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Leachers' Department

Sabbath School Scripture Lessons.

APRIL 19th, 1857.

Subject.—THE CONVERSION AND BAPTISM OF HE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH.

For Reading. For Repeating. Acts viii. 26-40. Acts viii. 14-17.

APRIL 26th, 1857.

Subject .- SAUL TAKES LETTERS TO DAMASCUS, AND IS MET BY CHRIST.

For Reading. For Repeating. Acts viii. 35-37. Acts ix. 1-16.

THE QUESTIONER.

Mental Pictures from the Bible.

Reader, you need but "search the scriptures," To comprehend our Mental Pictures,

[No. 8.]

A woman of dignified and commanding presence, is engaged in earnest conversation with a warrior who stands by her side, and whom she appears to be endeavouring to rouse to act with courage and decision. The scene of their inter view is curious. It is a green and leafy tent, joined by the spreading branches and abundant foliage of a large and magnificent tree, which is evidently of great age.

Beneath it they are shaded from the scorching rays of the eastern sun, and enjoy a cool and delightful retreat.

QUESTIONS to be answered next week.

17. Where is trade and commerce first mentioned in the Bible?

18. Who is recorded as having suffered death, in Old Testament times, for having done an act of kindness?

19. Who was the mother of the greatest pro-

Solution to Picture No. 7.

David in the cave of Adullam.—2 Samuel xxiii. 13-17.

Answers to questions in our last

15. (1.) The Deluge, 2 Pet. iii. 6, 7. The Egyptian darkness, Exod. x. 21-23. The Passage of the Red Sea, Exod. xiv. 21-29 (4.) The standing of the Sun, Josh. x. 12—14. (5.) The returning of the shadow on the dial of Ahaz, Isa. xxxviii. 8, 2 Kings xx. 11. (6.) The darkness at the crucifixion of our blessed Lord Matt. vii. 45.

16. By the Urim and Thumim, by dreams and visions, by prophecy, and by personal mani-

What is Faith.

A little girl was trying to find her father, who had gone into the cellar, by a trap-door, with no light. Coming to the door, and looking down, she could see nothing, for it was all dark. She called out, " Are you down in the cellar, father? "Yes," he answered. "Would you like to come Mary?" "It is dark, I can't come, papa." "Well my daughter I am right below you, and I can see you, though you cannot see me. If you will drop yourself down, I will catch you." She strained her eyes, but could not see him. She hesitated, then advanced a little, and finally threw herself down, and was caught in his arms. This was faith-faith in her father. Though full ob promises outside, but holler in de butt you cannot see Jesus, he is as truly present as this little girl's father was; and you kave only to believe on him, and he will save you. Now, can you not believe him, and in your mind, cast yourself into his arms? You need not be afraid. Only trust in him.

"Believeth!"

Dr. James Ruthven, not long before his death recited slowly, emphatically, and with great weakness of voice, " He that believeth on the Son hath ever asting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.' What a contrast !" said he; "there is none in the universe like it. What vast consequences hinge on the question! printed in capitals. How simple and easy it is; not meet. For this it has no cure. 'Ye will not come to me that ye might have life. ""

It is not what people eat, but what they dirich. It is not what they read, but what they the talents which had been given him for use-

he arrives at is that the tree is 945 years of age. less than twenty-five each mouth."

Miscellany.

Steady progress of Christianity

A contemporary says :- The following tabular statement, a conjectural, but probable representation of the progressive increase of Christians in the world, is attributed to Sharon Turner:

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In this nineteenth century, the Christian population of the world cannot be far from three hundred millions, and its progress now is more rapid than in any period since the Apostolic age. What imagination can forecast the conquests of the next fity years! The leaven is working in every land. The old empires of idolatry and superstition are effete and ready to vanish, while new Christian empires are born almost in a day. Every new it is with smiles which every heart perfumes discovery in nature, or invention in art, helps to speed the Gospel, Commerce, revolution, exploration, all prepare the way, and herald the approach of the heralds of the Cross, This work of preparation has been long going on. Soon it will be complete.

Practical Preaching.

We have heard of various specimens of Negro eloquence in our time, but never actually listened to the illustration till yesterday. Dropping into an African meeting-house, we found the sermon just commenced. The topic seemed to be the depravity of the human heart, and the sable divine thus illustrated his argument:- "Bredren, when I was in Virginia, one day de ole woman's kitchen table got broke, an' I was sent into de woods to cut a tree to make a new leaf for it. So I took de axe on de shoulder, and I wander into de deps of de forest. All nature was as beautiful as a lady going to a wedding. De leaves glistened on de maple trees like new quarter-dollars in de missionary box; de sun shone as brilliant, and thoughtful companion. The influence of and nature looked as gay as a buck rabbit in a parsley garden, and de little bell round de is irresistible when directed by woman's inole sheep's neck tinkled softly and musically in de distance. I spied a tree suitable for de for women's rights rarely attain their object, purpose, and I raised de axe to cut into de trunk. It was a beautiful tree! De branches reached to de four corners ob de earth, and raise up high to de air above, and de squir'ls hop about in de limbs like little angels flopping deir wings in de kingdom ob heaven. Dat at Montreal, to surpass in size and magnifitree was full ob promise, my friends, just like a great many ob you. Den I cut into de trunk, It is to be modelled after St. Peter's at Rome, and made de chips fly like de mighty scales dropping from Paul's eyes. Two, three cut I gave dat tree, and alas, it was holler in de butt !- Dat tree much like you, my friends, -American Paper.

The Liverpool Transcript says :-

"Mr. Spurgeon, the notorious revivalist in Loudon, is breaking down in voice and

We wonder whence he gets this very complimentary(?) piece of information. The London Freeman (Baptist) tells a different story. We find in the number received by last mail the following notice of Mr. Spurgeon:-

"The popularity of Mr. Spurgeon, and the ally with very warm water from the fine nose Divine blessing on his labours, appear to in- of a watering pot held high above them, thus crease. Last Sunday at the Music Hall, the giving them the benefit of a warm shower at Marquis of Lansdowne, and at least thirty any time or place. But the thing of all others members of Parliament were present; among the most important, is to water them with hot the latter the Hon. Sydney Herbert. Baron water at all times; yes, hot to the touch, even BELIEVETH !- I would like to see that word Bramwell was also in the Hall. The Marquis beyond what is supposed to be prudent, until evinced very great interest in the service, and after experiment—and it is only necessary to was much impressed by the aspect of such a watch the result on the health and vigor of the and yet how many refuse to believe and perish. vast congregation. After the service, while plants, especially when in bloom, to be con-Unbelief is the only sin which the gospel does one of the deacons was conducting him out vinced of the value of this grand specific." by the most quiet side of the building, his The writer says he has fuscias now in bloom, lordship asked if he could, without inconveni- mere cuttings about six inches in height, not ence, see Mr. Spurgeon. He conversed with one failing out of seven or more cuttings him very kindly for about ten minutes, adverted planted in a single pot and watered with hot to Mr. Spurgeon having visited his county, water. gest, that makes them strong. It is not what (Wilts) and strongly urged him to take care of they gain, but what they save, that makes them his health, that he might the longer employ remember, that makes them learned. It is not fulness; a caution not unnecessary, since Mr. what they profess, but what they practice, that Spurgeon, though suffering from bronchitis, and which are too wet to be plowed. may be makes them righteous. These are very plain preached not less than ten times last week. The economically improved by ditching. The labor and important truths, too little heeded by gluttons, church now numbers between eight and nine required to take off the stagnant water is a preached not less than ten times last week. The economically improved by ditching. The labor hundred members; more, with the casual mere trifle in comparison with the benefits recommunicants, than the pews in the lower sulting from its ameliorating effects, especially Professor Brocklesby has been computing the part of the chapel will hold. The additions when the vegetable stratum is underlaid by a

Smiles.

Nothing on earth can smile but a man Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-flash compared with an eye-flash and mirth-flash? Flowers cannot smile. This is a charm which even they cannot claim. Birds cannot smile, nor can living thing. It is the prerogative of man. It is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy-these three. It is the light in the window of the face, by which the heart signifies to father, husband or friend, that it is at home and waiting. A face that cannot smile, is like a bud that cannot blossom, and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day, and sobriety is night; and a smile is a twilight that hovers gently between both more bewitching then either. But all smiles are not alike. The cheerfulness of vanity is not like the cheerfulness of love. The smile of gratified pride is not like the radiance of goodness and truth. The rains of summer fall alike God is with him, of a truth. He stands clear upon all trees and shrubs. But when the storm passes, and every leaf hangs adrip, each gentle puff of wind brings down a pretty shower, and every drop brings with it something of the nature of the leaf or blossom on which it hung; the roadside leaf yields dust; the walnut-leaf bitterness; some flowers poison; while the grape blossom, the rose and the sweet briar lend their aroma to the twinkling drops, and send them down in perfumed drops. And so according to its nature-selfishness is acrid; pride, bitter; good-will, sweet and fragrant .--Henry Ward Beecher. add retail many

Noble Sentiments.

Condemn no man for not thinking as think. Let every one enjoy the full and free gospel plan; aband and and all and the liberty of thinking for himself. Let every man use his own judgment, since every man must members, thirty-three of whom have been, give an account of himself to God. Abhor from time to time, baptized, and now belong every approach, in any kind of degree, to the to the new church. Since the work began, spirit of persecution. If you cannot reason, or and before I came to this place, brother Hardpersuade a man into the truth, never attempt ing baptized seven persons. Since I came, to force him into it. If love will not compel brother Harding and myself, on one Sabbath him to come, leave him to God, the Judge of baptized eighteen persons. 'The Sabbath after all .- John Wesley.

A good wife.

A good wife makes the poorest and most desolate home a paradise, and moulds the most negligent and indifferent husband into a tender woman, quiet, imperceptible, and all persuasive, structive tact and affection. The clamorers while the meek and yielding can bind manhood with chains of roses more potent than chains

The Catholics are about to build a Cathedral cence any edifice of the kind on the continent. is to be 350 by 175 feet, with a dome 300 feet high. It is proposed to complete it in twelve years at a cost of over a million of dollars, to be collected by an annual tax from every Cutholic, man, woman, and child, in the diocese.

Agriculture.

Hot water for Plants.

A correspondent of the Boston Cultivator writing on the subject of house plants, says: "The way to have healthy plants is to shorten all straggling growth, and remove every leaf and flower as soon as the least symptom of decay is perceivable, washing them occasion-

Draining Lands.

Low grounds, that produce only wild grass, age of the Charter Oak from the rings. The result to the church have been, on the average, not close and impervious subsoil, through which no water can infiltrate .- N. Y. Examiner.

Correspondence.

Selected for the Christian Messens

Rev. T. H. Chipman's Letter.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. T. H. Chipm to the Editor of the Mass. Bap. Miss. Magazine, dated December 5th, 1806.

REV. AND VERY DEAR SIR.

I have been in this town and Argyle five weeks, and such glorious times I never saw before. Multitudes are turned to God. I cannot, with pen and ink, nor could I, were I present, describe the one half God has done. It is about three weeks since the work begun in Yarmouth. The eternal heavens seem to be bowed; and God has come down by diving influence, in such a way as I never before was

Brother Harding is the minister of the place in the doctrines of the glorious gospel of Christ and in the order and discipline of God's house Can you, believe it, dear Brother, my soul has been ravished, and my lips broke forth in praise, to see the great Redeemer riding forth in glorious triumph. I cannot but hope God has owned worthless me, to encourage the heart, and strengthen the hands of dear Brother Harding, whom I love in the Lord. 300 130

Since the work began there has been about one hundred and fifty souls brought to own Jesus as their rightful Lord and Sovreign King. But a number of these had probably been "born again" before, but had received no satisfying evidence until now. There was a church here before, upon the open communion plan. They have now entirely given it you up, and settled upon the Baptist, or rather

There was in the old church about fifty but one, we baptized forty; and next Lord's day we expect a large number more to come forward to this blessed ordinance. The first day there was a fall of snow, and the day was uncomfortable; but the Lord comforted our souls. The young converts were so happy, they could hardly wait until their turn came. We have had two church meetings, and surely I never saw such church meetings before. was indeed the house of God, and the very gate of heaven. Some of the converts have been great enemies to the truth and cause of God, and never went to meeting until God converted their souls; after which, with holy delight they sought the society of Christians went to the house of God, and there declared what God had done for their souls. Some would inform the enemies, that they could not say that this, or that preacher or person, had influenced or turned them; for God had done the work for them at home. A great many of the subjects of this work have been young people and children. Seldom a meeting, be some are brought to embrace the offers of life; sometimes five, six, and seven at a meeting There are meetings in some part of the town almost every day. You would be delighted to hear the young converts, with glowing hearts and flowing tears, inviting sinners to Jesus.

Monday morning, December 8th .- Yesterday Brother Harding and myself baptized twenty two persons more. There are a considerable number more waiting, who have been approved of by the church. The work is still spreading

At Argyle, twenty miles from this, there has been a glorious work during the summer past There is a village between this place and Argyle, called the Tusket River, where about twenty families reside. God has visited them-Brother Harding baptized two there; and since, I have baptized two more. There is an Esquire a member of the House of Assembly, who s a real Christian, and one of the best men in the world, residing there. God has blessed him with a ham some property, and a heart to devote it to His service, beyond any man ever knew. His wife is of the same spil Two of their children are, I believe, sealed to the day of redemption. I have not said half what I wanted to; but cannot add. Brother Harding will write you further particulars,

Yours with great esteem, THOMAS HANDLEY CRIPMAN. [Brother Angell asks :- Shall I send Brother Towner's letter? It is as interesting as Father Harding's, and many would read it with plea-

sure model ad tant to retain as a James We scarcely need reply yes,—send it on. These reminiscences of half a century ugo possess peculiar interest.-Ep.]

*The person here referred to was James Lent, Esq. since deceased. He was father of the late Rev. James Lent, Baptist minister, and many of his descendant are members of Baptist churches. He is spoken of by those who knew him, as a truly devoted and exemplary Christian. plary Christian.