P. R. R.

STATIONS			
Corwyn	7 00	2 00	7 00
Tyler	7 04	2 04	7 04
Woodlite	7 08	2 08	7 08
Rose Lake	7 12	2 12	7 12
Andrews Settlement	7 16	2 16	7 16
Gilsbury	7 20	2 20	7 20
Chapman's	7 24	2 24	7 24
Greenwood	7 30	2 30	7 30
Parker	7 35	2 35	7 35
Whitesville	7 40	2 40	7 40
Hendricks Creek	7 45	2 45	7 45
Kersey's Mill	7 52	2 52	7 52
Jasper	8 00	3 00	8 00
Rough & Ready	8 08	3 08	8 08
GREENWOOD	8 20	3 20	8 20
Norton Hollow	8 28	3 28	8 28
Bennett's	8 35	3 35	8 35
Wall Street	8 40	3 40	8 40
Canisteo	8 50	3 50	8 50
Erie Junction	9 00	4 00	9 00

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

GREENWOOD.

Winter lingers in the lap of spring. The cold winds seem to come "from Greenland's icy mountains," or Cape Nomes golden sands.

Miss Daisy Harris returned Monday morning from her week's visit to her home in Canaseraga.

Wesley White of Hornellsville came to Greenwood Sunday morning on his wheel, and was taken violently sick upon his arrival here.

Andrew Chapman went to Westfield Sunday, after Mrs Chapman, who has been visiting her daughter. Mrs. H. Hoyt, of that place.

Miss Minnie Marlatt of Troupsburg is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Durzel Freeland, of South Main street.

Mrs. Benoni Young and daughter have been visiting Mrs. A. Dennison of Rexville.

It is difficult to determine which is getting the greater number of victims in town, the grip or pink eye. Among those afflicted with the former the past week are John Young and wife, Miss Ellen Young of South Main street, Mrs. A. Hellker of Rough and Ready, Mrs. L. D. Young, Mrs. Estelle Griswold and Mrs. James O'Connor. The pink-eye list includes Marie Woodward, Daisy Harris, Mabel and Gertrude Kellogg, Mrs. E. E. Cole, Mary Baker and Jennie Ruger. It seems to be a neck and neck race so far.

Upwards of 60 took supper with the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church at Mrs. N. E. Coston's Friday afternoon. The society received between $6 and $7, and the patrons a good supper and a good time.

George Johnson has moved into the Elizabeth Johnson house on the corner of South Main and Christian streets.

Mrs. James Baker has returned from the city where she purchased a full line of millinery stock.

The excursion train over the N. Y. & P. railroad, Wednesday, for "way down east," had four coaches comfortably filled. Many of the passengers were also comfortably filled on their return next day. They were strangers of course.

On Wednesday of last week the former Sunday school class of Mrs. Dr. Vaughn, now of Rexville, made her a visit at her new home, taking dinner with her.

Joe Atkins and wife of West Hill visited their parents Sunday.

Vern Johnson is about to open a livery stable in town in connection with his hotel business.

F. O. Davis of Canisteo was in this city Monday, calling on old friends.

Returns have been received from the January Regents examinations in the Academic department of the Greenwood school, and find the pupils have earned for the available school fund, from credentials alone, the sum of $50.

Vern Johnson is re-silling and otherwise repairing his hotel preparatory to re painting the same.

We learn that Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Cole, who have so ably conducted our school the past year, have been engaged for another year. This action on the part of the Board of Education will be hailed with satisfaction by all.

Hon. M. F. Smith of Hornellsville was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Miner Shaw entertains at progressive euchre on Friday evening.

We understand that Charles Marlatt is announced as a candidate for Member.

Hon. George Prentice of Troupsburg was a visitor in this city Monday.

Miss Ora Dennis took the train at Greenwood Monday on her return to Alfred University.

Mrs. Mary Chamberlain is visiting in Canisteo this week.

Valentine Reimann is still confined to his room on account of the fracture to his hip received a year ago.

Geo. Dennis of Jasper was in town Monday, making us a pleasant call.

Charles Coston and wife of Hornellsville was the guest of her brother, N. E. Coston, Sunday.

Charles Austin of Young Hickory was in town Monday, the guest of Miner Shaw.

H. Gurnsey of Jasper was in town Monday on a business trip.

The Greenwood cheese and creamery company are making eight cheese every other day.

S. W. Dennis was drawing potatoes to this city Monday at 38 cents per bushel.

The Snyder cheese factory in this village is being repaired and newly shingled preparatory to the season's work, starting up Monday.

The hands on the dials of the gas meters had to turn fast to keep warm Monday. Consumers say they run up a gas bill in short meter style.

See the new ad. of Shaw & Plaisted. You can afford to buy knives to lend now. They are bargains.

Jesse Webster has moved into the Dudley Ersley house on North Church street.

Mr. Andrus, who worked the Archy Mullen farm last year, has moved on the Goff farm.

On Sunday morning, Rev. C. E. Sutton, of the M. E. Church, delivered an instructive and entertaining discourse, taking for his text, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." He spoke not only of the polytheism of the early Hebrews against which the commandment was directed, but also of its application to the polytheism of the present age in which men make gods of wealth and other material things, and place them before Jehovah. Perhaps golden images, especially if in the form of eagles, have as many worshipers to day as ever. Our polytheism seems of a grosser nature than that of the Hebrews.

Miss Anna Rollins visited her cousin, Addie Brooks, in Canisteo, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Pease and Miss Lena Shaut were in Hornellsville Wednesday.

Mrs. G. M. Woodward is visiting her sister, Mrs Mark Todd, at Buffalo.

James O'Connor and wife visited in Hornellsville Wednesday.

Our school re-opened Monday, after a week's vacation.

Thomas Mahoney of West Union was in town Monday, making us a call.

The Seeley House on Main street is being repaired and re-painted.

Hartlett York sold his big team of grays at Canisteo last week, to Goff & Tanner.

W. B. Foot, representative of the Elkland Bank, and C. B. Bailey, receiver in the estate of O. Snyder, were in town Friday, looking over the Snyder factory. A meeting of former patrons was held, and it was decided to open the factory for business. Messrs. Foot and Bailey will be in town again Tuesday to complete arrangements.

Ned Turner of New York is in town trying to organize a dramatic company out of our talent in the interests of the National Protective Legion, expecting to present a drama to the public in the near future.

Fay Stephens has hired out to V. Johnson for a year to take charge of his livery.

Chas. Stillman, of the Alfred Brick Works, was in this city Friday.

Geo. Whiting of Canisteo was in town loading hay Friday.

Jacob Vickers, insurance agent of Canisteo, visited Greenwood Thursday.

C. Willis, agent for cheese factory supplies, was looking over our place Thursday.

George Heckman of Jasper was in town Wednesday, delivering stock sold to J. T. Atkins.

Ira Kinney of Woodhull loaded his goods at Greenwood Wednesday for Shingle House, where he is expecting to locate.

O. W. Palmer of Elmira, insurance adjuster, was in town Wednesday, adjusting losses by the recent fire.

J. H. Taft of Jasper was in town Wednesday with a load of goods for Ira Kinney.

We were treated to a snow storm Monday for a change.

Geo. Welty, Amos Schoonover, F. S. Woodward and L. A. June of Jasper were noticed on our streets Wednesday.

David Ferris, Frank McCauley and Merritt Atkins are in Corning, the first named as grand juror and the others as trial jurors.

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Church Directory.

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Preaching at 11 a. m.
Class meeting at 12 m.
Sunday School at 12 m.
Junior League at 3 p. m.
Epworth League at 6 p. m.
Preaching at 7 p. m.
Rev. C. E. Sutton, pastor.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Young People's Christian Union at 3 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

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JASPER.

Ross Dennis has returned from his trip to Elmira. He brought home a coop of poultry—fancy stock.

Frank Viall has purchased the F. D. Wood farm of 174 acres at $20 per acre.

Seymour Woodward has moved on the Teft farm recently purchased by him.

Mrs. Perry, who recently moved in the Talmage house, broke her leg last week while in the act of turning around when standing.

Chas. Sutton of Woodhull has hired to Geo. Dennis for the present year and has moved into Mr. Dennis' tenant house.

Miss Ora Dennis returned to Alfred Monday from her week's vacation at home.

Bennett's Creek.

Mrs. Jane Sherwood moved last week from Grant Fox's house to Mrs. S. Vanderhoef's house.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. D. Crusen last week. A good attendance is reported.

Miss Lora Norton leaves this week for Canisteo, where she will spend some time.

Lynn Taylor of Greenwood is working at A. Taylor's.

The annual cheese meeting of the Bennett's Creek cheese factory was held last Tuesday, and the following report for the year 1899 was submitted: Whole number of pounds of milk, 694,800; whole number of pounds of cheese, 69,642; whole amount of money, $6,784.58; net, $6,049.34; average price of cheese per pound 9¾; number of pounds of milk for pound of cheese, 9 9-10; milk net to patrons, per cwt., 87c. M. F. Smith was appointed salesman for another year. The factory will open about April 12.

A. W. Childs has been visiting his brother in Bradford.

B. S. Bassett of Alfred and L. B. Bassett of Whitesville were in town last week.

M. F. Smith of Hornellsville was in town Tuesday.

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Rexville.

Edward Murphy died suddenly at his home near here and was buried from St. Mary's church Saturday morning.

Ellen Lee, who has been attending school at Watkins, is home to spend the Easter vacation.

P. W. Failing has moved to Canisteo.

Maple sugar was served at the M. E. church parlor Saturday evening.

Mrs. Simpson spent the week in the city, selecting millinery goods. Isabel Harden accompanied her.

Mrs. Harry Cheesman is on the sick list.

Miss Mary and Master Carlton Baker of Greenwood spent several days of last week at Dr. Vaughn's.

Frank Failing is moving into the rooms vacated by P. W. Failing; D. W. Plaisted moves into the Lee Richey house and Will Wood into rooms over McKeon's store.

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YOUNG HICKORY.

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Mrs. Fenton has gone to Mines, Pa., where her husband is at work. She went on Wednesday last.

Frank Day has returned from Troupsburg, where he has been working.

Frank Day and Leon Plaisted have taken a job of cutting wood for L. Wilkenson. They begin Monday.

J. O. Potter has been on the sick list for a few days, but is out again.

Miss Lydia Hardy was at home over Sunday.

Rev. E. T. Stephens and family of Elmer, Pa., were guests of T. P. Aubel and family over Sunday.

Rev. E. T. Stephens preached a very interesting sermon Sunday evening on the Inspiration of the Bible.

A second cheese meeting was held Saturday afternoon. The result was that Mr. McKinley makes the cheese for one dollar and ten cents per hundred and pays all the expenses.

D. Bailey has repaired his mill and is now prepared to do a good job of sawing.

Rev. F. F. Dunham and wife were in town a few days last week.

The cheese factory opens April the 16th.

Chas. Plaisted of Highup was a pleasant caller at J. O. Potter's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Hardy stepped on a nail and hurt her foot quite badly on Sunday last.

Wm. Hardy is staying with his uncle, J. D. Hardy, for a short time.

Sunday school at the church at 10 a. m. and prayer meeting following every Sunday.

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West Jasper.

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S. W. Dennis is moving potatoes to Canisteo at 38 cents.

E. M. Scribner and wife have just received a beautiful couch with a box of Sweet Home Soap from Larkin & Co. of Buffalo.

Two small keys were picked up in the church last night and may be had by the owner by calling on Wm. R. Whitmarsh.

Mr. Beals of North Jasper was here two days last week upholstering the sofa at the church. He is an old hand at the business.

The new carpet at the church makes a much needed improvement.

E. M. Scribner has bit his sugar bush to Wm. Whitmarsh.

Rev. E. W. Wheeler and wife of Des Moines, Iowa, are to be at the church on Thursday evening of this week. Come and hear them.

The last quarterly meeting of the conference year will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and 14th. Rev Wheeler and wife will officiate.

J. S. French gave his farewell talk at the church for the conference year Sunday evening.

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Rochester conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church will meet (D. V.) at West Jasper on Tuesday, April 17th, at 7:30 p. m.

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ALFRED STATION.

Mrs. M. A. Green and Miss Bessie Hamilton of Hornellsville were at their grandfather's, J. P. Hamilton, visiting last week.

H. C. Keller is at work in the depot at Genesee for the B. & S. Railroad.

L. M. Emerson, wife and daughter, Mrs. H. C. Keller, Mark Emerson and wife were at Mrs. Betsey and All. Emerson's last Saturday.

Mrs. M. P. McHenry is at Gaineville, Pa., visiting her son, Clifford McHenry.

John Hunt and wife of Belmont were at Harriet Satterlee's Sunday, visiting their mother.

E. W. Robinson, wife and daughter were at L. M. Emerson's Sunday, visiting.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for April 16, 1900.—The Daughter of Jairus Raised.

[Prepared by H. C. Leuington.]

THE LESSON TEXT.

Mark 5:22-24, 35-43.

22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet.

23 And besought Him greatly, saying: My little daughter lieth at the point of death; I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said: Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue: Be not afraid, only believe.

37 And He suffered no man to follow Him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when He was come in, He saith unto them: Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of 12 years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

GOLDEN TEXT.—He is risen, as He said.—Matt. 28:6.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

At this point the order of the lessons slightly varies from the chronological order of the events recorded, probably to admit of this as an Easter lesson. It will be well to recall the chronological order. After the sermon on the mount, in the summer of A. D. 28, Jesus heals the centurion's servant and raises the widow's son. It is about this time that John the Baptist sends to Jesus to know if He is really the Messiah. July to September is spent by Jesus in His second tour of Galilee. In the autumn the demoniac in the vallies of Gadarenes, then follows eight parables by the seaside (including that of the rich fool, of the sower, of the leaven, of the pearl of great price and others), then the stilling of the tempest on the Galilee, and here, in November, come in the two miracles of Mark 5:22-43, one of which we study to-day as a story suitable for the Eastertide.

Instances of Lives Restored by Jesus.—In the four Gospels we have recorded just three instances of the Saviour bringing back the dead to life. One is the story of Jairus' daughter. Another very early, and, while the story of Nain was raised (Luke 7:11-17). The third was the restoring of Lazarus, recorded in the eleventh chapter of John's Gospel. These are the only instances we know of in which they help us show the power of Jesus. Sometimes it is what we call the human side of

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MASTER'S THOUGHTS.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.—1 Thes. 4:14.

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.—Romans 6:4.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.—John 11:25.

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Dated Andover, N. Y., January 6, 1900.

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Dr. Talmage Gives Suggestions as to Christian Warfare.

SUBJECT PICS OF AMBUSCADE GIVEN AS A Successful Method of Fighting Unrighteousness—Sin's Triumph Brief.

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Washington, April 8.

From an old-time battle scene Dr. Talmage in this discourse makes some startling suggestions as to the best styles of Christian work and points out the reason of so many pious failures; text, Joshua 8:7: "Then shall ye rise up from the ambush and seize upon the city."

One Sabbath morning, with my family around me, we were talking over the scene of the text. In the wide open eyes and the quick interrogations and the blanched cheeks I realized what a thrilling drama it was. There is the old city, shorter by name than any other city in the ages, spelled with two letters, A, I, Ai. Joshua and his men want to take it. How to do it is the question. On a former occasion, in a straightforward, face to face fight, they had been defeated, but now they are going to take it by ambuscade. Gen. Joshua has two divisions in his army. The one division the battle-worn commander will lead himself, the other division he sends off to encamp in an ambush on the west side of the city of Ai. No torches, no lanterns, no sound of heavy battalions, but 30,000 swarthy warriors moving in silence, speaking only in a whisper; no clicking of swords against shields, lest the watchmen of Ai discover it and the stratagem be a failure. If the roistering soldier in the Israelitish army forgets himself, all along the line the word is "Hush!"

Joshua takes the other division, the one with which he is to march, and puts it on the north side of the city of Ai and then spends the night in reconnoitering in the valley. There he is, thinking over the fortunes of the coming day with something of the feelings of Wellington the night before Waterloo or of Meade and Lee the night before Gettysburg. There he stands in the night and says to himself: "Yonder is the division in ambush on the west side of Ai. Here is the division I have under my especial command on the north side of Ai. There is the city slumbering in its sin. To-morrow will be the battle." Look! The morning already begins to tip the hills. The military officers of Ai look out in the morning very early, and, while they do not see the division in ambush, they behold the other divisions of Joshua, and the cry "To arms! To arms!" rings through all the streets of the old town, and every sword, whether hacked and bent or newly welded, is brought out, and all the inhabitants of the city of Ai pour through the gates, an infuriated torrent, and their cry is: "Come, we'll make quick work with Joshua and his troops!"

No sooner had these people of Ai come out against the troops of Joshua than Joshua gave such a command as he seldom gave—"Fall back!" Why, they could not believe their own ears! Is Joshua's courage failing him? The retreat is beaten, and the Israelites are flying, throwing blankets and cantenes on every side under this worse than Bull Run defeat. And you ought to hear the soldiers of Ai cheer and cheer. But they huzza too soon. The men lying in ambush are straining their vision to get some signal from Joshua that they may know what time to drop upon the city. Joshua takes his burnished spear, glittering in the sun like a shaft of doom, and points it toward the city, and when the men up yonder in the ambush see it with hawklike swoop they drop upon Ai and without stroke of sword or stab of spear take the city and put it to the torch.

So much for the division that was in ambush. How about the division under Joshua's command? No sooner does Joshua stop in the flight than all his men stop with him, and as he wheels they wheel, for in a voice of thunder he cried: "Halt!" one strong arm driving back a torrent of flying troops. And then, as he points his spear through the golden light toward the fated city, his troops know that they are to start for it. What a scene it was when the division in ambush which had taken the city marched down against the men of Ai on the one side, and the troops under Joshua doubled up their enemies from the other side, and the men of Ai were caught between these two hurricanes of Israelitish courage, thrust before and behind, stabbed in breast and back, ground between the upper and the nether millstone of God's indignation! Woe to the men of Ai! Cheer for Israel!

I see on the first: There is such a thing as victorious retreat. Joshua's fall back was the first chapter in his successful besiegement. And there are times in your life when the best thing you can do is to run. You were once the victim of strong drink. The demon in and the decanter were your fiercest foes. They came down upon you with greater fury than the men of Ai upon the men of Joshua. Your only safety is to get away from them. Your dissolute companions will come around you for your overthrow. Run for your life! Fall back! Fall back from the drinking saloon! Fall back from the wine party! Your flight is your advance; your retreat is your victory. There is a saloon down on the next street that has almost been the ruin of your soul. Then why do you go along that street? Why do you not pass through some other street rather than by the place of your temptation? A spoonful of brandy taken for medicinal purposes by a man who 20 years before had been reformed from drunkenness hurled into inebriety and the grave one of the best friends I ever had. Retreat is victory!

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So, also, there is victorious retreat in the religious world. Thousands of times the Kingdom of Christ has seemed to fall back. When the blood of the Scotch Covenanters gave a deep dye to the heather of the highlands, when the Vaudois of France chanted the termination rather than make an unchristian surrender, when on St. Bartholomew's day mounted assassins rode through the streets of Paris, crying "Kill! Bloodletting is good in August! Kill! Death to the Huguenots! Kill!" when Lady Jane Grey's head rolled from the executioner's block, when Calvin was imprisoned in the castle, when John Knox died for the truth, when John Bunyan lay rotting in Bedford jail, saying: "If God will help me and my physical life continues, I will stay here until the moss grows on my eyebrows rather than give up my faith," the days of retreat for the church were days of victory.

The pilgrim fathers fell back from the other side of the sea to Plymouth Rock, but now are marshaling a continent for the Christianization of the world. The church of Christ falling back from Piedmont, falling back from Rue St. Jacques, falling back from St. Denis, falling back from Wurttemberg castles, falling back from the Bunsen market place, yet all the time triumphing. Notwithstanding all the shocking reverses which the Church of Christ suffers, what do we see to-day? Twelve thousand missionaries of the cross on heathen grounds; 80,000 ministers of Jesus Christ in this land; at least 400,000 of Christians on the earth. Falling back, yet advancing until the old Wesleyan hymn will prove true:

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But there is a more marked illustration of victorious retreat in the life of our Joshua, the Jesus of the ages. First falling back from an appalling height to an appalling depth, falling from celestial hills to terrestrial valleys, from throne to manger; yet that did not seem to suffice him as a retreat. Falling back still farther from Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Nazareth to Jerusalem, back from Jerusalem to Golgotha, back from Golgotha to the mausoleum in the rock, back down over the precipices of perdition until he walked amid the caverns of eternal captives and drank of the wine of the wrath of Almighty God, amid the Ahabs, and the Jezebels, and the Belshazzars. Oh, men of the pulpit and men of the pew, Christ's descent from Heaven to earth does not measure half the distance! It was from glory to perdition. He descended into hell. All the records of earthly retreat are as nothing compared with this falling back. Santa Anna, with the fragments of his army flying over the plateaus of Mexico and Napoleon and his army retreating from Moscow into the awful snows of Russia are not worthy to be mentioned with this retreat, when all the powers of darkness seem to be pursuing Christ as he fell back, until the body of Him who came to do such wonderful things lay pulseless and stripped. Methinks that the city of Ai was not so emptied of its inhabitants when they went to pursue Joshua as perdition was emptied of devils when they started for the pursuit of Christ, and he fell back and fell down lower, down lower, chasm below chasm, pit below pit, until he seemed to strike the bottom of objurgation and scorn and torture. Oh, the long, stalwart breast and back, ground between the upper and the nether millstone of God's indignation! Woe to the men of Ai! Cheer for Israel!

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Look on the second: The triumph of the wicked is short. Did you ever see an army in a panic? There is nothing so uncontrollable. If you had stood at Long bridge, Washington, during the opening of our civil war, you would know what it is to see an army rout. And when those men of Ai looked out and saw those men of Joshua in a stampede they expected easy work. They would scatter them as the equinox the leaves. Oh, the fearful and jubilant descent of the men of Ai upon the men of Joshua! But their exhilaration was brief, for the tide of battle turned, and these quondam conquerors left their miserable carcasses in the wilderness of Bethaven. So it always is. The triumph of the wicked is short. You make $20,000 at the gaming table. Do you expect to keep it? You will die in the poorhouse. You made a fortune by iniquitous traffic. Do you expect to keep it? Your money will scatter, or it will stay long enough to curse your children after you are dead. Call over the roll of bad men who prospered and see how short was their prosperity. For awhile, like the men of Ai, they went from conquest to conquest, but after awhile disaster rolled back upon them, and they were divided into three parts. Misfortune took their property, the grave took their body and the lost world took their soul.

Lesson the third: How much may be accomplished by lying in ambush for opportunities. Are you hypercritical of Joshua's maneuver? Do you say it was dishonorable for him to take that city by ambuscade? Was it wrong for Washington to kindle campfires on Jersey heights, giving the impression to the opposing force that a great army was encamped there when there was none at all? I answer, if the war was right, then Joshua was right in his stratagem. He violated no flag of truce. He broke no treaty, but by a lawful ambuscade captured the city of Ai. Oh, that we all knew how to lie in ambush for opportunities to serve God. The best of our opportunities do not lie on the surface, but are secreted. By tact, by stratagem, by Christian ambuscade, you may take almost any castle of sin for Christ. Come up toward men with a regular besiegement of argument and you will be defeated, but just wait until the men of the city of hearts is set aj