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Bouth's Department.

Rible Lessons.

Sunday, October 13th, 1861.

Read-MATT. xxi. 33-46: Parable of the wicked husbandmen. Genesis xii. 37-57 : Joseph made Governor of Egypt.

Recite-MATTHEW XXI. 17, 18.

Sunday, October 20th, 1861.

Read-MATT. xxii. 1-14: The wedding garment. GENESIS XIV. 1-15: J seph's forgiving disposition. Recite-MATTHEW XXI. 42-44.

" Fearch the Scriptures."

Write down what you suppose to be the answers to the following questions,

81. When did the simple mispronunciation of a word occasion a great sacrifice of human life?

82. Give the most distinct passage of Scripture, respecting the happiness of the righteous in a future

Answers to questions given last week :-

79. Moses, "the meekest of men," expostulated with God for the burden laid upon him, and wished for death :- Elijah wished for death to end his sufferings-Jonah, likewise, in his disappointment because call down fire from heaven, to consume the inhos- on pitable Samaritans.

80. James. See Acts xii.

The Young Hero: or, Suffering instead

It was a warm summer afternoon; a lazy district school-house, lifting the white curtains, of You? and rustling the leaves of the copy-books that lay open on all the desks. Thirty or forty scholars, of all ages, were bending over the writing, quiet and busy; the voice of the master, as he passed about among the writers; was the only sound. But though so silent, this little, light, hot school-room has its heroes.

The bell rings for the writing to be laid by ; and now comes the last exercise of the day, the spelling, in which nearly all join. At the head of the class is a delicate little girl in a blue dress. whose bright eyes and attentive air show that she prizes her place, and means to Keep it.

Presently a word, which had passed all the lower end of the class, came to Eunice. The word was privilege. " P-r-i-v, priv-i, privi-l-eg-e, lege, privilege," spelt Eumce. But the teacher, vexed with the mistakes of the other end of the class, misunderstood, and passed it. The little girl looked amazed, the bright color came into her cheeks, and she listened eagerly to the next person, who spelt it again as she had

"Right," said the teacher; " take your place." "I spelt it so," whispered Eunice, partly to herself, the tears springing to her eyes as she passed down. But, too timid to speak to the master, she remained in her place inwardly determined soon to get up again. But her trials

were not yet over. Many expedients had been tried in the school to Reep out that arch-enemy of all teachers-Whisper. At length the following plan was adopted :- The first whisperer was put upon the floor in front of the teacher's desk. Here he acted as a monitor; as soon as he detected another, he took his seat, and the next offender kept a sharp look-out to find some one to take his place! for, at the close of the school, the scholar who had the whisperer's place was punished very severely—as the school phrase was, "took a furling!" This plan appeared to operate very well; every one dreaded being found last on the floor; but though it secured an orderly school, many of the parents doubted its

The boy who was on the floor when Eunice lost her place, was an unruly, surly fellow, who had smarted for his faults often before; and as school drew near its close he began to tremble. The instant Eunice's whispered complaint reached his ear, his face brightened up; he was safe now; and when the class was dismissed, he said "Eunice whispered, sir."

Eunice rose, and in a trembling voice related what she had said; but the teacher saw no excuse in it, and she was called to take the place of the ungenerous boy who had told of her.

Books had been put away, and the writingschool looked on in sorrowfulness, as Eunice left her seat to take the dreaded punishment. She w s one of the best schol rs; tright, faithful, glances were cast at the boy who was mean paring to inflict the punishment.

At this moment a tall boy stepped out of his seat, and going to the desk; said

" Are you going to punish Eunice, sir ?"

"We will not see her beaten!" said the boy, in an excited voice; "there is not a boy here, but that one, would see her punished! Beat me be obliged to thus dispose of .- Era. sir, and keep your rule, if you must; but don't touch this little girl !"

The master paused. The school looked on

"Do you mean to say you will take her punish-ment?" asked the teacher.

from her heart for a noble and generous boy, who had saved her from the greatest shame and suffering. I said the little school had its heroes—and this admirable?

was one of them. Do you not think this conduct

ceived the punishment that was to have fallen

on her. The school was dismissed; and the boys paid him in admiration and praise for all he had

You see-do you not?-that this is just what He did, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree-the Saviour of men. What he suffered, we cannot know in this life; but God laid on him the iniquity of us all, which he willingly bo: e, to save us from eternal shame and misery. With his stripes we are heafed. How great the gratitude each of us owes such a Friend!

> " Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

"He breathes."

A laborer fell from the top of a building on which he was working, and was taken up insensible. For a time it was supposed he was dead. At length one whose powers of observation were peculiarly nice, remarked, "He breathes." It was true that the lungs had begun to perform, in a very feeble manner indeed. Nineveh was not overthrown according to his pre-diction! and the apostles James and John wished to make renewed efforts for his full resuscitati-

There are Christians who fall from their steadfastness, and seem to be dead to all spir itual life. In such, those who watch for the slightest indication of spiritual life may se something to encourage effort. They follow the example of Him who never quenches the smoking flax. Instead of leaving them to perish, they strive to bring them back to life. Pastor breeze stole through the windows of a little hot Missionary, Sabbath-school teacher, is this true

How a wish was gratified.

The following incident, from the Presbyterian Herald, is so well authenticated that its truth cannot he doubted:

ng for many years in South Africa, in declining debt, and an ever-present chance of border war health, was urged by his physicians to make a on such terms? Will their favorite general, trip to St. Helena, and spend a few months there whoever he may be, come into such conditions as the only means then available to resusciate when elected President? Isit not, on the whole, his health. He acted on their advice, and set more probable that they may retain some of the out, accompained by his wife, but he grew worse, modifications of the constitution which the war and died on the voyage, when yet two hundred is now enforcing upon their acceptance, and that and fifty miles short of St. Helena. He had the new union will be admir istered by a less felt a strong reluctancy to be buried in the deep, democratic government than the old? We cerblue sea, could not bear the thought of resting tainly think so. The two great divisions of the in the deep, dark, agitated caverns of the ocean states formerly united will form, we hope, two till the resurrection morn. His wife, also, after he was dead, urged earnestly that his body should that either of them will bear much resemblance be carried to the island and buried there. The captain was inexorable. The weather was warm the winds light, almost a calm, and two hundred and fifty miles yet to be made. It could not be done. The body must be buried in the sea. She very reluctantly yielded. The coffin was made, weights, to sink it, attached, and the brief and solemn funeral services performed, the solemn, solitary plunge which he that hears it once will never forget, was made, and the ship moved on its way. Some ten days after the yessel reached Jame town, it was reported that a coffin had lodged itself in a ledge of rocks near Sandbay, an accessible point on the other side of the island. Curiosity was awakened, the coffin was taken up and brought round to Jamestown, opened and the missionary's wife, to her inexpressible surprise and satisfaction, found, by entirely satisfactory evidence, that it was the body of her husband, whom they had buried two hundred and fifty miles distant in the ocean. Immediately in inquiry arose, " How came it there?' Many said at once, . It is a miraculous answer to her prayer. He was averse to the idea of being buried at sea, and she urged the captain, and prayed that the body might be brought to the island and buried there. And here is the answer to her prayer.' I was applied to for a solution of the mystery, but could assume no higher position than probably there was an ' undercurrent' in the ocean, setting in that direction, which had in that number of days, wafted the coffin to that distance, and lodged it there."

Judgment for Newspaper arrears

The N. Y. Recorder has recovered in judgments and costs over two hundred dollars from sweet-tempered, and a general favorite. Every one of his delinquent subscribers, who had taken one felt that it was unjust; and many angry the Recorder for a long time without paying for seemit. There is a certain class of subscribers who enough to get a little girl punished. Overcome to think themselves at perfect liberty to subscribe with shame and fear, she by the side of the for a paper and take it just so long as the pubdesk, crying bitterly, while the teacher was pre- lisher will send it without pay; or if he sends bills too frequently they will refuse to take the paper from the Post Office, and take no further trouble about it. Yet this is the meanest kind of swindling, and richly merits the penalty which the "Yes; I never break my rules," the teacher law provides in such cases. It would be well if He covered the globe with wonderful and exover into the hands of the law. We are sorry When God wished to display His wisdom, He to say that we have a few whom we fear we shall

In the legend of The Tree of Life, published in the year 1776, there occurs the following beautiful passage: - "Trees and woods have twice saved the world; first bythe ark, then by the cross ; making "I do, sir," was the bold reply.

The, sobbing little girl was sent to her seat; dise, by that which was borne on the tree in Goland, rithout flinching, her friend stood and regotha."

America's Future.

The London Times of a recent date has an suffered, while the grateful little girl blessed him article on the future of America, in which it is argued that the probability is that the war will end in the formation of two separate Confederamocratic as the late lost Republic. The following is an extract :---

"Will the Americans, when the war is concluded, return to their old forms of government? We doubt it much. As we cannot now contemplate the subjugation and reunion of the south as a probable event, we must assume that the two sections of the union will be established independently of each other. To venture as little as possible upon political speculation, let us assume that the schism is carried on further, and that the United States of the north divide with the Confederate states of the south all the territory and population of the old American repub-Each, then, of these two still powerful unions will constitute an administration for herself. What form will that administration take in the South? True, the Secessionists proclaimed a constitution on the old American model, but it is clear enough that the authority actually exercised in those parts is that of a military dicthe sake of a strong government, and that they or sauce. will seek to retain power by the same means through which they acquired it-namely, by op. Poisoning RATS .- The following mode of al strength than those of their next-door neigh- whole family be destroyed. bor? Will they submit to the spectacle of a stronger government than their own on their very borders, for the sake of that popular sovereignty which universal suffrage has created ?-" A Baptist missionary, who had been resid- Can tley manage a standing army, a national prosperous communities; but we do not expect to the lost American republic."

Bunyan's Ready Wit.

Bunyan had a ready wit as well as an eloquent tongue, and could silence a vain pretender by sarcasm with as much ease as he refuted an errorist by strong arguments. The following incident is an old one, but is worth repeating for

Toward the close of Bunyan's imprisonment, a Quaker called upon him, hoping to make a convert of the author of the "Pilgrim's Progress." He thus addressed him.

" Friend John, I am come to thee with a mesage from the Lord, and after having searched for thee in half the prisons in England, I am glad found thee at last.

" If the Lord had sent you," sarcastically returned Bunyan, "you need not have taken so much pains to find me out, for the Lord knows I have been a prisoner in Bedford jail these welve years past,"

Select Paragraphs.

It has not unfrequently been charged as the reproach of given religious movements, that only women and children are reached by them; the circumstance which most clearly proves their genuineness, as attracting the steel shows the discredit them. It reaches these first because it finds something in them responding to its essential character. And the kingdom of God comes to none who are not ready to receive it as a lit-

When God wished to express his thoughts o taste, He filled the heavens, the earth, and the sea with beauties varied and innumerable.-When God wished to speak His ideas of skill, created the universe, in all its various parts, and with its multitudinous relations. And if God writes such a handwriting as that, if such are the ways in which He is wont to express Himself in this world, what will be the sweep of His soul

Agriculture, &c.

PROLONGING THE BEAUTY OF CUT FLOW-ERS.—A recent author, E. A. Maling, states, that cies, neither of which will be so dangerously de- for keeping flowers in water, finely powdered charcoal, in which the stalks can be stuck at the bottom of the vase, preserves them surprisingly, and renders the water free from any obnoxious qualities. When cut flowers have faded, either by being worn a whole evening in one's dress, or as a bouquet, by cutting half an inch from the end of the stem in the morning, and putting the freshly-trimmed end instantly into quite boiling water, the petals may be seen to become smooth and to resume their beauty, often in a few minutes. Coloured flowers, carnations, azaleas, roses, and geraniums, may be treated in this way. White flowers turn yellow. The thickest textured flowers amend the most, although azaleas revive wonderfully. The writer has seen flowers that have lain the whole night on a table, after having been worn for hours, which at breakfast next morning were perfectly renovated by means of a cupful of hot water.

GREEN CORN PUDDING .- This is one of the tator, and not of a democratic president. What numerous luxuries which the farmer can enjoy will they do by and by, when they have won their independence? They will probably mainit, take twelve ears of green corn, full in the tain for a time, as a matter of prudence, the or- milk and grate it. To this add one quart of ganization under which they conducted a suc- sweet milk, one-fourth of a pound of fresh butcessful war, and we think that nobody who has ter, four eggs well beaten, pepper and salt as remarked the tone and current of southern sen- much as may be deemed necessary. Stir the timents would expect to find that New England ingredients well together, and bake in a butterinstitutions would ever be received with much ed dish. Some add a quarter-pound of fine favor in the new confederacy. It is more likely sugar, and eat with sauce. This is a fine-flavorthat they will sacrifice democratic principles for ed and excellent dish, cold or warm, with meat

posing the compact and concentrated force of a preparing poison for rats is recommended. Mix somewhat absolute government to the looser or- it with corn meal, tie it in a small rag, making ganization of a more populous state. But will the parcels as large as a hickory nut, then grease this impose no corresponding obligations on the the rag on the outside with lard, and place it North? Will the unionist states quietly sit near the burrows. The old rats will carry the down under institutions less condusive to nation- poison to their nests to their young, and the

> ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO HORSES .- I consider the unusual method of giving medicine to horses by drenching, as it is called, highly obectionable. In this process the horse's head is raised and held up, a bottle introduced into his mouth, his tongue pulled out, and the liquid poured down. In his struggle, some of the medicine is quite likely to be drawn into his windpipe and lungs, and inflammation and fatal results sometimes follow. A better way is to mix the medicine with meal, or rye bran; make it into balls; pull out the horse's tongue, and place a ball as far back in his mouth as possible; then release his tongue, and he will almost certainly swallow the ball. Or the dose may be mixed with meal and honey, or other substance that will torm a kind of jelly, placed upon a small wooden blade made of a shingle, and thrust into the back part of his mouth when he will very easily swallow it-GEORGE BEAVER, in American Agriculturist.

> CURE FOR CATABRH, -The following simple remedy has been used with great success by one long and severely troubled with this annoying complaint.

Take, say one part pulverized loaf-sugar to two parts pulverized camphor, and mix them thoroughly together, and use as often as the patient wishes in the form of snuff. This simple remedy followed for a few months, has effected a cure in the case above referred to, entirely beyond expectation. Should the camphor be too powerful or not enough so, reduce or add a small quantity as the case may require, as it is desirable that the camphor should be the principal agent.

MIASM.—On the wings of the viewless winds in September, the sickliest month of the year, there is wafted an agency o. disease and death so ethereal in its nature, so intangible to mortal sense, so insinuating, so all-pervading, that no alembic can detect its presence, no prison-bar or palace-gate can prevent its entrance. It is called "MIASM;" it is an emanation from the surface of the earth wherever there is vegetation, moisture, and heat equal to eighty degrees, and is the fruitful cause of many diseases which ravage whole communities at a time, such as agues, genuineness of the magnet, being seized upon to fevers, diarrhœa, dysentery, cholera, pestilence, and plague. But its laws, are known, by the educated physician, and its destructive agencies can be averted by avoiding exposure and fatigue in the out-door air for the hours including sunrise and sunset, at which time a hot breakfast The longer I live, the more I am persuaded and supper should be eaten, by a good fire, in that vital religion is less an opinion than a living all prairie, flat, watercourse, and lake and seaforce, and the conditions of its diffusion and shore situations. If the common people could growth are very much like those of other vital only be induced to take these simple, easy, practicable, and comprehensible precautions, these diseases would be prevented as epidemics, or arrested in their progress, as certainly as that care can prevent the firing of a town, and that water will put it out. These are the teachings of science, and experiment has demonstrated every newspaper should pass such subscribers quaite structures of animals and birds and insects. their truth beyond a cavil. Yet who will take these precautions ?-Hall's Journal of Health.

> COMPOSTS .- Compost materials may be gathered at this season in profusion, and at small expense. Muck, weeds, brakes, loam, refuse str.w. when with honor and glory He remunerates those who have suffered for Him?
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> You cannot go anywhere to make erooked things staight without being exposed to suffering and without, therefore, needing to be fortified against it.
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> Brinck, weeds, brakes, loam, refuse straw, and indeed, every variety of material that is requisite to furnish a healthful and grateful food for plants, and a salutary strengthener of the soil. This is a department of the farming art to which sufficient attention has not as yet been given by our farmers. As he feeds his soil, so given by our farmers. As he feeds his soil, so will his crops abound, and feed him.