 3,689,000 cwt. of bacon, which was an improvement over 1892 of about 500,000 cwt. In 1895 the total was 4,063,418 cwt.

The United States has an increase in the number of hogs, but the number of hogs exported to Great Britain is decreasing.

THE GREATEST WAVE OF ALL.

A London paper estimates that the cost of all the great waves of the world for twenty-five years, from 1852 to 1877, has been \$20,000,000. An American journal figures out that the cost of intoxicants in the United States for the same period was at least \$15,000,000.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

Abstinence is easy, moderation impossible. A liquor dealer does not open his Bible upon it, but he does open his whiskey bottle a hundred times a day.

The greatest remedy for poverty and disease is the banishment of the saloon. When the saloon is blotted out it will not take long to renovate the face of the earth.

A formerly intemperate man who had abstained for five years took a drink just as he was about to go to work.

THE ST. LOUIS AUDITORIUM.

The Auditorium being erected for the St. Louis Republican Convention is to be 1800 feet long, and seated to accommodate 14,000 people. It will be built of wood and will take a million and a half feet.

SEEDS AS FOOD.

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THE FORTUNE HUNTERS.

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TEMPERANCE

STRIKE THE DEMON DOWN.

Would you like to see the drunkard—Sotter sunk below the brute—Durst his shackles and step forward to freedom absolute?

Would you like the outcast children From our city's squalid slums? All taken in and sold for well—As a land like ours becomes?

Would you like the lost and fallen To be saved and lifted up? And the wretched find true pleasure In the sin's binding and?

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Wilt thou, with St. John, rest on the loving heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, must be a transfusion of the precious blood of our Lord by a constant, earnest contemplation thereof.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

THE FAMILY CHURCH.

"The true Christian idea of family," says Canon Fremantle, "is that of an association in which every member has his function, some within, some without the home circle, but which affords a meeting point and a harbor of rest which a higher life of piety or charity is in common, and where each can gain, through sympathy and prayer and affection, the support which he needs for his special work."

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THE POETIC MUSE.

Immortal Love. The frost of years May blanch the gold from out thine hair; Life's griefs and fears May rob thy cheeks of roses fair; The violets' blue May fade from out thine eyes, dear one; The morning dew May cease to sparkle in the sun; Roads meet and part, And golden clouds soon turn to gray; But love's true heart Will keep its loveliness for aye!—William H. Gardner, in Munsey.

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