

Teachers' Department.

Sabbath School Scripture Lessons.

JUNE 5th, 1859.

Read—LUKE ix. 1-22: The miraculous supply of food. GENESIS xli. 38-57: Joseph's exaltation.

Recite—LUKE viii. 43-48.

JUNE 12th, 1859.

Read—LUKE ix. 23-42: The transfiguration of Christ. GENESIS xlii. 1-22: Joseph's conduct to his brethren.

Recite—LUKE ix. 18-22.

MESSSENGER ALMANAC.

From May 29th to June 11th, 1859.

Table with 2 columns: Day, Sun. Rises, Sets, Moon Rises, Sets, High Water at Halifax, Windsor.

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For the time of HIGH WATER at Pictou, Pugwash, Wallace, and Yarmouth add 2 hours to the time at Halifax.

For HIGH WATER at Annapolis, Digby, &c., and at St. John, N. B., add 3 hours to the time at Halifax.

The time of HIGH WATER at Windsor is also the time at Parrsboro', Horton, Cornwallis, Truro, &c.

For the LENGTH OF DAY double the time of the Sun's setting.

VARIETIES.

A lady in Franklin county, Mass., sent her newly arrived Irish girl with a note to one of her neighbours, with instructions to deliver it in person.

MONEY WORSHIP.—A writer in the Christian Examiner tells the colored people that if they would gain respect they must make money.

If we had in Boston or in New York ten orange-oungs worth a million dollars each, they would visit in the best society, we should leave our cards at their doors, and give them snug little dinner parties.

The New York Independent has the following from a mother: "But did I tell you what a time I had with my little Joe?"

THE LUMP OF SALT.—A lump of Salt is dissolved in a basin of water; the salt is gone, but its savor has reached the remotest atom in the basin.

A NEW DODGE.—A fellow in Chicago has been calling at private houses when the gentlemen were away, and stating to the ladies that he owed their husbands a bill of \$5 or \$6, which he wished to pay.

When a stone was once thrown into the pulpit where John Murry was preaching, in Boston, he picked it up, and holding it before his congregation, said, "This is a weighty argument, but neither rational nor convincing."

In St. Louis, a Mexican fell upon his knees upon the pavement in front of a revolving wax fashion figure, and proceeded with his devotions, in spite of the interruptions of passers by.

Visit of Prince Alfred to Jerusalem.

On the 17th of March Jerusalem was thrown into a state of the most pleasant excitement by the news that advices had been received at the English Consulate the previous night, announcing the Arrival at Jaffa of her Majesty's ship Euryalus, having on board his Royal Highness Prince Alfred, on his way to visit the Holy City.

On Tuesday the Royal party paid a visit to the Mosque of Omar, at the request of the Pacha, and although it was the last day of the pilgrimage to Neby Moosa, when all the fanatics of the country are assembled, and the mosque enclosure was full of men, women, and children, not an uncivil word was spoken to any one.

On Friday, 23rd, a lovely morning, the whole party set out for Hebron. First the cavasses, then the Prince, the English Consul and his lady, Major Cowell, &c., escorted by a body of infantry, mounted as body guard, and last of all a party of irregular horse for honor.

At Hebron the troops were drawn out, and, after the Colonel had paid his respects, the party moved on—not to the town, but westwards to the great oak, called Abraham's oak, where tents were pitched in readiness.

In crossing the square of the castle opposite the church gateway the guard turned out to salute, and on leaving the church the Prince was received by a dense crowd, chiefly Armenian pilgrims, desirous to see the Queen of England's son, and on his way back honored the Bishop by returning his call.

Anecdote of Reading Prayers.

Many years ago, before Albany was linked to Boston by iron bands, a meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was held at Albany, and Dr. Chapin, with a number of other clergymen from this region, attended, performing the journey by stage.

"I have been examining these portions of Scripture, lately, in which prayer is spoken of, and have satisfied myself that prayer is never spoken of in the Bible where the circumstances do not make it probable—yes I may say certain—that the prayer must be read."

To this somewhat startling proposition no one made any reply, but our young friend, nothing daunted, went on: "I will defy any gentlemen present to bring forward an instance where this is not the case."

There was again a short silence, which was broken by Dr. Chapin, who said in his blandest and most deferential tones,

"I do not mean to deny your position, sir; but there is one question I would like to ask, if you will be so kind as to answer it."

"Oh, ask as many questions as you please—I will answer them," was the reply of the young man.

"The question I wished to ask was," said Dr. Chapin, very deliberately, "who held the candle for Jonah when he read prayers in the whale's belly?"

"It is said that the juvenile divine maintained a dignified silence during the rest of that journey."

The great unfinished Problems.

The last of Prof. Mitchell's "astronomical discourses" in New York city, was upon "The great unfinished Problems of the Universe."

I am to speak of the unfinished problems of the universe. This would seem to imply that there are some which are finished; but I know of none such, absolutely. I believe that we are now permitted to announce that the great law of universal gravitation reigns throughout our solar system with absolute command and power.

LOSS AND GAIN.—Dr. Payson, in his dying hour, said he could have saved himself much trouble in life if he had only believed that the Saviour's presence was enough to fill him with joy, if all worldly comforts were taken away.

Temperance.

Smoking a cause of Insanity.

The terrible ravages which tobacco is making on the bodies and minds of the young, seems to be attracting the attention of medical men in various parts of the world.

In a pamphlet just issued by Dr. Seymour, of London, on Private Lunatic Asylums, and the causes of insanity of late years, the Doctor denounces with emphasis as one of the producing causes the practice of immoderate smoking indulged in by boys and young men at the Universities and "larger schools now called colleges."

JUDGED BY YOUR HABITS.

Lads and young men are judged by their habits, as well as by the company they keep. Here is an instance which has just fallen under our notice. We cut it from a periodical on our table.

Agriculture.

SOAKING OF SEEDS.—Most kind of seeds grow more freely if soaked in soft water from 12 to 48 hours before sowing.

The seeds of common garden cress, immersed in oxygenated muriatic acid, will germinate in six hours; whereas, when immersed in water alone, they will not show signs of vegetation in less than thirty hours.

GROWING RADISHES IN COAL ASHES.—A gentleman of Hamilton, New York, writes: "The soil in this vicinity is altogether unsuited for growing radishes."

FARMING FOR YOUNG MEN.—If a young man wants to engage in a business that will insure him, in middle life, the greatest amount of leisure time, there is nothing more sure than farming.

A Japanese nobleman, upon being shown a fashion plate in an American magazine, was very much startled and exclaimed: "How very fat your women are!"