DAY SERMON.

TEXT: "Then said they unto him. Say now shibboleth, and he said, sibboleth, for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him and slew him at the pas-mages of Jordan."—Judges xil., 6.

Do you notice the difference of pronuncla-tion between shibboleth and shibboleth? A very small and unimportant difference, you say. And yet that difference was the differ-ence between life and death for a great many people. The Lord's people, Gilead and Ephraim, got into a great fight, and Eph-raim was worsted, and on the retreat came to the fords of the river Jordan to cross. Or-der was given that all Ephraimites coming der was given that all Ephraimites coming there be slain. But how could it be found out who were Ephraimites? They were de-tected by their pronunciation. Shibboleth was a word that stood for river.

The Ephraimites had a broque of their own, and when they tried to say "shibboleth" always left out the sound of the "h," When it was asked that they say shibboleth, they said sibboleth and were slain. "Then said they unto him, say now shibboleth, and he said sibboleth, for he could be the said sibboleth, for he could be said sibboleth. not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him and slew him at the passages of Jordan." A very small difference, you say, between Gliead and Ephraim, and yet how much intolerance about that small difference! The Lord's tribes in our time—by which I mean the different denominations of Christians—sometimes magnify a very small difference, and the only difference between scores of denominations to-day is the difference between shibboleth and sibboleth.

The church of God is divided into a great number of denominations. Time would fail me to tell of the Calvinists, and the Arminians, and the Sabbatarians, and the Baxterians, and the Dunkers, and the Shakers, and the Quakers, and the Methodists, and the Baptists, and the Episcopalians, and the Lutherans, and the Congregationalists, and the Presbyterians, and the Spiritualists, and a score of other denominations of religion-ists, some of them founded by very good men, some of them founded by very egotistle men, some of them founded by very bad men. But as I demand for myself liberty of conscience I must give that same liberty to every other man, remembering that he no differs from me than I differ from him. I advocate the largest liberty in all religious belief and form of worship. In art, in poli-tics, in morals and in religion let there be no gag law, no moving of the previous question, no persecution, no intolerance.
You know that the air and the water keep

pure by constant circulation, and I think there is a tendency in religious discussion to purification and moral health. Between to purification and moral health. Between the fourth and the sixteenth centuries the church proposed to make people think aright by prohibiting discussion, and by strong censorship of the press and rack and gibbet and hot lead down the throat tried to make people orthodox, but it was discovered that you cannot change a man's belief by twisting off his head nor make a man see differently by putting an awl through his eyes. There is something in a man's conscience which will hurl off the mountain that you three upon it, and, unsinged of the that you threw upon it, and, unsinged of the fire, out of the flame will make red wings

m which the martyr will mount to glory. In that time of which I speak, between the fourth and sixteenth centuries, people went from the house of God into the most appalling iniquity, and right along by con-secrated altars there were tides of drunkenness and licentiousness such as the world never heard of, and the very sewers of per-dition broke loose and flooded the church. After awhile the printing press was freed, and it broke the shackles of the human Then there came a large number of bad books, and where there was one man hostile to the Christian religion there were wenty men ready to advocate it, so I have not any nervousness in regard to this battle going on between truth and error. The truth will conquer just as certainly as that God is stronger than the devil. Let

It. Urged on by skeptic's shout and transcendentalist's spur, let it run. God's angels of wrath are in hot pursuit, and quicker than God's vengeance will tear it to pieces.

I propose to speak to you of sectarianism
—its origin, its evils and its cures. There
are those who would make us think that this monster, with horns and hoofs, is re-ligion. I shall chase it to its hiding place and drag it out of the caverns of darkness and rip off its hide. But I want to make a distinction between bigotry and the lawful fondness for peculiar religious beliefs and forms of worship. I have no admiration for

In a world of such tremendous vicissitude and temptation, and with a soul that must after awhile stand before a throne of insufferable brightness, in a day when the rocking of the mountains and the flaming of the heavens and the upheaval of the seas shall be among the least of the excitements, to give account for every thought, word, action, preference and dislike, that man is mad who has no religious preference. But our early education, our physical tempera-ment, our mental constitution, will very

much decide our form of worship.

A style of psalmody that may please me may displease you. Some would like to have a minister in gown and bands and surplice, and others preser to have a minister in plain citizen's apparel. Some are most impressed when a little child is presented at the altar

and sprinkled of the waters of a holy benediction "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and others are more impressed when the penitent come up out of the river, his garments dripping with the waters of a baptism which signifies the washing away of sin. Let either have his own way. One man likes no noise in prayer, not a word, not a whisper. Another man, just as good, prefers by gesticulation and exciamation to express his devotional aspirations. One is just as good as the other. Every man fully persuaded in his own

mind."

George Whitefield was going over a Quaker rather roughly for some of his religious sentiments, and the Quaker said: "George, I am as thou art. I am for bringing all men to the hope of the gospel. Therefore, if thou will not quarrel with me about my broad brim, I will not quarrel with thee about thy black gown. George, give me thy hand."

In tracing out the religion of sectarianism or bigotry I find that a great deal of it comes from wrong education in the home circle. There are parents who do not think it wrong to caricature and jeer the peculiar forms of religion in the world and denounce other sects and other denominations. It is very often the case that that kind of education acts just opposite to what was expected, and the children grow up, and after awhile go and see for themselves, and looking in those churches and finding that the people are good there, and they love God and keep His commandments, by natural reaction they go and join those very churches. I could men-tion the names of prominent ministers of the gospel who spent their whole life bombard-

denominations, and who lived to

ing other denominations, and who lived to ase their children preach the gospel in those very denominations. But it is often the case that bigotry starts in a household, and that the subject of it never recovers. There, are tens of thousands of bigots ten years old.

I think sectarianism and bigotry also rise from too great prominence of any one denomination in a community. All the other denominations are wrong, and his denomination is right because his denomination is the most wealthy, or the most popular, or that most influential, and it is "our" church and "our" religious organization, and "our" choir and "our" minister, and the man his head and wants other denominations to know their places. it is a great deal better in any community

when the great denominations of Christians are about equal in power, marching side by side for the world's conquest. Mere outside prosperity, mere worldly power, is no evidence that the church is acceptable to God. Better a barn with Christ in the manger than a cathedral with magnificent harmonies rolling through the long drawn aisle and an angel from heaven in the pulpit if there be no Christ in the chancel and no Christ in the robes.

Bigotry is often the child of ignorance. You seldom find a man with large intellect who is a bigot. It is the man who thinks he

white, another side of the obelisk was green,

another side of the obelisk was blue, and travelers went and looked at that obelisk, but they did not walk around it. One man

looked at one side, another at another side, and they came home each one looking at

only one side, and they happened to meet, the story says, and they got into a rank quarrel about the color of that obelisk. One man said it was white, another man said it was green, another man said it was blue,

and when they were in the very heat of the

controversy a more intelligent traveler came and said: "Gentlemen, I have seen that obelisk, and you are all right, and you are all wrong. Why didn't you walk all around the obelisk?"

Look out for the man who only sees one side of a religious truth. Look out for the man who never walks around about these great theories of God and eternity and the dead. He will be a bigot inevitably—the

man who only sees one side. There is ne man more to be pitied than he who has in

his head just one idea—no more, no less, More light, less sectarianism. There is noth-

ing that will so soon kill bigotry as sunshine

So I have set before you what I consider

to be the cause of bigotry. I have set before you the origin of this great evil. What are some of the baleful effects? First of all, it cripples investigation. You are wrong and

I am right, and that settles it. No tasts for exploration, no spirit of investigation. From

the glorious realm of God's truth, over which an archangel might fly from eternity to eternity and not reach the limit, the man

shuts himself out and dies, a blind mole un-der a cornshock. It stops all investigation.

Another great damage done by the sectar-ianism and bigotry of the church is that is

disgusts people from the Christian religion.

Now, my triends, the church of God was

are afraid of a riot. You go down the street

ing through the air and you hear the shock

of firearms. Do you, the peaceful and in-dustrious citizen, go through that street?

"Oh, no," you will say; "I'll go around the block." Now, men come and look upon this

narrow path to heaven, and sometimes see the ecclesiastical brickbat flying every whither, and they say "Well, I guess I'll take the broad road. There is so much

sharpshooting on the narrow road I guess I'll try the broad road!"

Francis I so bated the Lutherans that he

said that if he thought there was one drop of Lutheran blood in his veins he would

puncture them and let that drop out. Just

as long as there is so much hostility between

denomination and denomination, or between

one professed Christian and another, or be-

tween one church and another, so long men

will be disgusted with the Christian religion and say, "If that is religion, I want none of it,"

Again, bigotry and sectarianism do great

damage in the fact that they hinder the triumph of the gospel. Oh, how much

wasted ammunition, how many men of splendid intellect have given their whole life

to controversial disputes when, if they had given their life to something practical, they might have been vastly useful! Suppose, while I speak, there were a common enemy coming up the bay, and all the forts around

the harbor began to fire into each other, you would cry out: "National suicide! Why

don't those forts blaze away in one direction, and that against the common enemy?" And

yet I sometimes see in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ a strange thing going on —church against church, minister against

minister, denomination against denomina-

tion, firing away into their own fort, or the

fort which ought to be on the same side, in-

stead of concentrating their energy and giv-

ing one mighty and everiasting volley against the navies of darkness riding up through the

What did intolerance accomplish against

the Baptist Church? It laughing score and tirade could have destroyed the church, it would not have to-day a disciple left. The Baptists were hurled out of Boston in olden

times. Those who sympathized with them

were imprisoned, and when a petition was offered asking leniency in their behalf all

the men who signed it were indicted. Has

intolerance stopped the Baptist Church?

The last statistics in regard to it showed, 25,000 churches and 3,000,000 communicants.

Intolerance never put down anything.

In England a law was made against the

Jew. England thrust back the Jew and thrust down the Jew and declared that no

came of it? Were the Jews destroyed? Was their religion overthrown? No! Who be-came prime minister of England? Who was

next to the throne? Who was higher than

the throne because he was counselor and adviser? Disraeli, a Jew. What were we

celebrating in all our churches as well as synagogues only a few years ago? The one

hundredth birthday anniversary of Monte-flore, the great Jewish philanthropist. In-

tolerance never yet put down anything.

But now, my friends, having shown you the origin of bigorry or sectarianism, and having shown you the damage it does, I want briefly to show you how we are to war against this terrible evil, and I think we

ought to began our war by realizing our own weakness and our imperfections. If we

make so many mistakes in the common af-

fairs of life, is it not possible that we may make mistakes in regard to our religious

affairs? Shall we take a man by the throat

or by the collar because he cannot see re-ligious truths just as we do? In the light of eternity it will be found out, I think, there

was something wrong in all our creeds and something right in all our creeds. But since

we may make mistakes in regard to things of the world do not let us be so egotistic and

so puffed up as to have an idea that we can-

not make any mistake in regard to religious

theories. And then, I think, we will do a

great deal to overthrow the sectarian from

our heart and the sectarianism from the world by chiefly entersing in those things in

which we agree rather than those in which

Perhaps I might torcefully illustrate this truth by calling your attention to an inci-

dent which took place about twenty years ago. One Monday morning at about 2

ago. One Monday morana o'clock, while her 900 passengers were sound asleep in her berths dreaming of home, the asleep in her berths dreaming of home.

steamer Atlantic crashed into Mars Head. Five hundred souls in ten minutes landed in

eternity! Oh, what a scene! Agonized men and women running up and down the gang-way and clutching for the rigging, and the plunge of the helpless steamer and the clap-

ping of the hands of the merciless sea over the drowning and the dead threw two conti-

But see the brave quartermaster pushing out with the lifeline until he gets to the rock,

and see these fishermen gathering up the shipwrecked and taking them into the cab-

ins and wrapping them in the fiannels anuc and warm, and see that minister of the gos-

pel, with three other men, getting into a lifeboat and pushing out for the wreck, pull-

ing away across the surf and pulling away until they saved one more man, and then

getting back with him to the shore. Can those men ever lorget that night, and can they ever forget their companionship in

they ever forget their companionship in peril, companionship in struggle, compan-ionship in awful catastrophe and reseuc? Never! Never! In whatever part of the earth they meet they will be friends when they mention the story of that night when the At-lantic struck Mars Head. Well, my, friends, our world has gone into a worse shipwrock.

nents into terror.

Jew should hold official position.

and you see an excitement and missiles fly

never intended for a war barrack. People

-God's sunshine

Sin drove it on the rocks. The old ship has lurched and tossed in the tempest of 6000 years. Out with the lifeline! I do not care what denomination carries it. Out with the lifeboat! I do not care what denomination rows it. Side by side, in the memory of common hardships, and common trials, and common prayers, and common trials, and common prayers, and common tears, let us be brothers forever. We must be.

And I expect to see the day when all denominations of Christians shall join hands around the cross of Christ and recite the creed: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and Jesus Christ, and in the communion of saints, and in life everlasting. Amen!" who is a bigot. It is the man who thinks he knows a great deal, but does not. That man is almost always a bigot. The whole tendency of education and civilization is to bring a man out of that kind of state of mind SELECT SIFTINGS. and heart. There was in the far east a great obelisk, and one side of the obelisk was

Nearly everybody smokes in Japan. Some butterflies lay over 100,000

Palms are grown from seed, never from cuttings of the leaves.

Rockland (Me.) has a champion game cock with a wooden leg.

. Madagascar sheep have a covering of coarse hair, like that of goats. It is said that a goose or a duck has

never been run over by a vehicle. Books printed from stereotype plates appeared in Paris as early as

Two girls were arrested in Johnson, Wash., recently for giggling in

church. The tame duck, and not the rodent, is the favorite article of diet of the

California lemon growers now ship the juice of the fruit East instead of the fruit itself.

Of the total population of the United States, little more than onethird are married. The natives of Mahoot, in the in-

terior of India, dye their noses blue just before entering battle. A species of water lily with roots as large as a man's leg grows in the Cas-

cade range. These roots the Indians cook and eat. The largest bronze statue in the world is that of Peter the Great, at St. Petersburg, Russia, which weighs

about 1400 tons. Soap is first mentioned in the ninth century. It was alluded to as in use in Germany for cleansing clothing and as an excellent medicine.

That in several districts of Kurdistan the wealth of the individual property owner is estimated in goats, and he is taxed so much per goat.

Abel Brane, of Wheeling, W. Va. has a tame hawk which hunts up the turkeys that have strayed away from the farm and drives them back.

Bald-headed men in the House of Commons are many. Of 600 members voting in a recent division 100 were wholly or partially bald at the crown of the head.

New Hampshire was formerly called Lacnia. It received its present name in 1692, being first called New Hampshire by Captain John Mason, who had been a resident of Hampshire, England.

The Egyptians had four separate and distinct styles or forms of writing -the hieroglyphic, the hieratic, the enchorial and the Coptic. The hieroglyphic was probably in use as early as the year 4000 B. C., and at first was made up entirely of pictures. About the year 2000 B. C. the hieratic form or style was introduced. In this the picture hieroglyphics were greatly simplified, finally developing into forms purely linear.

Process of Drying Fruits.

The latest report of the Bureau of Statistics gives some interesting figures on the fruit trees of California. There are 2,000,000 apricot trees and 2,500,-000 apple trees bearing fruit, 5,000,-000 peach, and altogether 37,000,000 fruit trees, or an area of 100,000 acres. That gives half an acre of fruit to every man. Pears grow all ever the State, and the pear is the most productive and healthy of California fruit trees. Near San Jose there are some pear trees that produce 2500 pounds of fruit a season; or forty bushels. The earliest and latest fruit is shipped East, the canners take a large quantity, while millions of pounds are dried.

The process of drying has changed within recent years. Formerly large quantities of fruit were dried by machinery, but now the machines are abandoned or only employed when the moisture in the air prevents perfect curing. In drying in the open air the peaches and apricots are cut in half and spread upon trays about three feet square, the cut side of the fruit being uppermost. The fruit is then exposed to the fumes of burning sulphur for three quarters of an hour.

The fumes prevent oxidation and preserve the natural color of the fruit, which otherwise would become dark and unattractive in appearance. Two to four days are required to thoroughly cure them. When the curing process is complete the fruit is covered up and dropped quickly in hot water, in order to kill the eggs of insects that may have been deposited there in thousands. Then the fruit is packed and shipped to the canners.-New York

Baby's Sitting Posture.

Careful mothers give much attention to the first sitting posture of a child in the baby carriage, where the continued motion may exert a wrong influence in curving the spine, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Miss Lindley, a physical culturist, observes that "careful thought should be given to the chair that succeeds the high chair at the table. This must have the seat of a length to correspond to the child's thigh from the back to the bent knoe. Then the leverage of the spine in supporting the body in its correct sitting posture is brought from the extreme lower end, instead of at the waist, as is the case when the chair is too deep for the length of the child's thigh. The back of the chair should be straight instead of hollow.

The Mysteries of Medicine.

"When a person takes a dose of medicine," said a doctor yesterday,

"he never stops to consider what a wonderful provider nature is. When you consider that we are able to give drugs which will go through the entire system without having an effect upon any part or organ until it comes, perhaps, to some nerve upon which it expends all its force, it is indeed a miracle of the most wonderful kind. We don't know why it does it, but we know what it does. The progress in materia medica has been wonderful. By provings the specific effects of drugs have been discovered, so that they can be given with specific results. Medicine is gradually emerging from the dark valley of guesswork in the bright snulight of science. The modern physician does not make a mixture of seven or eight drugs, hoping that some one of them will produce the effect desired. He does not take chances upon striking a remedy one in seven. He knows now just what drug will produce the re-sults he wants and he prescribes that. I attended a man the other day who had not been sick for twenty or thirty years. I went into his room and. after observing his symptous, asked for half a glass of water, into which I dropped a small pellet, a triturate, The old man looked at me after I had given him a dose of it and then smiled. 'Well, doctor,' he said, 'you treated me for this complaint when I was sick many years ago, and I must say the remembrance of the taste of the medicine you gave me then is still vivid. I don't think that a person could have mixed a more horrible concoction than that was. Now you treat me for the same disease and the drug is almost tasteless. How do you account for that?' 'Progress,' I replied. And progress it is! Every day increases our knowledge of drugs and our power to alleviate suffering and save human life."-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Virtues of Hot Baths.

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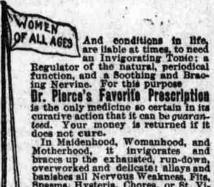
New Use for Natural Gas.

The possibilities of natural gas evidently have not yet been exhausted. The latest use which would seem to have been found for it is the making of ice, the idea being to simply expand the gas from its usually high initial pressure down to or near that of the atmosphere, nature having done all the preliminary work of compression and cooling, making the gas ready to absorb heat from its surroundings immediately upon being released from confinment, All that would be necessary would be suitable coils or chambers into which the gas could be allowed to expand. It has been calculated out quite plausibly, in fact, that with an ordinary gas well, furnishing 2,500,000 cubic feet per day, something like fifty tons of ice could be turned out daily at an expense of about fifty cents a ton. The gas loses nothing but its pressure, retaining all its calorific value, and hence, all its virtue for rolling mill and glass works use, for heating brick, lime and pottery kilns, and the endless number of other furnaces to which it is adapted. In a certain way, therefore, the gas may be regarded as affording something for nothing-s desideratum to which many in this world are constantly looking forward. -St. Louis Star-Sayings.

Smallest Bird Known.

The fly eater of Cuba is the smallest bird know to ornithologists. It is about one-third the size of the humming bird. In the year 1592 Resaca Espisioto, a man of fabulous wealth, caused 7000 of these birds to be caught with nets and made into a pot pie, which he ate at one sitting, and even then he complained of being hungry. Espisioto was a man of most capricious appetite.

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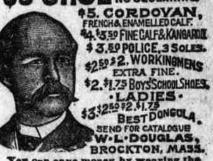
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