[Preached at Monons, Wis.] Text: "In that night was Belshazzar, the King of the Chaldeans, slain." Daniel v.,

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I. I learn from this, that, when God writes anything on the wall, a man had better read it as it is. Daniel did not misinterpret or modify the handwriting on the wall. It is all foolishness to expect a minister of the gospel to preach always things that the people like or the people choose. What shall I preach to you to-day! Shall I tell you of the dignity of human nature! Shall I tell you of the wonders that our race has accomplished! "Oh, no!" you say, "tell me the message that came from God." I will. If there is any handwriting on the wall, it is this lesson: "Repent, accept of Christ and be saved." I might talk of a great many other things, but that is the message, and so I de-lare it. Jesus never flattered those to whom he preached. He said to those who did wrong and who were offensive in his sight: "Ye generation of vipers! ye whited sepulchres! how can ye escape the dammation of hell!" Paul the Apostle preached before a man who was not ready to hear him preach. What subject did he take! Did he say: "Oh, you are a good man, a very fine man, a very noble man!" No: he preached of righteousness, to a man who was unrighteous; of temperance, to a man who was the victim of bad appetites; of the judgment to come, to a man who was unfit for it. So we must always declare the message that happens to come to us. Daniel must read tas it is. A minister preached before James I of England, who was James

VI. of Scotland. What subject did he take? The King was noted all over the world for being unsettled and wavering in his ideas. What did the minister preach about to this man who was James I. of England and James VI. of Scotland? He took for his text, James I. 6: "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." Hugh Latimer offended the King by a sermon ne preached, and the King said: "Hugh Latimer, come and apologize." "I will," said Hugh Latimer, come and apologize. "I will," said Hugh Latimer, come and apologize. He began his sermon by pasying: "Huga Latimer, bethink thee! Thou art in the presence of thine earthly King, who can destroy thy body! But bethink thee, Hugh Latimer, that thou art in the presence of thine earthly King, who can destroy thy body! But bethink thee, Hugh Latimer, that thou art in the presence of the king of Heaven and earth, who can destroy both body and soul in hell fire. Oh. King, cursed be thy crimes?"

2. Another lesson that comes to us: There is a great difference between the opening of the banquet of sin and its close. Young man, if you had looked in upon the banquet in the first few hours, you would have wished you had been invited there and could sit at the feast. "Oh, the grandeur of Belshazzar's feast," you would have said; but you look in at the close of the banquet; numan blood is the wine and dying groans are the music. Sin has made itself a king in the earth. It has crowned itself. It has spread a banquet. It invites all the world to come to it! It has hung in its banqueting hall the spoils of all kingdoms and the banners of all nations. It has strewn from its wealth the tables and floors and arches. And yet how often is that banquet broken up and how horrible is its end! Ever and anon there is a handwriting on the wall. A King falls. A great culprit is arrested. The knees of wickedness knock together. God's judgment, like an armed host, breaks in upon the banquet, and that night is Belshazzar, the King of the Chaldeans, slain.

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eurses and screams of demonia: laughter. Lost spirits gather about him and feel for his heart, and becken him on with: "Hail, brother! Hail, blasted spirit, hail!" He tries to get out. He comes to the front door where he entered and tries to push it back, but the door turns against him; and in the jar of that shutting door he hears these words: "This night is Belshazzar, the King of the Chaldeans, slain!" Sin may open bright as the morning; it closes dark as the night.

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J. Ilearn further from this subject that death sometimes breaks in upon a banquet. Why did he not go down to the prisons in Eabylon! There were people there that would like to have died. I suppose there were men and women in torture in that city who would have welcomed death. But he comes to the palace, and just at the time when the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in at the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in at the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in at the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in at the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in at the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks in the banauet. When the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch, death breaks and the interest and the mirth is dashing to the tijktop pitch. He is loving. He is entitle in the law. His friends cheer him. Eminent men encourage him. After while you may see him standing in the American Senate, or moving a popular assemblage by his eloquence, as trees are moved in a whirlwind. Some night he retires early. A fever is on him. Delivium, like a reckless charioteer, seizes the reins of his intellect. Father and mother stand by and see the titles of life going out to the great ocean. The banquet is coming to an end. The lights of thought and mirth and eloquence are being extinguished. The garlands are snatched from the brow. The vision is gone.

We saw the same thing on a larger scale illustrated at the last war in this country. Our whole nation had been sitting at a national lanquet—North, South, East and West. What grain was there but we grew if on our hills? What invention was there but our rivers must tu

rattle the strange shuttle? What warm fors but our traders must bring them from the Arctie? What fish but that our nets must sweep them for the markets? What music but it must sing in our halls? What eloquence but it must speak in our Senates? Ho! to \$\foatstarteristal{\text{the national}}\$ banquet, reaching from mountain to mountain and from sea to sea! To prepare that banquet the sheepfolds and the aviaries of the country sent their best treasures. The orchards piled up on the table their sweetest fruits. The presses burst out with new wines. To sit at that table came the yeomany of New Hampshire, and the lumbermen of Maine, and the tanned Carolinian from the rice swamps, and the harvesters of Wisconsin, and the Western emigrant from the pines of Oregon; and we were all brothres—brothers at a banquet. Suddenly the feast ended What meant those mounds thrown up at Chickahominy, Shiloh, Atlanta, Gettysburg, South Mountain? What meant those golden grain fields turned into a pasturing ground for cavalry horses? What meant the cornfields gullied with the wheels of the heavy supply train? Why those rivers of tears, those lakes of blood? God was angry. Justice must come. A handwriting on the wall! The mation had been weighed and found wanting. Darkness! Darkness! Woe to the North! Woe to the South! Woe to the East! Woe to the West! Death at the banquet!

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4. I have also to learn from the subject that the destruction of the vicious and of those who despise God will be very sudden. The wave of mirth had dashed to the highest point when that Assyrian army broke through. It was unexpected. Suddenly, almost always, comes the doom of those who despise God and defy the laws of men. How was it at the Deluge. Do you suppose it came through a long northwestern storm, so that people for days before were sure it was coming! No; I suppose the morning was bright; that calmness brooded on the waters; that beauty sat enthroned on the hills, when suddenly the heavens burst and the mountains sank like anchors into the sea, that dashed clear over the Andes and the Himalayas.

The Red Sea was divided. The Egyptians tried to cross it. There could be no danger. The Israelites had just gone through; where they had gone, why not the Egyptians! Oh, it was such a beautiful walking place! A pavement of tinged shells and pearls, and on either side a great wall of water, solid. There can be no danger. Forward, great host of the Egyptians! Clap the cymbals and blow the trumpets of victory! After them! We will cath them yet and they shall be destroyed. But the walls of solidified water begin to tremble. They rock. They fall. The rushing waters! The shriek of drowning men! The swimming of the warhorses in van for the shore! The strewing of the great host on the bottom of the sea, or pitched by the angry wave on the beach—a

battered, bruised and loathsome wreck! Suddenly destruction came. One half hour before they could not have believed it.

I am just setting forth a fact which you have noticed as well as I. Ananias comes to the apostle. The apostle says: "Did you sell the land for so much?" He says: "Yes." It was a lie. Dead! As quick as that! Sapphira, his wife, comes in. "Did you sell the land for so much?" "Yes." It was a lie, and quick as that she was dead! God's judgments are upon those who despise and defy Him. They come suddenly.

The destroying angel went through Egypt. Do you suppose that any of the people knew that he was coming? Did they hear the flap of his great wings! No! No! Suddenly, unexpectedly, he came.

Skilled sportsmen do not like to shoot a bird standing on a sprig near by. If they are skilled, they pride themselves on taking it on the wing, and they wait till it starts. Death is an old sportsman, and he loves to take men flying under the very sun. He loves to take them on the wing.

Are there any hera who are unprepared for the eternal world? Are there any here who have been living without God and without hope? Let me say to you that you had better accept of the Lord Jesus Christ, lest suddenly your last chance be gone. The lungs will cease to breathe, the heart will stop. The time will come when you shall go no more to the office, or to the store, or to the shop. Nothing will be left but death, and judgment, and cternity. Oh, flee to God this hour! If there be one in this presence who has wandered far away from Christ, though he may not have heard the call of the gospel for many a year. I invite him now to come and be saved. Flee from thy sin! Flee to the stronghold of the gospel!

To-day I invite you to a grander banquet than any I have mentioned. My Lord, the King, is the banqueter. Angels are the cupbearers. All the redeemed are the guests. The halls of eternal love, frescoed with light, and paved with joy, and curtained with unfading beauty, are the banqueting place. The harmonies of eternity are the

A Queer Pair of Smiths.

The difficulty of meeting the dietetic requirements of certain pets reminds may of another pair of lizards that in turn inhabited the bell glass. These were brought from Brazil, and introduced to me by the name of Taraquira Smith. An i or two should terminate and dignify the latter name to compression agreement. me by the name of Taraquira Smith. An i or two should terminate and dignify the latter name, to commemorate the particular Smith who bestowed it on Tarraquira; but Smith is simple and practical; and the Tarraquira Smiths was the name of my two little Brazilians lizards. The smaller one measured about eight inches from the snout to the tip of his tender tail; the larger one was ten or more inches in length. They are, however, less agreeable to handle than the previous pets, their tails being armed with very finely-pointed sharp scales in whorls. The lizards seem to know how to use this long tail protectively, having acquired a habit of retrogression, and, when held of backing out of the hand, as if with the intention of pricking or inconveniencing you with these sharp spines, which are thus converted into weapons of defence. When persistently held or detained, the pricking effect cansed by this back ward motion is by no means agreedable. For the defence when the provided with a supply of a pectian kind of cockroach which infested the reptile house at the Zoological Gardens of London, near which I happened to reside; but my two little foreigners persistently declined them and any other equally tempting food. Indeed, the poor little Smiths were in such a feeble condition from exposure to cold during their transfer from the ship to their glass home that the posure to cold during their transfer from the ship to their glass home that the smaller one soon died.—Chambere's Jour-

Cruelty to Pigeons.

The object of those who provide doves pigeon's tail and to paint with a touch of tar, or to run a pin through its hind part. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty has interfered with those prac-tices, and I am told now that the following resource of civilization meets the difficulty: The only water given to the birds for twelve to twenty-four hours birds for twelve to twenty-four hours before the tournament is salt water. This almost maddens them, and when they rise from the trap they fulfill all require-ments. Anyone, my informant says, might convince himself of this by taking some of the pigeons from the basket just before they are put in the trap. If they are given fresh water they drink so much that they almost immediately die. I would suggest that an officer for the prevention of cruelty should get hold of some birds and try the experiment. The salt-water course is termed "hardening rocketers."—London Truth.

A man in Pittaburg has just patented a machine with which to blow window glass with compressed air, which, it is claimed, will revolutionize the business.

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Old age has been obtained in all cli-mates and under all circumstances. Man flourishes in the hot, the temperate and the cold, and under every form of diet; and where medical knowledge is least he often thrives most.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Utilizing Old Stockings.

A notable hosekeeper says that stockings that have served their purpose and are not serviceable for poor persons, are useful for ironholders. They should be cut down the scam and smoothly folded, with the foot inside. The edges should be firmly overcast with strong linen thread. Slip covers for ironholders are admirable. They may be made of stout gray linen in a bag shape. They are slipped over the ironholder and tacked at the open end.

Water for Fretful Bables.
How often does the baby fret in hot weather, and how promptly do many mothers and nurses attribute this fretfulness to the heat, and, therefore, make no attempt to allay it. Or, it is surmised that colic, a most convenient malady, causes the werry. In this case, warm, sweetened herb tea is administered, generally without appreciable results. Baby would not fret in this way if its mother would give it a few drops of cold water. Water for Fretful Babies. would not free in this way it its increase would give it a few drops of cold water. From the nature of the food that infants take, more or less suffering from thirst is produced, and a teaspoonful of cold water, given frequently during the day, wil do wonders toward keeping the baby always in a happy mood. In hot, the suffer in the baby always in a happy mood. In hot, sultry weather a little saleratus in the tepid bath will soothe the skin that is affected by the heat.—New York Commer-

Unfermented Breads. A lady gives the following in Good

Housekeeping:
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There are many ways of making bread without yeast, and although any of them a preduces light bread, some are less whole some than others, according to the acid used.

Bread No. 1.—To every two pounds of flour add one teaspoonful of sode and a did one-half teaspoonful of salt, mix all; then to the water, a gill most we appint, put half a teaspoonful of han it is acid, make a hole in the flour muriation is acid, make a hole in the flour muriation is great that is soft. Put it into a quick of which half a pint of which half a teaspoonful so hand is because sode and muriation acid, though not poison, is medicinal, and when mixed with soda is purgative.

Cuick Bread (with baking powder)—Cne quart of flour, two good teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one of sugar, one of sugar, one of suffer powder, and a half of salt. Mix the salt, sugar and baking powder with the flour thoroughly, then make it into a very stiff batter with milk or water; if water, melt in it a dessertspoonful of lard. The milk or water; if water, melt in it a dessertspoonful of lard. The men of lard and a pint of which, half a teacup of sugar, tree heaped teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and a lart system thoroughly, then make it into a very stiff batter with milk or water; if water, melt in it a dessertspoonful of lard. The men of lard is a sugar and baking powder, and a lard spoonful of salt. Mix the salt, sugar and baking powder, and a lard of salt. Mix the salt, such and steam for milk and a lard of salt. With the baking-powder and of 3b Alf will of milk, a scant teaspoonful of salt dix for the man of the milk of milk a scant teaspoonful of baking-powder, and a lard spoonful of salt dix lard for the milk of milk as continuous transports. The medicine does not dry unique the milk of the milk

one hour.

Posto i Erown Bread (unfermented)—Half a pint of ryemcal, the same of Indian, a cup of molasses, a pint of flour and a pint and a half of milk, a scant teaspoonful of baking powder, and a teaspoonful of salt. Mix flour and the two meals topy the with the baking powder and of postor with the baking powder and of postor with the baking powder and of postor to the flow of the postor of of the p

sweetened.

Corn Bread—Very simple. Mix cornmeal and milk into a thick batter; put to each pint of meal a tablespoonful of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder and a scant one of salt: met a dessertspoonful of lard and stir into it. The object of those who provide goves for tournaments is to produce birds that will rise rapidly from the trap, fly eratically, and make a struggle to get out of the bounds, even if hit. The plan used to be to pull a few feathers out of the nigron's tail and to paint with a touch nigron's tail and to paint with a touch to get to the above and you have an accellent corn bread.

two eggs to the above and you have an excellent corn bread.

Fine Corn Bread.—Mix with one quart of mi k two cups of Indian meal and three of flour and two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one of salt; beat three eggs, whites and yelks separately, add the yelks to the batter, then a table-spoonful of butter or lard and two of sugar, then add the whites which must be very firm and a teaspoonful of soda be very firm, and a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of boiling water. Bake in a buttered tin in a very quick oven half an hour. More suga may be added if the bread is liked sweet More sugar

Floating Distilleries.

An international conference has just taken place at Amsterdam which was taken place at Amsterdam which was summoned to arrange for the suppres-sion of the floating drinking saloons which have been creating such havoe among the seamen of the fishing fleets in the North Sea. These saloons were fitted up on vessels specially arranged for fitted up on vessels specially arranged for the purpose and were provided with dis-tilleries on board so as to avoid paying any duty. The delegates of the British, German, French, Dutch and Belgian Governments have now decided that any retailing of liquor to fishing boat fleets at sea shall be considered as a felony and punishable as such.—London Letter.

As evidence that civilization is advancing right along in Persia, it is mentioned that pigs are now tolerated in the streets of Teheran; a sewing machine company has located an agency; a young French woman is giving piano lessona and the wife of a German clockmake appears in a Persian play (stolen from the French), being the first actress in the Shah's Dominions.

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