

SATAN AFTER THE SEATS.

The Dream Which Had a Good Effect on One Who Had Been Careless.

' Are you going to church this morning, Susie ?' asked Dr. Clark, lying back in his easy chair with the morning paper. 'A doctor who is out day and night can't be expected.'

'No. I made jelly yesterday, and I'm tired. I'm taithful enough to stay at home this cloudy morning,' and Mrs. Clark curled up on the couch with the bible she had not opened for a week, but it soon dropped from her hand. She was aroused by a strange voice saying:

' Now, my good imps, what have you done today to weaken the kingdom of God ?' The voice came from a suspicious-looking personage seated on a throne of human skulls. Around him was gathered a crowd of terrible beings, each with a crown of fire, in which gleamed some name, such as malice, envy, pride, hatred, and kindred

passions. empty seats in churches,' began one.

'Nothing could please me better,' answered their king.

'I persuaded one man that he had a headache, and kept him from a sermon that might have changed his whole life,' said one.

'I induced one good man to slip down to his store and fix up his books,' said another with a horrid grin.

'Good !' said the king. 'He'll soon give up Sunday altogether.'

'I was able to get one devoted young man to visit old friends,' said one imp.

'I worried a good sister about her old bonnet until she decided to stay at home until she got a new one,' spoke up the imp labelled 'Pride.'

'And I made several poor women, who were hungry for God's Word, stay at home to repine over their trials. I just said to them, "If, those rich people don't care for you; you can't' wear fine clothes, so I

just keep him rushed with neglected things day probably not more than one out of till late at night and then he oversleeps or twenty-five in these rural districts regularly is sick the next day and can't get out, or if enter a church door. To reach these he goes he is too tired and sleepy to take people an uneducated ministry is necessary.

part or even listen.' Splendid plan !' cried Satan. 'Yes, it works well with delicate women.

If they clean house, or have Saturday night company, they can be kept home without knowing that they have broken the Sabbath the day before. A church party late Saturday night helps with empty seats.'

'You're doing finely, my imps,' his ma-jesty said, warmly-for his breath was a flame of fire. 'Preachers may work and things we have to consider is how to keep people away from churches on Sunday. Your plans are excellent, but I might sughuman imperfections-some fault of manner or speech. Get Christians to criticise their pastor, especially before their children, This keeps young people from wanting to be church members. If you can stir up a spirit of fault finding against the preacher,

saint and preach like an angel to no purpose. See the result of your labor on High street church today. Half of the seats were empty. Not only did the 200 people who stayed at home lose a blessing,

but each empty seat did its work against the Lord's kingdom. The preacher made unusual preparation. and went with his heart on fire, but the empty seats chilled him, and he did poorly. Several strangers Psalm, 27 : 4. had dropped in with letters, but they were "When my fa disappointed in the small attendance

and took their letters home, and some will not take them any place. There was a

special collection ; but the best givers were away, so it was a lailure. It isn't a smart preacher, nor a rich cougregation, nor a good location, nor a paid choir that makes a successful church. It is the church members always being there that draws in the unconverted and makes an eloquent preacher. As soon as a Christian begins to stay at home, from one excuse to another, I know I have a mortgage on his soul, which, if he does not shake off, I will foreclose in the judgment day.'

for you; you can't' wear fine clothes, so I Clark, who had been listening with bated "They shall hunger no more, neither wouldn't go where I was looked down up- breath; I'll go to church, if only to defeat thirst any more; neither shall the sun light

PROGRESS, SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1894.

Missionary Work in New [England. The Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, pastor of the Clarendon street Baptist Church, said the most destitute part of New England, and he might say of the United States, was the hill country of New England. To-

A small man with a great gospel can do more good than a great man with a small gospel. He declared he was assured that at least one thousand churches in New Hampshire had been opened by a good woman, who did the best she could in unfolding the gospel, and as a result she had lifted up the whole community round about. Riding in the cars recently beside a young lady who wore a Salvation Army bonnet, he thought he would examine her pray over their sermons all the week, but | in theology, and after two hours of steady there will be no results in preaching to questioning he found she was better versed empty seats. One of the most important in the truths of the bible than are ninetenths of the graduates of the theological seminaries. He spoke of one Chinaman out of the twenty-five who are members of gest another good point. All preachers have his church. This man every Sunday takes his Chinese bible, and standing in the Chinese quarter preaches Christ. Many Americans draw near to listen, and often there is an audience of two or three hundred. One day after the preaching was over another Chinaman was seen in earnest conor among the members, it will help empty versation with the preacher, when presseats. People who get mad at each other ently they kneeled down togethar by the 'We have been busy to-day making do not care to go to church together. If street corner and engaged in prayer. Dr. the seats are empty the minister may be a Gordon believes that such evangelists are necessary to reach the foreign element pouring into the United States.

Messages of Help for the Week.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my . and to enquire in his temple." life . .

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." 10th

"I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou torgavest the iniquity of my sin." Psalm, 32 : 5.

"What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? and he said unto me. These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Rev., 7: 13, 14. "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve them day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne 'You have none of mine!' cried Mrs. shall dwell among them." 15th verse.

culated in Egypt, seventeen thousand in Syria, fifty-two thousand in Palestine, and BUY eight thousand in Southern Arabia and the Red Sea coast.

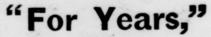
Chicago Bible Institute.

A canvass of recent students of Mr. Moody's Chicago Bible Institute, shows that not less than 129 have already gone out from it into the mission field, 64 into Atrica, Burma, China, Korea, Japan, India. Ceylon, Persia, Micronesia, Syria, Siam, Turkey, the West Indies, South America and Mexico. Fifty-five have taken up home missions, in city and country, among Indians and treedmen, and Jews and Greeks. There are 28 engaged as secretaries of Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, pastors assistants, and church visitors. Over 70 have become pastors of churches in eight different denominations; 41 have taken up evangelistic work, and eight are gospel singers. There are 28 in positions of responsibility as superintendents of mission halls of various kinds, principals of academies and colleges, secretaries of various other Christian organizations, matrons of industrial schools, colporteurs, etc. A large number have also entered various theological and medical colleges to complete their preparation for home pastorates or foreign missions.

Is The Sparrow's Friend.

It is illegal to feed and shelter English sparrows in New York, and the most reckless violator of the law is the venerable and benevolent Dr. Houghton, of the Little Church Around the Corner. He maintains, in defiance of the law, thirty or forty bird boxes that are too small for any bird but the sparrow or the wren, and whoever saw a wren in the heart of New York?

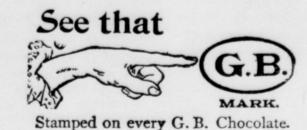
The Egyptians have no lack of holidays. This year's calendar shows that there are fifty-two Sundays, fifty-two Hebrew Sabbaths and fifty-two Moslem "Gummah," besides seventeen others.



Says (ARRIE E. STOCKWELL, of Chesterfield, N. H., "I was afflicted with an extremely severe pain in the lower part of the chest. The feeling was as if a ton weight was laid

on a spot the size of my hand. During the attacks, the perspiration would stand in drops on my face, and it was agony for me to make sufficient







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on."' He continued, 'That way I kept you. many poor people at home whom the rich would have been glad to see.'

'That is one of the best ways to cheat poor people out of heaven I know of,' answered the king, with approval.

'I induced a good many men and women to think they were not strong enough to go out,' said one called 'Indifference.' 'Of course, all these men will be at their business to-morrow, even if they feel worse. But they could not go to church, where they would have no special mental or physical strain. And the ladies would have been able to clean house or go out calling; But I made them think they couldn't walk to church unless they were perfectly well.'

'Very good,' said the King, with a sulphurous grin. 'Sunday headaches might often be cured by getting out in the air, and backaches forgetten by thoughts drawn to higher things. But you lying imps must use every weakness of the flesh to help make empty seats.

They all smiled, for in their kingdom 'lying' was a great compliment.

'I have a way of keeping people home from church, and they feel perfectly innocent about it,' said one. 'I induce people to have company or go visiting on Sunday, Of course this takes their minds off sacred things to begin with, and puts them on dressing and eating. Hired girls, mothers and older sisters have to stay at home to get big dinners. Many of the guests lose church to be in time for dinner.

'Anything to make empty seats,' approved the king. 'These people cannot be tempted by Sunday excursions, but they miss God's house just as easily in this way.'

"To make ladies feel that their servants need no Sunday privileges is good,' suggested one.

7 'Very true,' said his superior. 'As long as we can get Christian people to cause or alow men and women to work during their church hours we can keep many empty seats in churches, and men and women away from God.'

'I am the weather imp,' said one gloomy fellow. 'I go around persuading people it is going to rain, or it is too cold, too damp, or too hot to venture out to church. It is enough to make even your gloomy majesty laugh to see these same people start out the next day in wind and weather. One would think it a sin to carry umbrellas and wear gum coats to church.' 'Confidentially,' answered the king,

when I find a Christian who has no more concern about the weather Sunday than Monday-determined to make as much effort for spiritual gain as he would for worldly profit-I just give him up. It's no use to try to drag back the man or woman who goes to God's house in all kinds of weather.

"I'm able to do a good deal with some of the ladies of the congregation,' spoke up the imp labelled 'Fashion of this World.'

'What's the matter, dear?' asked the

doctor. 'Have you been dreaming?'

tion. I'll cheat Satan from this day out of eyes." 17th verse. one empty seat.' And she has kept her word and influenced many others to let nothing triffing keep them from God's house, and 'the down town' church has begun to grow, and will soon be a great power for God, because of no 'empty seats.'-Myra Goodwin Plantz, in 'North-western.'

Religious Items from Many Places.

A primary school has been opened at Nazareth.

She first British translation of the Bible was in the Irish tongue.

There are now ninety-two] Christian churches in Tokio, Japan.

It is estimated that there are in London fully three million people who never enter a place of worship.

The Mohammedans teach that Adam and Eve once lived in a tent on what is now the site of the temple at Mecca.

The celebrated "Apples of Sodom" which grow on the shores of the Dead Sea are a species of tungi similar to our "puff balls."

Bricks from what is believed to be the remains of the old Tower of Babel are still tound in great profusion at Birs Nimrud, Babylonia.

Major Halford, formerly President Harrison's private secretary, teaches the big-gest Bible class in Omaha, and helps to get out a religious paper.

The "Holy Ghost Plant," a product of Mexico, Central and South America, is so called because of the shape of the flower, which has the appearance of a dove with expanded wings.

Rev. Natari Kitashima, who recently preached his first sermon as pastor of a Unitarian church in Vineland, N. J., is the first Japanese regularly ordained to the ministry in this country. There are two Japanese students in the Harvard divinity school.

Hall Caine is engaged' upon a Life of Christ, which he has about finished. He anticipates a large sale for it and so do his publishers. Mr. Caine will probably approach the subject from a new point of popular reading.

Rev. Sam Bettis, cowboy evangelist, thus sums up the results of his recent revival at Bay City, Mich.: "I had over 3.000 conversations, 1,256 old topers signed the pledge, \$865 was raised for expenses, \$500 clear for Sam, and 6,000 people were fed three meals,"

"E. A. Goodnow, of Worcester, Mass., evidently believes in doing good now with his wealth," says the New York Herald. "He has just given \$20,000 to Drury College, at Springfield, Me., which makes about \$200,000 contributed by him to pubic, church and educational institutions."

A new sect in Russia is known as the Underground People, lately organized in Saratoff. When a person falls ill the elders

on them, nor any heat." 16th verse.

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall teed them, and shall lead 'Perhaps so; but I'm going to church if them unto living fountains of waters, and I get to my seat just in time for benedic- God shall wipe away all tears from their

The Tomb of Cain.

The early traditions concering the city of Damascus are curious and interesting, even though untrustworthy and contradict-By some of the ancient writers it ory. was maintained that the city stands on or near the site of the garden of Eden, and just outside there is a beautiful meadow of red earth. from which, it is said, God took the material from which he created Adam. This field is called Ager Damascenus, and near its centre there formerly stood a pillar, which was said to mark the precise spot where our first parent was created. A few miles out there is an eminence called the Mountain of Abel, supposed by some to be the place where the two first brothers offered their sacrifices; also where the first murder was committed. The most interesting spot pointed out, however, is about three leagues from the city, where an old ruin is shown, which all the Orient believe to be the tomb of Cain. The traditions respecting this famous spot are known to antegate the Christian era by several hundred years. Up to the time of Vespasian the interior of the tomb is said to have been lighted and warmed by one of the "ever-burning" lamps so commonly used by the ancients.

What the Children Gave.

From a mission-hall in the north of London have come contributions to the missionary ship, 'John Williams,' which indicate great interest on the part of the children, all of them belonging to the working class. One box was so crammed that there was hardly room for another copper. It contained 21s, 1s 9d. only being in silver, which probably represented the gifts of the teachers, the rest being made up of farthings, half-pennies, and pennies, all given by a very rough set of lads belonging to one lady's class.

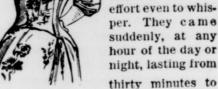
The Bible in Egypt.

Since the establishment of the Bible Society's agency for Egypt, ten years ago. 183,000 copies of scriptures have been put into the hands of the people in Egypt and the immediately neighboring lands. Of view and make a book that will prove these nearly forty thousand have gone to the seafaring tolk passing through the Suez Canal and in the town of Port Said. About sixty-six thousand copies were cir-



Relates an Interesting Personal Experience.

While the following statement of A. D. Thomson, of Montreal, is of local interest as coming from him, it is also of universal interest because it emphasizes a great truth. Mr. Thomson says :-- "Being troubled with nasal catarrh I was advised to try Hawker's catarrh cure, which I did,



half a day, leaving as suddenly; but, for several days after, I was quite prostrated and sore. Sometimes the attacks were almost daily, then less frequent." After about four years of this suffering, I was taken down with bilious typhoid fever, and when I began to recover, I had the worst attack of my old trouble I ever experienced. At the first of the fever, my mother gave me Aver's Pills, my doctor recommending them as being better than anything he could prepare. I continued taking these Pills, and so great was the benefit derived that during nearly thirty years I have had but one attack of my former trouble, which yielded readily to the same remedy."

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