

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

Bible 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 XLV. 1-15: Joseph's forgiving disposition.

Recite—MATTHEW XXI. 42-44.

"Search 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 state.

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...

80. James. See Acts xii.

The Young Hero: or, Suffering instead.

It was a warm summer afternoon; a lazy breeze stole through the windows of a little hot district school-house, lifting the white curtains, and rustling the leaves of the copy-books...

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.

Presently a word, which had passed all the lower end of the class, came to Eunice. The word was privilege.

"Right," said the teacher; "take your place." "I spelt it so," whispered Eunice, patting to herself the tears springing to her eyes...

Many expedients had been tried in the school to keep out that arch-enemy of all teachers—Whisper. At length the following plan was adopted...

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...

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 writing-school looked on in sorrowfulness, as Eunice left her seat to take the dreaded 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?" "Yes; I never break my rules," the teacher answered.

"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, sir, and keep your rule, if you must; but don't touch this little girl!"

The master paused. The school looked on tearfully.

"Do you mean to say you will take her punishment?" asked the teacher.

"I do, sir," was the bold reply.

The sobbing little girl was sent to her seat; and, without flinching, her friend stood and received the punishment that was to have fallen on her.

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I said the little school had its heroes—and this was one of them. Do you not think this conduct admirable?

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.

"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.

There are Christians who fall from their steadfastness, and seem to be dead to all spiritual life. In such, those who watch for the slightest indication of spiritual life may see something to encourage effort.

How a wish was gratified.

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

"A Baptist missionary, who had been residing for many years in South Africa, in declining health, was urged by his physicians to make a trip to St. Helena, and spend a few months there as the only means then available to resuscitate his health.

Judgment for Newspaper arrears.

The N. Y. Recorder has recovered in judgments and costs over two hundred dollars from one of his delinquent subscribers, who had taken the Recorder for a long time without paying for it.

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 by the ark, then by the cross; making full amends for the evil fruit of the tree in Paradise, by that which was borne on the tree in Golgotha."

America's Future.

The London Times of a recent date has an 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 Confederacies...

"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.

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.

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."

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

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 genuineness of the magnet, being seized upon to discredit them.

The longer I live, the more I am persuaded that vital religion is less an opinion than a living force, and the conditions of its diffusion and growth are very much like those of other vital forces.

When God wished to express his thoughts of taste, He filled the heavens, the earth, and the sea with beauties varied and innumerable. When God wished to speak His ideas of skill, He covered the globe with wonderful and exquisite structures of animals and birds and insects.

You cannot go anywhere to make crooked things straight without being exposed to suffering and without, therefore, needing to be fortified against it.

Agriculture, &c.

PROLONGING THE BEAUTY OF CUT FLOWERS.—A recent author, E. A. Maling, states, that 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.

GREEN CORN PUDDING.—This is one of the numerous luxuries which the farmer can enjoy with but little expense or trouble. For making it, take twelve ears of green corn, full in the milk and grate it.

POISONING RATS.—The following mode of preparing poison for rats is recommended. Mix it with corn meal, tie it in a small rag, making the parcels as large as a hickory nut, then grease the rag on the outside with lard, and place it near the burrows.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO HORSES.—I consider the unusual method of giving medicine to horses: by drenching, as it is called, highly objectionable. 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.

CURE FOR CATARRH.—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.

MIASM.—On the wings of the viewless winds in September, the sickliest month of the year, there is wafted an agency of disease and death so ethereal in its nature, so intangible to mortal sense, so insinuating, so all-pervading, that no alchemic can detect its presence, no prison-bar or palace-gate can prevent its entrance.

COMPOSTS.—Compost materials may be gathered at this season in profusion, and at small expense. Muck, 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.