Sunday Reading.

A Talk on the Christian Endeavor Topic for the Week Beginning June 24.

Warring sects and rival creeds have confused our idea of Christ's mission and his kingdom. It is important that we come back to his own ideal. He is our King. What does he expect his subjects to be and to do? To his people and to all who aspire to become his people, this statement from his own lips is of supreme moment. There are, as he declares, eight kinds of character which as he regards as blessed. They are not the kinds that are generally esteemed. Christ was an original Teacher, for he was a Revealer. He spoke the words he had heard of his Father. So we get from him new concepts, new standing and new ideals. This list of eight does not include the rich, nor the noble, nor the powerful, nor the learned. Surely they are blessed! We have always been taught so. But they are not in se list. It is made up of the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, they who hunger after righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and they who are persecuted for righteousness. Then anyone, however humble and poor and ignorant, may be blessed. The qualications are all of character and conduct. It is not what men have, nor even what they believe, that makes them eligible--it is what they are. The most illustrious and the most lowly enter the same gate. Neither is excluded on account of his condition or circumstances. The traits enumerated are those which characterize those whom Christ recognizes as his subjects.

Two qualities are expected in such a people. They are to be like salt and parish to be a little close mouthed with like light. Like salt in their preserving, Mis' Simmons, my dear, if you can compenetrating, purifying influence, permeat- pass it, for her tongue is as long as her ing the world, which is tainted with corrup- ears. tion, putrid with sin and loathsome evils. "Ye are the salt," Christ says, your city, your street, workshop is to be the purer for your being in it. We know such men, whose silent presence is a reproof to evil speak- | For a week or two Mrs. Simmons contented ing, to profanity, to slandering. His people are also to be light. The divine spark questions in a comparatively direct way, kindled within them is to shine and glow. Men will judge of God by them. Their character is to be so pure that when men look upon them they shall esteem God whom they have not seen, because these who have His nature in them, whom they her cold little eyes. can see, are so lovable and beneficent. Therefore, Christ says, let your light shine it will lead darkened souls to the ineffable light. Although it be but a feeble spark, let it shine. It is the same in its nature as the sun, and it may give help to some benighted traveller. Thus we get, by simple figures, Christ's ideal of his church-good and doing good. Of such is the kingdom

THE DEAN AND THE CHILDREN. "Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me, And Forbid Them Not."

It is related of Dean Stanley that he always enjoyed the companionship of children, and the interest which he displayed in them in public was a most marked characteristic of his private life. As a young man he delighted to collect a number of them into a room with him by himselt. to play with them and tell them stories; at house, he was accustomed to hold a Bible Dean of Westminister, he enjoyed taking them over the Abbey, especially if they were not too old to be on their good behavior, and would ask questions and listen the Rhine steamer in 1840; the children of his servant, Waters, were his playmates in his home at Christchurch; the deanery at Westminister was seldom without the presence of a small nephew. And at all times his playful tenderness and thorough sympathy with innocent mirth and fun not only attached him to children, but in turn drew children to him. Services for children he especially delighted in. The psalms were selected for such occasions. The eighth psalm was chosen to show how when we cannot see him with little children may find out the glory of our natural eyes, we speak of walking God in the great works of nature; the by faith, and you may be curious fifteenth psalm, that they might see how to know what is meant by faith. I think from our earliest years down to our latest | that I can illustrate it in this way. Here age, that in which God finds the most is a sheet of writing paper. Now above pleasure is the humble, pure, truthful, the writing paper I will place this magnet, honorable mind; the 127th Psalm, in order | and below it I will place this small bit of to impress on parents what precious, in- iron. The attracting power of the magnet estimable gitts are given them in their holds the iron up against the paper. Now little children.

especially selected: "The first to remind you how little Samuel knelt upon his knees | the lower side of the sheet goes in the morning and evenlng, waiting for the voice same direction. It tollows the magnet of God to tell him what he was to do; and very closely. The paper is between them. the second, to set before us the example of Now, if this paper was enlarged so as to our Saviour, Jesus Christ Himself, as the be as long and as broad as the ceiling of little child.'

"Little Faithful."

dent : During a severe storm the passengers it. of a large steamer were in a state of despair. A little boy, about eight years old, was been sitting quietly at one end of the o, apparently not in the least atraid. At last a gentleman, who was rather calmer than most of the people, spoke to the little fellow. "Are you not afraid?" he asked; "do you know that we are in great danger?" 'Yes, I know," replied the little boy; "but I am not afraid, because I have asked God to take care of me, so I man stared in astonishment at the little fellow who had such faith in God that he could sit without fear, when every one else close of the short prayer. For half an hour longer the storm raged without seeming to abate. Then, at the end of that time,

CHRIST'S IDEAL OF HIS PEOPLE. | when some of the people were begining to lose heart once more, the captain's voice was heard in a ringing cheer. The wind had changed and the danger was over.

A shout of gratitude burst forth from many lips, and then arose the cry, "Where is little Faithful?" Once more the little boy was hoisted up, this time on the shoulders of the gentleman who first asked why he was not afraid, and from many hearts there went up a prayer that God would bless the dear child who trusted him when the faith of so many older people left them. "May it be a lesson to us," they said, "and may we never be so ready to doubt again."

HOW TO PREVENT GOSSIP

The Minister's Wife was a Christian, and a

Good Member of Society. People who resort to roundabout means to gratify their curiosity sometimes meet with unexpected rebuffs. Mrs. Simmons this letter was stitched up in the flap of a was possessed of an overwhelming desire to know all about her neighbors' affairs, but she seldom asked a staightforward question. It was her way to say, 'Mis' Spencer is just eat up with wantin' to know this or that, 'or 'I heard Mis' Hallet remarkin' that she should admire to be told how you managed to do so and so.'

Usually her neighbors gave her the intormation she wanted, though they were often irritated into calling her a 'meddlin', interferin' old piece.' When the new minister came to Cyrusville, his young wite was forewarned by the ladies of the

'I shall try to,' said the little woman, calmly. She succeeded, even though the Simmons' house was next to the parsonage, which was certainly a trying circumstance. herself with asking slightly impertinent but one day she unfortunately reverted to her time-worn habit. 'Mis' Gregg said her time-worn habit. 'Mis' Gregg said she'd give a good deal to know what that all the information they had been apprised trimmin' cost on your Sunday dress,' she of by their court spy, and much more to remarked, peering at the minister's wife with | their purpose. Cromwell and his colleague

mons?' inquired the lady pleasantly.

"Thank you," said the little minister's wife, sweetly. "I felt confident you would know that I shouldn't care to have anything of that sort discussed in the parish.'

And between this tribute to her discretion and a confused feeling that evidently the minister's wife credited her with secret sources of information, old lady Simmons' mouth was closed and her mind employed in speculation for the rest of that afternoon.

JESUS THE MAGNET.

One of Rev. Mr. Stall's "Five Minute Sermons to Children."

Without coming in contact with Christ and receiving his Spirit, his drawing power, we will never influence others to do Norwich, when staying at his tather's that which is right and good and holy. If we desire to have an influence for good in class for them on Sunday afternoons. As this world we must, first of all, come to Christ ourselves, and receive this drawing power from him. You have doubtless seen those who have become Christians, and to the answers. Dear little Barbara after they have given their hearts to Christ James had been his tavorite companion on they have immediately began to draw others. They go out and invite others to come to church, they invite others to go with them to the prayer-meeting, to come with them to Sunday School, and so in every way they seek to influence others and draw them to Christ.

When Jesus was upon the earth vast multitudes attended him. Where he went they followed. But now when Jesus is no longer bodily present upon the earth, when I move this magnet on the npper The lessons were in the same way side of the sheet from place to place, you specially selected: "The first to remind will observe that this little piece of iron on this room, of course you would not be able to see the magnet. But as you would move the magnet from place to place, the A clergyman relates this beautiful inci- little iron below would continue to follow

> So Jesus Christ is no longer visible: we cannot see him with our natural eyes, but he draws the Christian of this world, and so the Christian tollows him.

How to Teach Obedience.

In the home, writes Emily Huntington Miller, the child ought to learn neatness and order. The market value of a child's work is not the measure of its worth. Whatknow I shall be all right." The gentle- ever portion of the daily work falls on the child's share he should unders tand that it belongs to him legitimately as a member of was in such terror. Gradually it spread a partnership, and that his reputation deall over the ship that a little boy was not | pends upon his doing it promptly, regularly afraid, because he had had asked God to and in a workmanlike manner. Whether save him, and firmly believed that he would. he likes the work or not is not at all the "Oh! will you pray for us?" some of them | question. Your child needs to learn what cried out; "perhaps God will answer the prayer of one who has so much faith."

The request spread, and the little boy was hoisted on to a seat, where, with any reference to the fact that it is no fun. tolded hands, he prayed that "God would save all the people, and not let them be drowned." The sight of the dear, trustful do just what they please, because there is little fellow with his sweet, earnest expres- no visible compulsion upon them. It is in sion, seemed to calm a great many, and the home that they must be taught that there was not so much screaming at the obedience is the law of life under which

ourselves. It promptness be the most difficult of all virtues to teach our children, it is that whose possession will be a priceless boon to them, It is worth a small fortune to them to be taught to go without delay from one thing to another, neither wasting their own time nor stealing that of others.

A STORY OF CROMWELL.

How Oliver Intercepted a Letter of Charles to the Oueen.

It is related on good authority, says the London Christian Commonweal, that Cromwell intercepted a letter from King Charles to the Queen-a letter which bespoke his intriguing with the Scotch, and his determination to put Cromwell to matter of history, but the story of Cromwell's intercepting the tatal letter is not generally known. From the Earl of Orrery's "State Letters" we gather the following facts of the case: One of the King's chamberlains informed Cromwell that the King had written to Queen Henrietta that he intended to put Oliver Cromwell to death, with other leaders of his party, and that "he thought he should close with the Scots," that saddle, that the envoy would call at the George and Blue Boar in Holborn for a horse to carry him to Dover, and that he would take with him this dispatch in the saddle. The man, however, it was said, knew nothing of the letter in question, but themselves as troopers, and taking with them a soldier, they went to the hostelry in question. They instructed their man to keep guard at the wicket-gate of the stable yard, and to inform them when the man came in bringing a saddle with him. At the time appointed the man entered the yard and called for a stout riding horse, and the sentinel closed the gate and apprised Cromwell; whereupon Cromwell and Ireton, with drawn swords, hurried into the stable yard and told the men that their duty was to search all who came in there or went out thence, but as he looked so much like an honest man, they would only search his saddle. Leaving him in charge of their gate keeper, they took the saddle into the house and ripped open the flap; they discovered and appropriated the letter, and then allowed the man to mount and prothen mounted and rode off to Windsor. 'You didn't tell her, did you, Mrs. Sim- The result of this was their turning of the tables upon the royal plotter. The rest of 'Why, no!' gasped old lady Simmons, the story may be found in the pages of quite taken off her guard by this unex- English history, and need not be related

BY THE WAYSIDE.

A friend said to the gentle Thoreau on his death-bed, "Henry, have you made your peace with God?" "John," replied the dying naturalist in a whisper, "I didn't know that God and myself had ever

One of the delegates to the Jubilee Con-terence of Young Men's Christian Associations in London is Prince Oscar Bernadotte, son of the King of Norway and Sweden. He has been elected a Vice-President of the International Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. jubilee medal, which has been designed and engraved by Mr. Allan Wyon, F. S. A., medallist to the queen and chief engraver of her majesty's seals, is two inches in diameter. It exhibits on the obverse side, the portrait of Sir George Williams, and on the reverse, an him, as it had to the German Emperor a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word," and with the jubilee date, June 6, 1894.

A German paper, the Reformirte Kirchenzeitung, has an interesting article on the Christian Endeavor movement, dealing with the various objections that have been suggested. One of these is that the pastoral office might be minimized by the freedom and self-dependence of the societies, but the writer says that experience has shown that young people gain both in zeal and earnestness when they have responsibility thrown upon themselves. To the objection that waste of time might arise from adding one more society to those already in existence, to the church services and prayermeetings, choir practices, Dorcas and Sunday school work, he replies that these meetings are all quite voluntary, and that while older people might possibly spend on church work time which had better be devoted to their families, for the young nothing but good can result from the devotion of as much time as possible to the work of the Lord.

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AYER'S HAIR VIGOR

WORK IN THE VINEYARD.

Rev. B. Fay Mills preached to a large congregation in the Columbia theatre, Brooklyn, last Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society at Fairhaven, Mass., meets every week in rooms hired in the poorest quarter of the town. These rooms are also open in the afternoon once or twice a week that the women that live near may gather there, bring their work and receive help about it.

The Gesner Mission in India has a leper asylum with two hundred and forty-three inmates, of whom all but fifteen newcomers have been baptized. On a single Sunday of last year sixty-six received baptism: and death. How the tables were turned is a the bulk of the evangelizing is performed by the poor creatures who themselves have tasted the joy of forgiveness through Christ.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of India recently held an enthusiastic meeting at Calcutta. About 500 persons were present, and songs were sung in Hindustani, Bengali, Malay, Chinese, English, German and Swedish. There was a delightful social reunion, and much enthusiasm was awakened by the reports that were given of work

The Summer School of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy will be held at Chautauqua, July 5-12. The general topic will be "The Unincation of Christendom." This will be treated under the three heads "The Incarnation," "The the people at his journey's end knew of this | Church," and "The Reunion of Christendevice. Cromwell and Ireton disguised dom." Many eminent professors and pastors have promised to read papers.

Messages of Help for the Week.

"Now . . . hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." Proverbs 8:

"God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be atraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength . . . he also is become my salvation." Isaiah 12: 2, 3.

"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see day approaching." Hebrews 10: 24,25.

"Endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Hebrews 12: 7. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." Peter 3: 12.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12. "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love

RIPTION.

How Dom Pedro Raised the Money to Found a Hospital at Rio.

him?" James 2: 5.

The following story of how the late ex-Emperor of Brazil raised the money for a charitable institution is told on the authority of Dr. Stellwag, of Vienna. Dom Pedro longed to have a big hospital at Rio, but he lacked the money wherewith to build it, and the wealthy people could not be induced to subscribe. Then a idea came to open bible, with the text. "Where with al shall Joseph a century before. He began to grant life peerages to all persons who were willing to subscribe good round sums towards the hospital. The titles of Count, Viscount, and Baron were not hereditary, and if the children wished to inherit their father's title, they had to pay for it afresh. Brazil became thereby peopled with nobles, and the hospital was built on a grand scale. When it was completed, Dom Pedro had the tollowing incription in Latin placed on on its gates: "Human Vanity to Human Misery."

An Ideal Existence.

There is a little group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, half-way bet ween Hawaii and Samoa. One of them is Fanning Island, and it is the property of an American family named Grieg, who work it for guano. The Griegs lead an ideal lite apart from all others of their kind, save a hundred natives, who do their work. Only once in six months do they hear from the world, and then a little sailing vessel comes to them, laden with letters, books, newspapers and provisions. It is always summer on the island-always so warm that one can swing in a hammock all night beneath the clear sky.

BABY MUST BE WEANED.

A Nourishing and Health-Giving Diet is Necessary.

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