

### LAST RITES HELD FOR L. SULLIVAN

Steel Company Manager Died Sunday After Brief Illness

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. yesterday at St. Mary's Church, Redford, for Leo D. Sullivan, 47, of Kensington road, who died early Sunday at his home. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Redford. Mr. Sullivan had been ill but 48 hours.

of the Vulcan Crucible Steel company. Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Benesia Sullivan. He also leaves three brothers and four sisters in Waltham, Mass. G. Dewey Kimball was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### POLICEMAN RESIGNS

Patrolman Otto Wilson, attached to the Motorcycle Division of the Birmingham Police Department since August, 1928, has resigned to enter the meat business in Detroit. Wilson, a meat-cutter by trade, resigned Dec. 1. Following his resignation, Orra J. Tuttle announced the appointment of Samuel Stinson, 24 years old, of Humphrey street. Stinson is a former employe of the Ford Motor Company.



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### Modern Good Samaritan

The Modern Good Samaritan: Who is He?—Matt. 25:31-46.

THE title of our lesson suggests the importance of reading in connection with it the story of the Good Samaritan, found in the tenth chapter of Luke.

It was the great characteristic of Jesus as a teacher that, while perhaps more than any other he laid stress upon deep principles of action, enunciating love as the only adequate and dominating principle of conduct. He put the emphasis at the same time upon actual conduct, even bringing this emphasis into the realm of concrete deeds. He has set for the world a great example in the way in which he combined teaching with practice.

If one wishes to realize the importance of this, he need only contrast with it what was happening in the environment in which Jesus lived and what has happened in most instances in the world even in realms where the importance of teaching has been emphasized. The devout Jew of the age in which Jesus lived had over 600 categorical rules governing his life, and his religion was very largely a matter of intricate distinctions and speculations at the very opposite pole both in theory and in practice from the enunciation of the simple principle of love and the suggestion that this principle meant nothing except as it was put into action.

A Much-Needed Lesson Surely it is a lesson that the world of modern educators needs very much to learn. In our own age we see very largely a divorce of education from morality and goodness. The fact that a great college or university exists in a community and what has happened to the character of the community's life. The fact that a man is an alumnus of a college does not guarantee that he is a useful and profitable member of society. A man may know a great deal and yet be very mean and selfish individual. He may, in fact, make his knowledge chiefly a means of self-aggrandizement, and the learning that makes him a superman may



make him a superecclesiast. Jesus was speaking in our lesson to those who did make profession of religion. They thought of themselves as the chosen of God. They were proud of their religious privilege and situation. Jesus challenged this pride. He asked them plainly what their religion meant. What was the use of religion that professed devotion to God but allowed people to go naked and hungry, unsheltered and desolate? In the great figure that he presents of the King coming in judgment, the judgments are pronounced not in relation to what people professed but in relation to their actual needs. Those whom Jesus commended for their care of the needy revealed the inner quality of their characters in their surprise that the King should have found them worthy. They were conscious of having done nothing more than they ought to have done; in fact, there was in them the appalling sense that he had done so little to meet the great needs of the little men. It is only where the true spirit goes with the deed that goodness comes to its full fruition and expression.

William Beer of Monkleigh, Eng., a groom, has inherited the entire estate of Major John B. Lamont, whom he has served for 19 years.

The smallest student ever to enroll in the University of Illinois is George P. Brown of Mattson, Ill., freshman who is 48 1/2 inches high and weighs 47 pounds.

### The Ready Every

### Santa Claus

By Harold L. Cook

FOUR years Mrs. Pendleton had not believed in Santa Claus herself, but she taught her little girl to believe in him. "It's a beautiful myth," she said to herself, "and I don't see any harm in it. In fact, it's really too bad there isn't a Santa Claus. Since I was a child I have never enjoyed Christmas so much as I used to when I believe in him."

Just at that moment Betty Pendleton returned from a Sunday school. She was a pretty little girl with blue eyes and long blonde curls, but today the eyes were brimming with tears and as soon as she came into the house she ran to her room.



What's the matter? Mrs. Pendleton called from the foot of the stairs. "What is it, Betty?"

Smothered sobs were the only answer, so Mrs. Pendleton ran up the stairs and into her daughter's room. She took Betty in her arms and tried to calm her down, but the sobs continued uncontrolled for some time longer. Finally she was able to tell her mother what the trouble was. Her Sunday school teacher had told the class that there was no Santa Claus, and that he was only a myth. Mrs. Pendleton was wicked for parents to teach their little children such a lie. More so, she followed the broken explanation which Betty had given, and her body trembled with convulsions of emotion. Mrs. Pendleton had to think quickly and clearly. What was to be done? The child was heartbroken, and she was still so young it seemed a pity that her teacher had disillusioned her about one of the loveliest of childhood fancies. Her mother could not very truthfully deny what the Sunday school teacher had said, and she did not want to teach her child to question the wisdom of her teachers. It all seemed a terrible predicament for Mrs. Pendleton. But suddenly her mother instinctively solved the problem, and pressing her daughter fore closely in her arms she said, "Your Sunday school teacher isn't married, Betty. I guess she doesn't know all about such things. It's mostly fathers and mothers who really know about Santa Claus. Santa Claus is the personification of the Christmas spirit. He does not live at the North pole, as some people think, or if he does live there, he journeys each December throughout the world teaching the hearts of people to awaken in them the Christ spirit of unselfishness as I generously. It is usually mothers and fathers who know most about him, because they love their children unselfishly. Christmas is the particular Christmas spirit of giving. Jesus said, 'Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth,' and only those who understand His words can know the real Santa Claus. Some people exchange gifts at Christmas, and for them Christmas is not the time when the angels merely come to be a barter of presents. They like people to know who is giving someone something to them. But Jesus wanted giving to be done in secret, and Santa Claus is that secret joy of giving which animates all mothers and lovers of children at Christmas time. The Santa Claus you see on the street or in the stores or at a Christmas tree is not the Santa Claus who lives at the North pole or elsewhere. He is a representation of him, however, and such an use is just as real as anything that exists in this world. Your Sunday school teacher knows that just as well as I do, only she did not know exactly how to explain it to you."



That Christmas was a lovely one for all the Pendletons because Santa Claus came down their chimney and filled all their stockings full. Before he left, he drank the glass of milk and ate the apple which had been left for him.

While cycling across a viaduct under which a train was passing James Greghar, of Chicago was showered with sparks. His clothing caught fire and he was badly burned.

### PLUMBING CODE TO GET HEARING

New Law Licenses All State Plumbers After January 1st

Lansing.—The new State Plumbing Code which has just been prepared in the office of the Michigan Department of Health, will be given public hearing on today and tomorrow, in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol at Lansing. All persons interested in the provisions of the code are invited by Dr. Guy L. Kiefer, State Commissioner of Health, to attend the hearing.

Preparation, publication, and enforcement of a State Plumbing Code containing minimum standards for plumbing throughout the state was provided for by a law passed by the 1929 Legislature. This law also made provision for

the licensing of all master and journeyman plumbers in Michigan after January 1, 1930. Those applying for license before that time, and proving that they were engaged in the business on March 1, 1929, will be granted a license without examination. After January 1, 1930, examination will be required before a license is issued.

Like Fire and Brimstone.—Villiger—"I like your preaching, vicar. I learn a lot from your sermons." Vicar—"I'm very glad to hear that." "Yes; until I heard what you had to say on Sunday I always thought Sodom and Gomorrah were man and wife!" Tit Bits.

Samples The lampposts in your road have been repainted. "Yes, I noticed it when my husband came home."—Fawn, Vienna.

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