(Preached at The Hamptons, Long Island.)
Text: "It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth."—Isaiah xl., 23.
While yet people thought that the world. was rat, and thousands of years before they found out that it was round, Isaiah, in my text, intimated the shape of it. God sitting upon the circle of the earth. The most beautiful figure in all geometry is the circle. God made the universe on the plan of a circle There are in the natural world straight lines, angles, parallelogrames, diagonals, quadrangles; but those evidently are not God's favorites. Almost everywhore where you find him geometrizing, you find the circle dominant, and if not the circle, then the curve, which is a circle that died young. If it had lived long enough it would have been full orb, a periphery. An ellipse is a circle pres ed only a little too hard at the sides. Giant's Causeway in Ireland shows what God thinks of mathematics. There are over 35,000. Columns of rocks—octagonal, hexagonal, pentagonal. These rocks seem to have been made by rule and by compass. Every artist has his molding room where he may make fifty shapes, but he chooses one shape as preferable to all the others. I will not say that the Giant's Causeway was the world's molding room, but I do say, out of a great many

iffty shapes, but he chooses one shape as preferable to all the others. I will not say that
the Giant's Causeway was the world's molding room, but I do say, out of a great many
figures God seems to have selected the circle
as the best. "It is He that sitteth on the clcle of the earth." The stars in a circle, the
moon in a circle, the sun in a circle, the universe lift a circle and the throne of God the
centre of that circle.

When men build churches, they ought to
imitate the idea of the great Architect and
put the audience in a circle, knowing that the
tides of emotion roll more easily that way
than in straight lines. Six thousand years
ago God flung this world out of his right
hand; he did not throw it out in a straight
hand; he did not throw it out in a straight
hine, but curvilizear, with a leash of love
holding it so as to bring it back again. The
world started from his hand pure and edenic.
It has been rolling on through regions of
moral ice and distemper. How long it will
roll God only knows; but it will in due time
make complete circuit, and come back to the
place where it started—the hand of God—
pure and edenic.

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The history of the world goes in a circle. Why is it that the shipping in our day is improving so rapidly? It is because men are imitating the old model of Noah's Ark. A ship carpenter gives that as his opinion. Although so much derided by small wits, that ship of Noah's time beat the Etruria and the Germanic, of which we beast so much. Where is the ship on the sea to-day that could outride a deluge in which the heavens and the earth were wrecked. landing all the paesengers in safety, two of each kind of iving creatures, thousands of species. Pomology will go on with its achievements until after many centuries the world will have plums and pears equal to the paradisaical. The art of gardening will grow for centuries, and, after the Downings and Mitchells of the world have done their best, in the far future the art of gardening will come up to the arborescence of the year one. If the makers of colored glass go on improving, they may in some centuries be able to make something equal to the east window of York Minster, which was built in 1230. We are six centuries behind those artists, but the world must keep on toiling until it shall make the complete circuit and come up to the skill of those very men. If the world continues to improve in masonry we shall have after awhile, perhaps after the advance of centuries, mortar equal to that which I saw in the wall of an exhumed English city, built in the time of the Romans, 1,600 years ago—that mortar to-day is as good as the day in which it was made, having outlasted the brick and the stone. I say, after hundreds of years masonry may advance to that point. If the world stands long enough, we may have a city as large as they had in old times, Eabylon, five times the size of London. You go into the potteries of England, and you find them making cups and vases after the style of the cups and vases exhumed from Pompeii. The world is not going back. Oh, no! but it swinging in a circle, and will come back to the styles of pottery known so long ago as the days of Pompeii. The

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"Blessed is the one whose trangressions are forgiven."

But do not make the mistake of thinking that this doctrine of the circle stops with this life; it rolls on through heaven. You might quote in opposition to me what St. John says about the city of heaven. He says it "lieth four square." That does seem to militate against this idea; but you know there is many a square house that has a family circle facing each other, and in a circle moving, and I can prove that this is so in regard to heaven. St. John says: "I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders." And, again he says: "There was a rainbow round about the throne." The two former instances a circle; the last either a circle or a semicircle. The seats facing each other, the angels facing each other, the men facing each other. Heaven an ampitheatre of glory. Circumference of patriarch, and prophet, and apostle. Circumference of Scotch covenanters, and Theban legion, and Albigenses. Circumference of the good of all ages. Periphery of splendor, unimagined and indescribable. A circle! A circle!

You maltreat an aged parent. You be grudge him the room in your house. You are impatient of his whimsicalities and garuility. It makes you mad to hear him tell the same story twice. You give food he cannot masticate. You wish he were away. You wonder if he is going to live forever. He will be gone very soon. His steps are shorter and shorter. He is going to stop. But God has an account to settle with you on that subject. After a while your eye will be dim and your gait will halt, and the sound of the grinding will be low, and you will tell the same story twice, and your children will wonder if you are going to live forever, and wonder if you will never be taken away. They called you "Father" once; now they call you "the cid man." If you live a few years longer they will call you "the old chap." What are those rough words with which your children are accosting you? They called you in the cid man." If you live a few years longer t

"Impossible" this popule said, "that with sever happens." Who is that first out of the popule said, "that with sever happens." Who is that first out of the popule said, "that with sever happens." Who is that first out of the popule said the population of the said said the door many that through between said. At last, the way, the population of the said the door that door many that the carbon between the said the door that door that the circle said the door that door that the circle said the common of which the common of the said the said the common of the said the said the common of the said the said the said the common of the said the said

But every circumference must have a centre, and what is the centre of this heavenly circumference? Christ. His all the glory. His all the praise. His all the crowns. All heaven wreathed into a garland round about Him. Take off the imperial sandal from His foot, and behold the scar of the spike. Lift the corone tof dominion from His brws, and see where was the laceration of the briars. Come closer, all heaven. Narrow the circle around His great heart. O'Christ, the Saviour! O'Christ, the man! O'Christ, the God! Keep thy throne forever, seated on the circle of the earth, seated on the circle of the earth, seated on the circle of the spike.

"On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is shifting sand."

Stonewall Jackson's Flank Attack at Chancellorsville.

From General O. O. Howard's article in the Ceutury, we quote as follows: "Somebody's guns thundered away for a few, short minutes, and then came the fifful rattle of musketry; and before I could again get into the saddle there arose the ceaseless roar of the terrible storm.

storm.

'I sent out my chief of staff, Colonel Asmussen, who was the first officer to mount—'The fring is in front of Devens, go and see if all is in order on the extreme right.' He instantly turned and galloped away. I mounted and set off for a prominent place in rear of Schurz's line, so as the change, front to the next week. to change front to the north-west of every brigade south-east of the point of attack, if the attack extended beyond Deven's right flank; for it was divined at once that the enemy was now west of him. I could see numbers of our men-not the few straggless the always fivhim. I could see numbers of our men—not the few stragglers that always fly like the chaff at the first breeze, but scores of them—rushing in the opening, some with arms and some without, running or falling before they got behind the cover of Deven's reserves, and before General Schurz's waiting masses could deploy or charge. The noise and the smoke lilled the air with excitement, and to add to it Dieckmann's guns and caissons. illed the air with excitement, and to add to it Dieckmann's guns and caissons, with battery men scattered, rolled and tumbled like runaway wagons and carts in a thronged city. The guns and the masses of the right brigade struck the second line of Devens before McLean's front had given way, and, quicker than it could be told, with all the fury of the wildest hail-storm, everything, every sort of organization that lay in the path of the mad current of panic-stricken men, had to give way and be broken into fragments.

"My own horse seemed to catch the "My own horse seemed to catch the fury; he sprang, he rose high on his hind legs and fell over, throwing me to the ground. My nide-de-camp, Dessauer, was struck by a shot and killed, and for a few moments I was as helpless as any of the men who were speeding without arms to the rear. But faithful orderlies helped me to remount.
"I rode quickly to the reserve batteries. A staff-officer of General Hooker, Lieutenent-Colonel Dickinson, joined me there; my own staff gathered around me. I was eager to fill the trenches which Barlow would have held. Buschbeck's second line was ordered to change front there. His men kept their ranks,

beck's second line was ordered to change front there. His men kept their ranks, but at first they appeared slow. 'Will they never get there?'
''Dickinson said: 'Oh, General, see those men coming from that hill way off to the right, and there's the enemy after them. Fire, oh, fire at them; you may stop the flight?'
'''No, Colonel,' I said, 'I will never fire on my own men!'"

## Medical Advance.

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Each year sees substantial advance in medical science. The last year is no exception to this. We give some few points in illustration:

The study of bacteriology—the casual relation of microscopic plants to infectious diseases—has been pursued the world over with increasing interest and conviction of its fundamental truth. Investigators, however, are not yet agreed. vestigators, however, are not yet agreed that Professor Koch's "comma bacillus"—so called from its resemblance to the comma—is the cause of cholera, though the view is ably defended by others than

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the professor.

That the microbe or germ, to which
tubercular consumption is due, has been
discovered, has been rendered strongly
probable by recent investigations.

To 1885 belongs Pasteur's supposed
discovery of a protective vaccine against
hydrophobia. Should the present year
contirm it, it may take its place among
the most valuable of the age.

Dyspeptics have long known that fat,
as a food, was a special trouble to them.
It has now been proved that, even in

Why the Conductor's Jaw Fell.

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One of those smart Alexanders who travel on his cheek and the inability of the public to change \$20 bills for a glass of soda, got on a Pennslyvania avenue car the other day and tendered the aforesaid \$20 for his fare. Of course the conductor could not change it and so he got his ride free. This was repeated until the conductor got tired of it, and after the fourth or lifth time of its repetition he determined to get even with the fellow. By visiting the toll-house, and by other means unknown, the manipulator of the bell punch managed to scrape up \$19.95 in pennies.

Placing these in a little bucket he quietly awaited the appearance of his victim, having posted the driver and some other intimate friends who happened to be on board. When the unsuspecting man with the plethoric pocket book put in an appearance and promptly produced the "twenty," with many apologies, the conductor pocketed the bill and produced his little bucket, and amid the grins of the spectators presented it on his customer. The young man looked

and produced his little bucket, and amid the grins of the spectators presented it to his customer. The young man looked pretty cheap, and after feeling the heft of the bucket thoughtfully got off the car and disappeared around a corner. Then the conductor took the bill from his pocket and proceeded to fold it up nicely so that it would fit into a convenient corner of his pocketbook. Something in the appearance of the bill caught his eye, and, as he examined it a little closer, his jaw dropped about a foot. The bill was a counterfeit. The young man had also been laying for the conductor.—Pitt:burg Commercial.

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