

# The Church in Thy House

THURSDAY—"In Christian Service Lies Life's Appeal."

*Salida*  
Reading—Luke 10. 30-37. Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" (No. 460).

One bright morning in Colorado I stepped from a train at Salida. On the hillside was a pile of stones bearing a marker. "What is that cairn of stones?" I asked of a newsboy. "That's were a St. Bernard dog is buried," said he. This is the story:

A little girl had come down with her great dog to the train. Leaning out from the platform to catch sight of the engine at the curve she fell out upon the tracks. The engineer could not stop his train. Friends stood helpless. Then the dog saw and understood. Like a flash he sprang down, snarling at the black monster. He snatched the precious bundle from the tracks but he himself was caught and crushed. He lies now like a fallen hero above the noise of thundering trains.

And musing later I said, "That's a St. Ber-

nard dog's business—giving care to the defenseless, seeing the children are safe. And that's a man's business, that's a Christian's business, anywhere, preventing disaster on his line, a crusader against every human ill, a servant in the world."

*O Christ, may our hearts be swift to remember the mercies of God. May we diligently stir among our neglects and reduce their unhappy outcomes. Let us be busy the rest of our way. And bless, Lord, those bearing the wondrous cross in far lands. Amen.*