Teachers' Department.

Sabbath School Scripture Lessons.

MAY 30th, 1858.

Subject .- Consequences of sinning willfully AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED A KNOWLEDGE OF THE

For Repeating.

For Reading. Heb. x. 11-14. | Heb. x. 26-39.

JUNE 6th, 1858.

Subject .- THE NATURE AND POWER OF FAITH ILLUSTRATED.

For Repeating. Heb. x. 26-29.

For Reading. Heb. xi. 1-20.

THE QUESTIONER.

Bible Questions.

14.—What external sign of reverence was formerly used on entering the house, or presence of God?

15 .- What punishment was inflicted on a king for attempting to lay hold on a prophet of God?

Solution to Mental Picture from the Bible No. 61. The Gibeonites stratagem.—Josh. ix. 3-15.

Life.

Life is no speculative adventure with those who feel its value and duties. It has a deeper purpose, and its path becomes distinct and easy in proportion as it is earnestly and faithfully pursued. The rudest or the most refined satisfaction. All ships on the ocean are not steamers or packets; but all freight-bearers, nobly fulfills its mission, whilst it pushes on towards its destined port, nor shifts its course because ships career to other points of the com-Time. Let him learn whether he is by nature a shallop or a ship; a coaster or an ocean ing to his capacity and the market he should seek, fling his sails to the breeze, riding with wind and tide, if they go his course, but beating resolutely against them if they cross his path. Have a well chosen and defined purpose, and pursue it faithfully, trusting in God, and all will be well.

Singular Fellowship.

Mr. Atkinson heard the following story in his Siberian rambles:

went away into the forest."

"Withhold not Thine Hand."

A young man went last year from a New-England town to the far west. He was amiaand upright, but destitute of Christian principle. found and read, and were blessed to his salva-Christ. Three members of the family circle pions influence. "Sow thy seed-withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whither shall prosper, either this or that."

THE REFORMATION REVIVED .- It is reported that the Reformation put down in Bohemia, by the Romish Church centuries ago, by fire and and sword, is likely to break forth again with renewed power. The priests are said to be generally prepared to leave the Church, if some provision can be made for their support.

Health is the greatest of all bodily pleasures, but the least thought of.

Society.

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man, I think the predominant feeling in this some more substantial arrangement; he must had been eminently blessed of God? He had assembly should be that of thankfulness to our have something more to mortice and tenon and himself come in contact with Englishmen or Heavenly Father. We are assembled in perfect interlacings of offices and laws-and so we have Scotchmen, who had resided in India, and he safety and perfect peace. Our island has suf- had in India. But when the keen eye of the had found some of them the most spiritual, the fered neither from foreign aggression nor from Hindoo looked on (and let me tell you, what most pious, and devoted men. The resolution insurrection from within. Our beloved Queen you do not need to know that the Hindoo has a referred to the translations of the Society. He has had no grenades thrown under her State very keen eye,) what was our motive to the eye was quite sure that those translations were just, carriage; our Government has sent no spy into of the Hindoo? Was it the welfare of the and there was but one tiny word about which this hall to watch the proceedings of this as- ruled, or the gain of the rulers? Was it the they might differ; and he would only say that sembly. There are gentlemen here beneath me elevation of the masses of the people, or was it while the Baptist translation of it was perfectly who are writing down every word I speak, but their more easy and permanent subjection to correct, the other translation might not be they carry it to the bereau of no Minister of our sway? I think there cannot be a doubt wrong. So long as they did not translate, "Go State; they will publish it in our own free, upon this matter. The love of gold, the greed and regenerate all nations," he cared very little ungagged, unfettered press-in newspapers, of gain-this has been the master passion of the whether they rendered the disputed word some of which bear the pleasant names of the English in India. Our young men have gone "sprinkle" or "immerse." The object of the Patriot and the Freeman-and this is something out to India by hundreds, with no thought of society was to send the gospel to the heathen in for which to be thankful to our Heavenly Fa- doing anything to benefit the country, but be- all its unimpaired fulness and freeness, without ther. And then, Mr. Chairman, we have not cause they could get double the amount of sal- money and without price. If the gospel were lost the privilege of giving shelter on our shores ary they could in England, and they hoped, a f- estimated merely by its temporal effects, it was to refugees from all lands. Our chalky cliffs ter ten or twenty years, to come home with bad a vast blessing to the heathen. What spots in can be still gazed upon through tears of mingled livers perhaps, but certainly with good fortunes. India had been the most peaceful? Those on joy and sorrow, by many a weary wanderer, Yes, to the eye of the Hindoo, -it is a solemn which Christian temples and been erected, and who when at last he leaps ashore, says, " Here thing to say it-it is not Jehovah, but Mam- which had been trodden by the feet of Christian at least is freedom !" And we all love the mon, that has been the God of the Englishman; missionaries. But the direct object of a miswords of the old quaint English poet who and Mammon-need I tell you?-drives a car sionary society was not to promote civilization

"Whether this isle of ours were some time rent From some convulsion of the continent, Or was created, sure it was designed

To be the common refuge of mankind." But, Mr. Chairman, ours is a higher privi- hearts of men, I do not say there have not been to clothe the ocean with crape, the earth and lege than that-it is the privilege of us Britons exceptions to the general rule, Blessed be God the sky with mourning; or, were the whole of to tell the world of a better shelter and a freer for the beautiful and brillant exceptions which nature to become animate and yould it asylum than we can offer. It is our privilege we have seen in India! I am speaking of the be possible for her to utter a groun too deep, or to go abroad and to proclaim liberty to the system; and that I pronounce to be of Mammon a cry too piercing, to express the magnitude of captives, the opening of the prison doors to and not of God, a system which, instead of help- such a catastrophe?" That was the thought them that are bound. My resolution contains ing the poor Hindoo peasant in the cultivation that should animate the missionary labourer, a reference to the West Indies, Africa, Ceylon, of the soil, takes care to lay, a heavy rent upon That there must be means, appeared to be perand France, and, pronouncing each name, I call the land- a system which, instead of adding to fectly plain. The gold in the seam was of no pursuit, if adapted to the wants and capacities upon you to join me in blessing God for what his pittance of rice day by day, levies a tax of value until it was extracted, coined, and circuof the pursuer, has a truth, a beauty, and a he has done in this place in the past, and im- well-nigh a thousand per cent, on the salt that ated. The harp strings were silent until the ploring a larger blessing in the future. We do seasons that simple meal. That is what we minstral touched them. Even the page of not cease to love any of them, but we cannot have been doing in India, and all the time we Scripture was still until the living voice anipause to-day at any one of these places. To have called ourselves Christians. We have said, mated it. The ministry was as much a divine fitted to their tasks, and the smallest shallop India my resolution says this meeting looks "Our God is love; it is our institution as the Bible was a divine inspiration, with the deepest interest. Now, I take it that duty to love our neighbour as we love our- They did not find that the winds whispered the the resolution does express the feeling of this selves; and whatsoever ye would that men gospel, or that the waves of the ocean chimed whole meeting. What events have happened should do to you, do ye also so to them." But it, or that the stars in clusters in heaven wrote since your meeting in April last! How little was not the hypocrisy transparent even to a dim- out its syllables, or that the beautiful flowers pass. Let man ride himself on the ocean of were your speakers able to predict what has mer eye than that of the keen Hindoo? We upon the curth printed it. Then the only insince occurred! I take it that the general feel- have sharpened ourselves the javelin that has ference was that man must preach it, that mising of most who have looked at the relations of pierced our vitals. India to England might be expressed somewhat | And now with regard to the future. We the Baptist Missionary Society must be susrule, and the authority belonged to the little enough of direct and State in India. requisite materially to promote any cause? to last until this beautiful and stately craft be- monstrated to be a Christian. No, we do not The command was to go and prench it. some religious tracts and books. These were my short residence in India came to this. There like that." We have walked over the roof of like this that we have experienced in India. will be gathered from the same fruitful germ of yawning between the European and the Hindoo; the one party looks across at the other, but ah! gulph over. The European seems to look across Christ, for me to die is gain."

one over the crator of a volcano, while that vol- tist Noel; to the sanctified good sense of the cano was allowed to flame and to rage beneath. minister of Bloomsbury Chapel, (Rev. Win. Now wherever the Anglo-Saxon goes he cannot be Brock); to the vigorous eloquence of Charles satisfied with anything so shallow and insecure Spurgeon, whose homely and thoroughly Saxon The Rev. Francis Tucker said, Mr. Chair- as that. No, he must have some more orderly, speech, saturated in the main with living truth, more terrible than that of Juggernaut-a car, but to win souls for Christ. "What should it whose wheels grind down before them beautiful, profit a man if he gain the whole world and and tender, and benevolent sympathies, and lose his own soul?" or, to use the illustration leave behind a melancholy track of broken faith, of Bobert Hall, "What would be the funeral broken promises, broken hopes, and broken obsequies of a lost soul? Would it be enough

legalised anarchies. To me it has seemed as if to the cultivated mind, the chastened piety, and fulness in India. When the time of trial ar-

The London Baptist Missionary they had been so many iron covers put one by the untiring energy of the Hon, and Rev. Bap. sionaries must be sent, that institutions like steamer; and then, freighting himself accord- in this way :- We have all seen in your noble must have a clear stage for Christianity in India, tained, and its energies made equal to the magriver a tall, stately, three-masted vessel in the in all time to come. I do not mean that we are nificence of the mission entrusted to its charge. tow of one of our steam-tugs; the beauty, the to have a vast net work of an ecclesiastical sys- It might be said that such appeals ended with grace, and the flag of the larger blazon have tem spreading over that country. I have no seeking money. And what was money but belonged to the convoy, but the power, and the faith in het works like that. We have had the condensed representative of whatever was smoky thing before it. Just such has been the Why, the result of it is this, that the great and Thus, in putting a sovereign into the plate, we relationship of India to England. England has serious mistake is made that Englishman is a gave one missionary a hat, another a pair of had India in tow, and while to India have be- synonym for Christian. And so you see, Sir, it boots, another cordage for his ship, another longed the beauty, the grace, and the venerable actually comes to this, that in India, every man steam, another machinery, and so on. The armoriable bearings, ours have been the skill who wears a bat is a Christian, and every man great work of the missionary was to go and and the power; and, perhaps, I express the that gets drunk with wine, is a Christian, and preach the gospel, not to argue it. He feared hope that filled all hearts only a year ago, that every man that uses the name of Christ in a that some of the Scotch missionaries had inthis connection might long continue—continue profane and blasphemous oath is thereby de- dulged too much in arguing about religion.

hind us had fitted up her rigging, and was pre- want any of that mere name, and form, and The Rev. James Smith, of Chitoura, said :-"Two children, one four and the other six pared to bend her sails-had got her pilot on garb of Christianity; but we want a clear stage I believe, brethren, that the time has arrived years old, rambled away from their friends who board, her captain, and her chart, and then, by- and no favour. We want that there should be when India must necessarily obtain far more were haymaking. They had gone from one and bye, perhaps, with good will on each side, no hindrance to the propagation of Christianity attention from the people of Great Britain, than thicket to another, gathering fruit, laughing we might throw off the tow-rope, and amidst among the Sepoys any more than among the ever it has obtained in previous times. I feel and enjoying the fun. At last they came near the cheers for the little tug we might hid a ryots of the land. We want that there should confident that the well-being of our country is a hear lying on the grass, and without the hearty and good voyage to independent India be no hindrance to the advancement of the closely and intimately bound up with our faithslightest apprehension went up to him. He -a good voyage for all the world besides. professors of Christianity to any office under fulness to British India. We are passing through looked at them steadly without moving; at But oh, how sadly have these hopes been dis- Government. Nothing less than that will satis- a terible crisis in that country. It has reminded length they began playing with him, and appointed! The connection between the two fy us; and then let there be an open exhibition me of what I have seen in India in the shape of mounted upon his back, which he submitted to has been sought to be violently severed. Then of Christian principles before the sight of the a common storm in the hot season. Sometimes with perfect good humor. In short, both seem- came the thunder of cannon, the flash of sabres Hindoo. Oh! to show them a righteousness'a the day will be bright and clear, not a cloud to ed to be inclined to be pleased with each other; -tears, groans, wounds, and blood. Ah, it has little better than that of thieving Krishna. Oh be seen, and everything as still as possible; the indeed the children were delighted with their been a sore disappointment! But should I be to show them a faith a little better than that of birds sitting on the branches of the trees with new play-fellow. The parents, missing their correct if I said that it has taken us all by sur- blood red Kali! There must be no more snug- their tongues out, appearing almost ready to truants, became alarmed, and followed on their prise? I think not, I may be permitted, I trust, gling of opium into China. Away with the expire from the heat, and all nature seeming to track. They were not long in searching the without any immodesty or indelicacy, to make flaring poppy from the fields of Hindostan, and participate in the feeling. You look to the spot, when to their dismay they beheld one child a personal allusion. A distinguished brother give us in its place the snow-white cloud of the west, and gradually something in the shape of sitting on the bear's back, and the other feeding on the committee of this society asked me a cotton crop or the gleam of the golden grain. a little black mountain or hill begins to rise up him with fruit! They called away quickly, little while ago whether I remembered speaking Let there be no opium cultivated except as and goes on increasing. These mountains roll when the youngsters ran to their friend; and at the Park-street Chapel at a meeting of the medicine; enough to heal the sick, but not to on and on till sometimes at mid day darkness Bruin, apparently not liking the interruption, Bible Translation Society seven or eight years poison the healthy; enough to sooth the agonies covers all nature. The particles of dust grow ago, and there affirming the possibility-he tells of suffering humanity, but not to plunge body, denser and still more dense, until the darkness me I said probability-of some such great out- soul, and spirit into sorrows that never end. becomes as at midnight; then gradually the break as that which has just occurred. Now I I think we are all guilty here; we have all been thunders roll and the lightnings flush. At last am no prophet, nor the son of a prophet, and I too proud of India; we have all been too hoast- the tempest begins to subside, and bye and bye made that affirmation on my sole responsibility, ful of India. We have talked too largely of our it passes away; and it appears as though all I did not know then what Governors-General Clives, and our Wellesleys, and the rest of them. | nature had been relieved. The birds thegin to had said with regard to the slight and precar- We have said too loudly, "Spain never made sing, men breathe afresh, and there is a buoyious tenure by which we held that mighty em- a colony or a dependency like that, and France ancy in the atmosphere that must be felt in the had a pious sister, who packed in his trunk pire, but the impression on my own mind during never could make a colony or a dependency order to be appreciated. It has been something is that little island in the German Ocean assum- our Indian palace, and looked around on its is true there has been the rumbling of the storm ing a power over this vast region, thousands of splendour and said, " Is not this great Bahylon in something like uncertain sounds for a contion. Not long after he fell ill, and at length miles away, adding province, and that I have built." Oh, let the words of Wala- siderable time back; but at last it burst upon returned home to die, and to bear a clear, con- kingdom, as she has done Punjanbs, yat Ali not merely ring during a lifetime in the the country, and it grew blacker and darker. vincing testimony to the power and love of and Scindes, and Oudes. That was one impres- ears of our beloved sister, Fatima, his widow, The first overt acts were doubtless performed sion with which I returned from India; but let but ring in ours. "Come what will, do not at Meyrut, then at Cawapore, then at Chitoura me say in all honesty that a deeper impression deny Christ." I leave these words with this and Futtyghur. Station after station was swalhave since scught and found the Saviour, and than that was on my mind. I felt during my assembly. Do not deny him, my brethren, by lawed up; the storm grew blacker and darker. there is reason to believe that yet more fruit short stay in Calcutta,-Here is a great gulf your worldliness; do not deny him by your You all remember how we trembled at the arselfishness; do not deny him by living in luxury rival of the English mail, not knowing what yourselves and giving the merest pittance to more frightful news it might bring. I rememfew and feeble are the attempts to bridge that his cause; but rather say, " For me to live is ber going to see the papers with a pulpitating heart, dreading lest some other story of massato the Hindoo as to a being that he may rule and fleece to the best of his ability, and the resolution, said that was the first occasion, There was not a ray of light, or hope on the Hindoo looks back at the European as a being though he hoped it would not be the last, when dark and terrible scene, until General Havelock, to be feared and hated, and to be obeyed as long he had appeared upon the platform of the Bap- raised up by God for this special purpose, with as obedience is inevitable, to be got rid of at the tist Missionary Society. He felt honoured in a mere handful of men commenced his march first convenient opportunity. Now I am not being invited to speak in behalf of an institution from Allahabad to Futtyghur, met Nena Sahib saying-do not misunderstand me-that our which was the first to enter on the missionary and his felon hordes and scattered them to the English rule in India is not better than any rule field in India-un institution, the links of whose winds, then pressing on met them again and India has known for centuries before; I am not succession began in a Carey, an Audrew Ful- again and overcame them; retook Cawnpore, here to deny that; but ch! that is very little. ler, and a Robert Hall. He also felt it an ion- too late, also let o save our murdered women and Why, all the former Governments of India for our to be associated with the living representathe last few hundred years have been a sort of tives of the denomination. He need not refer ly Christian men, notwithstanding our unfaith-

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