Liberal Gontracts will be made.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

WOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest From All Parts of World.

As a guarantee for a \$33 board bill, Mrs Pauline Hubete gave her year-old baby to a Chicago boarding house mis-

The general conference of the Methadist Episcopal church, South, appointcommittee of eight members of elergy and eight of the laymen to reconvey to eight of the original patronizing conferences whatever right the church has to control Vanderbilt refresity and the advisability of esunblishing another university as the representative educational institution

of the church. officials at Washington were great-

Huerta troops. pont Morgan had over not only the he had been indicted." officials of the New Haven road, but tions.

As his administration totters and defiance at the world, and declares he leased. did not instruct his representatives to tender his resignation if they deemed it necessary. In the meantime Villa centrate his forces in an attack on Connecticut. Saltillo. With the capture of this city was instrumental in selling the trolley meeting.

Mellen. No quarter was shown by the rebels after their victories at Paredon and celebrating, the founding of Agnes Zertuche, according to dispatches re- Scott College. ceived by General Carranza at Juarez,

two generals and many federal officers in session in Oklahoma City. were executed by the Constitutionaland his staff of 32 were executed after

the battle of Paredon.

The manner in which the fortunes of the New Haven railroad disappeared was revealed by Charles S. Mellen, D. C. former president of the road, when commerce commission in Washington, D. C. He frankly admitted he was called Morgan's office boy. He said was .2 of one per cent. that \$35,000,000 of New Haven money was wasted on the Westchester deal

Tammany Leader Murphy coming in

for a "hold-up" and mentioned the

name of Theodore Roosevelt in the Boston and Maine deal. peace conference at Niagara Falls, his protection. Ontario, when representatives from the United States and Mexico and the three mediators from the three South American countries will meet for the

intervention by the United States. was thin and walked with the aid of tols. a cain, he did not seem to have lost of the lost river in Brazil and declared

await proposals from the three South American Mediators. Other than this

to pursue. President Wilson has sent a note

remain in the Colorado strike region only so long as it will be necessary for the state to rebain control of the

In a message to his representatives if it is absolutely necessary for the success of the conference.

The rebel leaders are silent as to their views concerning the peace conlerence. It is known, however, they

tire Huerta administration. The labor leaders have declared war conference. on the Clayton anti-trust bills. The proposals to "Exemp labor unions from the friction.

As a reward for saving the life of unidentified young woman from a runaway automobile in the streets of an unidentified young woman from a runaway automobile in the streets of Atlanta, E. M. Beard of Birmingham, Ala., was seriously injured.

William J. Martin, president of Davidson College of Davidson, N. C., was elected moderator to succeed Rev. J. S. Lyons of Louisville, Ky., by the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterians in session in Kansas City, Missouri.

Reports from the United States chamber of commerce advise that the prospects for a good fruit season are excellent with the exception of the peach crop."

An immense moose driven from its Canadian home by forest fires practically took possession of the town of Ran Away From Home to Enter Into Salt Ste. Marie, Mich., for several

Tentative plans for the unification of the three great Methodist bodies in America were approved and a declaration of principles were adopted by the general conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church, South, in session in Oklahoma City.

the New York police department, was orator of unusual ability, for 40 years adjourn. found guilty of murder in the first he had been prominent before the degree for plotting Rosenthal's death | people of his state and the nation. two years ago. This is the second time he has been found guilty.

On the last day he was testifying bely relieved when word was brought fore the interstate commerce commisto them that Vice Consul Silliman was sion, Charles S. Mellen, former presisafe in Mexico City, having arrived dent of the New Haven road, told the theref rom Saltillo. However, the Sil- commissioners that the late J. Pier-Hman matter has not been cleared up, pont Morgan was cognizant of the as it was reported he was jailed while Grand Trunk negotiations on which attending to his duties as United he (Mellen) was criminally indicted States consul and the records of the for violation of the Sherman anti-trust consul's office were seized by the act, and that he "took the indictment that belonged to Morgan, believing it The wonderful control the late Pier- would have killed the aged financier if

the properties as well, was graphically worried over the safety of Vice Contold by former president Charles S. sul Silliman, who was reported releas-Mellen before the interstate commerce ed from a prison at Saltillo more than ommission. He said that neither him- a week ago and who has not been self or the directors of the road dared heard from since then. American Conto protest against Morgan's instruc- sul Hanna at Monterey has been asked by Secretary Bryan if it would be feasible to send a messenger to Salthe fall seems imminent, Huerta shouts | tillo to learn whether Sillaman was re-

Wireless message received at Galveston. Texas, tells of the rescue of passengers from the steamship Atlanwins a sweeping victory in the battle tis, which was grounded 100 miles of Paredon and is preparing to con- north of Tampico by the battleship

The board of police commissioners the way will be opened for the rebel have withdrawn their recommendation army for their march to the capitol. for a license for the Atlanta branch In the probe of the finances of the of the Burns' Detective Agency. The New Haven by the interstate com- matter of revoking the license of the merce commission it developed that detective agency will be brought beformer United Statese Senator Aldrich fore the general council at its next

lines of that state to the New Haven Vice President Thomas R. Marshall for an excessive amount, according and Mrs. Marshall will be lavishly to the testimony of former president entertained in Atlanta during their stay in this city. The vice president In Session 18 Days the Quadrennial will speak at the quatro-centennial

Laity rights for women was defeattwo federal generals, Miguel Alvarez ed by the general conference of the and Ignacio Munoz, were killed and Methodist Episcopal church, South,

The first steps in the organization of ists after the battle. General Ozorno Atlanta's reserve bank have been taken. The certificate of organization has been signed by A. C. Clewis, president, and J. A. Griffin, cashier, and has been forwarded to Washington,

The death rate in the United States called to testify before the interstate showed a slight increase according to statistics compiled by the census bureau. The increase in 1913 over 1912

The life of Prince William of Albania was threatened by the increasing at Morgan's command, also told of hospitality between Essad Pasha, formerly Turkish commander at Scutari, and the other members of the Albanian ministry, and it was necessary to land a mixed force of marines from Everything is in readiness for the the international fleet at Durazzo for

The chief problems that will confront the peace conference will be the form of government that will be established until a regular government purpose of attempting to settle the is installed and who will succeed present strife in Mexico and prevent Huerta as the provincial governor.

The battleship Texas will soon leave Theodore Roosevelt has returned to for Vera Cruz with tons of amunition his home at Oyster Bay. Although he and a large number of rifles and pis-

Theodore Roosevelt's journey from any of the old vitality. When seen the jungles of Brazil will terminate upon his arrival the Progressive leader with his arrival at his home in Oyster denied rumors that he would run for Bay, Long Island, New York. He has president in 1916; reaffirmed his story practically recovered from his illness. According to statistice read in the he would not run for governor of New House of Representatives there were more men killed in accidents in the Before leaving for the peace con- Panama Canal Zone between May 1, ference at Niagara Falls, President 1914 and March 31, 1914 than were Wilson told the United States dele- killed in the war of 1812 and the gates to be in a receptive mood and Mexican war combined, the total be-

ing 2,190. After being adrift 13 days without he outlined no special course for them food and a scarcity of water, four sailors from the freight ship Columbian, which was burned at sea May of warning to Governor Ammons of 3, were picked up by the Revenue Olorado, that the Federal troops will Cuteer Seneca, forty miles south of Sable Island. Eleven of the crew had perished from starvation and exposure. Their bodies were thrown

overboard. It is said that the envoys represent-Washington , Dictator Huerta in- ing the Mexican Government have structs them he is willing to resign stated that no man of military prominence can succeed Huerta. This will eliminate Carranza and Villa as well as Huerta. President Wilson has sent word to the Peace Envoys that it is peace in Mexico rather than will demand the elimination of the en- the insult to the American flag that he wants to be the chief aim of the

The Interstate Commerce Commisators to make speeches, Senator Kern the operation of the Sherman anti- the vanished millions belonging to trust law is said to be the cause of the stockholders of the New Haven Railroad,

OF KENTUCKY, DEAD

DISTINGUISHED REPUBLICAN AND FOR FORTY YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

SERVED IN THE UNION ARMY

the Struggle of the Civil War at the Age of 14.

Washington.-William O. Bradley United States Senator from Kentucky, died here at 9:45 p. m. after a lingering illness aggravated by a fall.

Senator Bradley was one of the Charles Becker, former lieutenant of of Kentucky in his generation. An plete deliveries of opinions soon and J. A .Long of the Monument Commis-

of age when War Between the States not under the Constitution issue \$50,was declared. Twice he ran away 000 bonds for new school buildings as Legislature, enabling him to practice pense" could be construed as allowlaw, if he proved his qualifications be- ing the bond issue. fore an examining committee. He The full list of opinions delivered satisfied the committee of his quali- by the court follows: Drainage Com- Augustus Lukeman, of New York.

he was defeated for Congress and

date the following year.

In 1895 Senator Bradley was electeight votes, after a deadlock finally would have expired March 3, 1915.

emption law.

METHODIST HAVE ADJOURNED.

Annual Conference Closes.

Oklahoma City, Okla.-After being Government Buys Mt. Pisgah. in session for 18 days the quadrenial general conference of the Methodist for holding the next conference has been entrusted to a special committee named for that purpose. It is generally believed that either Richmond, Va., or Atlanta, Ga., will be chosen,

Despite the fact that strenuous ef- acres around the family home. or so, numerous board meetings hav- estry purposes. ing been called to meet immediately

Interest in the last sessions cennual conference the question of changoption of a committee report recommending stricter regulations of evangelists traveling within the bounds of | Craig Commutes to Life Sentence. the conference and the adoption of four years consecutive jurisdiction in the various mission fields.

At the afternoon session the committee on education recommended due the theological department of he paid.

Atlanta, Ga.-Declaring their only crime "his been possibly the public

Detectives Assert Innocence.

announcement of our belief in Leo Southern manager for William J. Burns, the detective, issued a statement here defending himself and fellow operatives of the charge of using its which were used in an effort to obtain a new trial for the factory superintendent. Mr. Lehon was indicted for subordination of perjury in connection with the case of Frank.

Girl Put Burglar to Rout. Far Rockaway, N. Y .- After begattacked him, and saved the coat.

Prefers Pipe to Cigars. \$250 with which to buy cigars, de-

WEEK'S DECISIONS OF SUPREME COURT

EXPECT THAT COURT WILL MAKE FINAL DELIVERIES AND ADJOURN.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh.

Opinions in 19 appeals were denvered by the Supreme Court. It is expected that the arguments for the

Born in 1847, he was only 14 years school commissioners of Raleigh can- be published within a day or two.

fications and made law his profession. missioners vs. Home and Farm Asso-Faced with a strong Democratic ciation, Washington County, affirmed; Compare Farm and City Labor. majority in his state Mr. Bradley Sprague vs. School Commissioners, often suffered defeat for office. Twice Wake, reversed; Rhodes vs. City of Durham, defendant's appeal affirmed, four times for United States Senator plaintiff's appeal dismissed; Bond vs. after receiving the nomination of his Pickett Cotton Mills, Guilford, affirmed; Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern In 1887 he was defeated for Gover- Railway vs. Mecklenburg Manufac- 40 University students by Dr. C. L. nor, but reduced the Democratic ma- turing Company, defendant's appeal Raper, head of the department of jority of the preceding gubernatorial no error, plaintiff appeal error; Caucampaign from 47,000 to 17,000. It sey vs. Seaboard Air Line, Randolph, was this showing that led to his prom- no error; Uwharrie Mining Company inence as a vice presidential candi- vs. Candor, Montgomery, affirmed; State vs. Johnson, Avery, new trial; ed Governor of Kentucky. Victory sylvania, affirmed; Myers vs. Norfolk again settled on his banner in 1903, & Western Railway, Wilkes, no error; when a Democratic Legislature by Hooper vs. Hooper, Henderson, new trial; Wallace vs. Barlow, Wilkes, no elected him to the Senate. Tis term error; Burris vs. Starr, Catawba, in plaintiff's appeal no error, defendant's His last speech was delivered on appeal no error; State vs. Shaft, Bun-May 6, when he spoke against the combe, no error; Lance vs. Russell, repeal of the Panama Canal toll ex- Buncombe, modified and affirmed with costs against the plaintiff; Wynn vs. Grant, Buncombe, no error; Myers vs. Asheville, Affirmed; Schas vs. Life Assurance Society, Bun-Buncombe, no error.

Washington-The National Forestry Commission approved the purchase by Episcopal Church, South, formally ad- the government of the Pisgah Forest compared with \$6,912,616 the previ- within the past few years. journed. The selection of the place tract of the Vanderbilt estate near ous year. There are 288,333 shares in Asheville, consisting of about 86,700 force compared with 243,544 the preacres at \$5 per acre or a total cost vious year. There were 18 new assoof \$433,551.30.

The tract contains most of the Vanderbilt estate, the Vanderbilt family both cities having extended pressing retaining only about 400 acres about Confer Honorary Degrees. Buck Spring Lodge and about 11,000

forts were made to clear the decks A member of the commission stated laws on N. Y. Gulley, dean of the of all business at night session, ad- that he considered the Pisgah Forest Wake Forest Law school; W. J. Mcjournment came with many petitions, tract to be the most attractive forest Glothin, professor of history in Southmemorials and resolutions still on the in the country and although the price ern Baptist Theological Seminary at calendar. The majority of the dele- was high he declared it was the Louisville; Henry Wood, professor of gates will remain in the city for a day cheapest property yet bought for for-

after the adjournment of the con- ernor Craig a proposition to have him editor of The Progressive Farmer; tered in the decision of the confer- federal government to make the Pis- and Gustavius Arvid Hagstrom, presence to not again submit to the an- gah Forest a national game preserve, ident Bethel Academy and Theologi-The government will retain the cal Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. ing the name of the church; the ad- name Pisgah Forest given the tract by the Vanderbilts.

habits.

Hapgood to Press Association.

Announcement has been made that Norman H. Hapgood, of Hared in favor of Mr. Hapgood.

Secretary Daniels in Raleigh.

Historians Get Macon Letters. The State Historical Commission has received a gift of an exceptionally valuable collection of letters and papers of Nathaniel Macon to be kept

in the fire-proof cases of the commission in the new state building. The collection is a gift from Miss Laura Eaton Alston, of Warrenton. There are 60 or more letters written to Macon, most of them while he was in the United States Senate, which treat public affairs most interestingly from the viewpoint of the historian.

There are letters in the collection from Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren, Governor Branch and others. Secretary R. D. W. Connor of the State Historical Commission is rapidly perfecting the program for the unveiling of the monument to the North Carolina Women of the Confederacy to be unveiled in Capital Square here June 10.

The present plan is to divide the ceremonies between the city auditorium and the monument, the exercises to begin at the auditorium at term will be concluded in a few days 11 o'clock. The monument will be most distinguished Republican leaders and that the Supreme Court will com- presented to the State by Chairman sion, and Governor Craig will accept In Sprague vs. School Commission- it for the state. The details of the ers from Wake the court holds that unveiling ceremonies will probably

The commission that procured the monument as the gift of the late from home to join the Union army, "necessary expense" after the election Ashley Horne consists of J. A. Long, only to be taken from the ranks by on the question ordered by the Legis- Roxboro, chairman; R. D. W. Conhis father because of his extreme lature has failed to receive a majority nor, Raleigh, secretary; Henry A. youth. As a page of the lower house of the qualified voters, although it did London, Pittsboro; Mrs. F. M. Wil of the Kentucky Legislature he at- get a majority of the votes cast. It liams, Newton; Col. J. Bryan Grimes, tracted such attention that at the age was hoped that there being compul- Raleigh; Capt. T. W. Mason, Northof 18 a special act was passed by the sory education the "necessary ex- ampton. The late W. H. S. Burgwyn of Weldon was also on the commission up to the time of his death.

The monument is the work of

"What is the labor problem in your gestions have you to offer for the imeconomics and correspondent of the Unitd States Rural Organization Service, as a basis upon which to gather some first-hand information relative to labor conditions in North Carolina. Fisher vs. Toxaway Company, Tran- The investigations embraced some 30 representative North Carolina counties. The findings unfolded by this investigation are of general interest for the twofold reason of the general conclusions arrived at and the detailed content of the papers presented.

Extracts of B. & L. Report. The forthcoming annual report of combe, new trial; Belk vs. Vance, advancement and improvement. The showing will be that receipts the past ciations formed the past year, making a total of 138 association in the state

Wake Forest College conferred the following honorary degrees: Doctor of German in Johns Hokpins University. The degree of doctor of letters was The commission took up with Gov-conferred on Clarence Poe of Raleigh. secure legislation to have the State of Henry Jerome Stockard, professor of North Carolina co-operate with the English at Peace Institute, Raleigh, tion, also a stable with 150 stalls will

Cleve Jones Gets Pardon. Governor Craig granted a pardon to Cleve Jones, Wilson County, who A. W. McLean and Judge Walter has served six years of a 15-year senthe resolution that both sides have Neal were successful in their efforts tence for criminal assault. The parwith Governor Craig to procure a don is at the request of Judge W. R. commutation to life imprisonment for Allen ,trial judge, who writes that he W. T. McKenzie sentenced in Robe- believes that circumstances considerson County to die in the electric chair ed, the prisoner has now been suffithat \$105,000 be raised annually, to June 12 for the killing of his brother- ciently punished. Court officers and be spent at the discretion of the in-law Peter Jones. Both men had many citizens recommend the pardon. board of education and that all money | been highly regarded. McKenzie was | Numbers of affidavits have been filed a rural mail carrier and man of good with the Governor which, if true, are Vanderbilt University to June 30, 1914, habits. The Governor explains that inconsistent with guilt of the prison

Map of Soils is Ready.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, state chemist and director of the soil survey and test per's Weekly, is to be the orator for farm work, says the soil map for Frank's innocence," Daniel S. Lehon. the annual convention of the North Bladen county is just completed, mak-Carolina Press Association, to be in ing about one-third of the state now session at Wrightsville Beach June surveyed and mapped as to types of 24:25. It is a notable fact that a soil. The work is now being pushed straw ballot as to the preference of in Wake, Union and Rowan counties. improper methods in obtaining affidav- the editors of the state as to who It is estimated that 10 years will be should be invited to deliver the ad- required to complete this work with dress, taken some weeks ago by Pres- the co-operation of the state departident Clarence Poe, with eight to ten ment of agriculture and the United editors of National reputation, result- States department as now organized for the work.

This map of the soils is being followed up by the department with she saw him stealing her new green where on the night before Secretary vation and crops best adapted. Spesport coat. She jumped out of bed, Daniels delivered the annual address cial bulletins as to these are being at the commencement of the College issued, that on the mountain soils of Charleston, following commence- being already out and being used to ment addresses at Davidson College, great advantage by the farmers of the Chicago.-Oliver W. Norton, the and at the Charlotte High School. mountain sections of the state. There blind millionaire who was bequeathed Secretary Daniels left in the after are four other special bulletins now poon for Goldsboro to visit his mother in the press as to special soils in difclares he wants a pipe instead, but going by automobile, and left Golds- ferent sections of the state and these added: "the folks won't let me smoke boro that night for Washington. Mrs. are calculated to be of great benefit law and the needs of better legislation sin makes strange companions. Daniels remained for a few days to farmers. truckers and others.

STATE ITEMS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE.

Charlotte Has Big Celebration. Without unpleasant incident of note and under ideal weather conditions more than 75,000 people from Charlotte and territory within 100 miles and more took part in the greatest celebration, the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration. The dawn found the city streets filled with visitors and regular and special trains from all points in the Piedmont Carolinas added their quota until the city was one solid mass of humanity when the time for the parade arrived. The size of the crowd has been variously estimated, from the ultra conservative to the other extreme. Some estimates have run as high as 90,000 and a few as low as 60,000, but according to those familiar with large gatherings, 75,000 appeared to cover the crowd. It was a larger crowd han was here when President Taft was the guest of honor, and larger than when Vice President Adlai Stevenson was here years ago on a similar occasion. Narrowed down to its final analysis, it was the biggest assemblage of people ever seen in Charlotte. It was also one of the most orderly. There were very few disturbances among the throngs of sufficient importance to demand police attention, and with two or three exceptions there were no accidents and these were not of a serious nature. The presence and address of Vice President Marshall was alone a feature far beyond the ordinary.

Gov. Baldwin at Wake Forest.

North Carolina's part in the development of the nation was treated by home county or town?" "What sug- Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut in his address here in such a manprovement of labor conditions in your ner as to leave no doubt that the particular vicinity?" These topics New England statesman is as properwere furnished an economics class of ly proud of the past of this state as would be becoming in a citizen of another. Introduced to his audience by Governor Craig at 10:30 o'clock, Mr. Baldwin did not use up anything like all the time that would have been gladly given him by his audience which he held for an hour in Wingate Memorial Hall. He selected as his theme. "The Contribution of North Carolina to the Development of American Institutions."

Gastonia School Burns.

At 2:30 o'clock in the morning the Gastonia Central Graded School building was practically destroyed by a Commission of Insurance James R. fire which threatened nearby struc-Young on the growth of building and tures. The fire was discovered about and wretchedness. Jesus never loan associations in this state for the 2 o'clock and had gained such headlast fiscal year will show gratifying way efforts to control it were ineffective. School closed a week ago and no one is supposed to have been in fiscal year aggregated \$7,756,599, the building, so nothing concerning that they drive us to Jesus. Though compared with \$6,912,616 the grevi- the origin of the blaze can be ascer- afar off, and though only one drew ous year and that the assets of the tained. The building cost the city nigh (v. 16), yet it was the privilege of associations aggregate \$11,071,156, of Gastonia \$30,000 and was erected

Odd Fellows Elect Officers. Election of officers for the grand

lodge of Odd Fellows resulted as follows: M. L. Shipman, Raleigh, grand representative; W. F. Evans, Greenville, grand master; T. L. Green, Waynesville, deputy grand master; Guy Weaver, Raleigh, grand secretary; R. J. Jones, Wilmington, grand treasurer; W. H. Overton, Durham, trustee for five years.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

The work of construction on the large addition to the Beaufort county tobacco warehouse has commenced and will be pushed rapidly to complebe built in connection with the warebringing their tobacco from a distance.

That the approcahing Buncombe county convention of the Democratic party will call for some bitter contests beween the Reynolds and Gudger forces in the congressional race was evidenced when at the meeting

Upon his return to Asheville from the meeting of the general conference our great high priest, as we take our of the Southern Methodist Church, eyes off of self, we shall be cleansed, President Newell of Weaver College. announced that that institution has been named as one of the mountain schools of the church and will receive an income of \$3,000 annually from the conference.

Interest has been aroused in the establishment of a creamery for the farmers of Cabarrus. The matter is ers but a number of business men have evidenced interest and stated

they will take stock. News that is of special interest to the members of the Reformed church in this state comes from Lancaster, Pa., where the general synod of that test against the establishment of the and Heb. 1:6. Central Carolina Class.

An election has been called by the Cleveland county commissioners for Secretary of the Navy Daniels and analysis of the soils and with spec. June 27, at which ime the county ging a burglar not to kill her, Miss Mrs. Daniels arrived in the city a few ial experiments on all new types of as a whole will vote on a subscription Anna Deneher became enraged when days ago from Charleston, S. C., soil as to the best means of culti- of \$80,000 for two railroads; \$40,000 for an electric line from Kings Moun- ger." This is the one whom less

tain through Shelby State Fish Commission J. H. Le-Roy is drafting a state-wide fish law which will be presented to the next session of the legislature for enactment. Mr. LeRoy has been commissioner for two years and he has made tiles.) The Jews have no dealings a study of the present inefficient fish with the Samaritans (John 4:9), but to protect the industry in the state.

INTERNATIONAL

(By O. E. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR MAY 31

THE GRATEFUL SAMARITAN.

LESSON TEXT-Luke 17:11-19. GOLDEN TEXT-"Were there none found that returned to give glory to God save this stranger?" Luke 17:18.

Jesus and his party are on their last journey to Jerusalem, a most eventful journey. It led him between Samaria and Galilee (v. 11, marg.) and into, or through, an unknown, unnamed village. To us this is the most heroic and momentous moment in history. Jesus knew that his hour was at hand. He knew all that awaited him in Jerusalem, yet he "set his face as a flint" and nothing could turn him from his purpose, his crowning work. Jesus, however, was never too busy or in too great haste to do a deed of

compassionate mercy. The Type of Sin.

I. A Great Need, vv. 11-14.-We are familiar with the awfulness of leprosy and that it is a type of sin. Like sin, leprosy begins within, is insidious in its progress; it defies, shuts men out of the society of the clean. It renders its victims helpless and hopeless, has no remedy and receives no help from men; in consumes and finally kills. This was a terrible spectacle that greeted Jesus' eyes as he entered the village, for these lepers were pelled to live on the outside. Notice (v. 12) that they stood "afar off" (Eph. 2:13), indeed, so far off that they were compelled to "lift their voices" in order to make known their request, although it may have been that the disease had reached their vocal organs. The Mosaic law compelled the leper thus to stand afar off. Lev. 13:45, 46. Their salutation was the cry of the needy made to one in authority. The word "Master" here used is not that which usually means teacher, but rather one that would be applied to one in authority, an appointee or a commander. They must have either recognized his power or, having heard of his miracles they appealed to him to exercise a like power on their behalf. There was no other who could possibly give them relief. even so the sinners' only hope is to meet Jesus. He, and he alone, can cleanse them from their uncleanness passed that way again, this was their only opportunity. Their need drove them to him. Ofttimes our distress and need are blessings in disguise in them all, as it is also our privilege to "draw nigh," Eph. 2:13. Their cry did not fall upon deaf ears (Isa. 59:1). It was a brief, but to the point, petition. They knew what they needed and drove straight to the point. Their appeal to his mercy met with immediate response, so also will the cry of the needy sinner meet with a like response (Rom. 10:13). The record does not tell us about the faith of these men and it is useless for us to speculate. The cry of faith will have its answer, Matt. 9:29. Their prayer was brief, it must have been humble, believing, earnest and specific, for when "he saw them" (v. 14) he gave directions as to the manner whereby they might be cleansed. He could have spoken or have touched them, but his way at that time was to utter a command. This resulted in (a) a fulfilling of the law, (b) a test for their house for the benefit of farmers faith, (c) a testimony to the priests. They showed their genuine earnestness by immediate obedience, they took him at his word. The record is wonderfully suggestive, "as they went they were cleansed." Faith and works. obedience and results. When we act upon his simple yet sublime word we, too, will receive a blessed answer to our every need. As we look to him,

John 14:21,23. Bore Witness Before Men.

II. A Grateful Heart, vv. 15-19.-The revelation of cleansing brought different results to these lepers. "One of them" came back at once to express his gratitude. Before he could scarcely speak his petition, now he cries with a "loud voice." This is a suggesbeing agitated and not only the farm- tion as to the completeness of his cure. He at once uses his restored voice to "glorify God," and it looks as though he bore this witness before he testified to men; (a) being healed seems also to have opened his eyes as to the character of Jesus. He not only returned thanks, but "worshiped church in the United States is in ses- him." Nor does Jesus refuse to acsion. It brings the information that cept such worship—an evidence of his the general synod has upheld the pro- deity, see Acts 15:25,26; John 5:23

The nine were too occupied in rejoicing with their friends, too busy with fulfilling duties from which they had long been separated, to express their thanks. It is significant that this one was a Samaritan-"a stranwould be expected, yet Luke records other good things about the Samaritan, ch. 10:33-35. (Luke, as the companion of Paul, shows us not only in his gospei, but in his life of Paul Christ's outreachings towards the Gen-