# Nouth's Department.

### Bible Lessons.

Sunday, April 7th, 1861.

Read-MATT. ix. 1-17 : Sabbath Miracles. 2 Kings vi. 19-33 : The Famine in Samaria. Recite M .Trhew vi'i. 23-27.

#### Sanday, April 14th, 1861.

Read-MATT. ix. 18-38: Miraculous cure of the Ru ler's daughter. 2 Kings vii. 1-20: The Samaritans abundantly supplied. Recite-MATTHEW IX. 10-13.

### " Fearch the Scriptures."

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

27. Give the name of a person represented Scripture as a great builder and reformer. 28. When was a want of reverence in the execution of the ministeial office punished with death?

Answers to questions given last week: -

25. There is no record from that time, until God said unto Noah, when all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth, "The end of all flesh is come before me." Gen. vi. 12, 13.

26. Babylon. Jeremiah i. 23.

SOMETHING ABOUT A DOG .- A touching incident occurred on the banks of the Thames near Richmond, early on Thursday last, which is stated to us by a lady of title, who strolling near the spot, was an eye witness. A young gentleman possessed of a fine dog but for some unexplained cause wishing to get rid of him, took a punt into which he put the animal, rowed to the middle of the stream, and threw the dog into it with the intention of drowning him. The poor animal tried several times, till almost wearied, to climb up the perpendicular sides of the boat, but his owner as often pushed him back, when overbalancing himself, he fell overboard; as soon he ceased his efforts to save himself, seized him so imbruted, none so steeped in pollution, none in a dying state, and my soul was full of grief. that man is his master, and by quiet submission by the clothes, and in that position held him till so lost to all that is good, that they may not be Oh how desolate everything appeared to me no harm or suffering will come to him; make this life of the unrelenting master was saved.—Court into glorified ones! Go to the foulest dens of "How is the gold become dim! how is the most pletely to your power. To accomplish this, Mr.

THE Two RIVERS .- In Switzerland there are two rivers which mingle their waters and form one river. The water of the one is turbid, the other very clear. When they first meet, the waters refuse to mingle. The clean and muddy flow along, forming one river; but you can clearly distinguish the one from the other. By de grees the clear, bright waters of the one become united with those of the other, and the clearness

Virtuous and vicious persons can associate for a time, keeping their characters distinct. But if the association be continued, the virtuous, pure character will become soiled by the vicious. No one can associate freely with the wicked without becoming in some measure like them.

exercise your reason if you live in the constant that, under the touch of the Divine Lapidary, church, got up and commenced exhortation. He dread of laughter, than you can enjoy your life may yet sparkle in the diadem of heaven. by the breath of fashion-Sydney Smith.

#### Paragraphs.

tends to tell others of your faults!

any in our language; the first two letters of it hearts of men-is the instrument which, when I need not say how that meeting closed. The

Cob to Miss Kate Webb."

without God. Nothing is a surer token of ex- to the darkling and perishing. Seek out working and praying all the time you have been lightly in. You can do this as well when the treme baseness of spirit, than not to wish for the the friendless, the wandering, the lost. Pour asleep. reality of eternal promises. No man is so truly the sunlight of Hope into the drear abodes a coward, as he that acts brave against heaven.

as great and glorious, it is evident they refer to the hungry, clothe the naked, succorthe tempted, his judging the world, and not to his redeem- lift up the fallen. Carry with you as your talis-

Pompey, and Hered, all conspiring, without not at delay. The brave Italian wrought hard

miserable and sinful creatures; He is the centre success shall be certain as his, and infinitely of all, and the object of all. He who knows more rewarding. His angel, even after he had not him knows nothing either in the order of done for it all that mind and hands could do, the world, or in himself. For not only do we know nothing of God but by Jesus Christ, but No answering look, no kindling sympathy, no we know nothing of ourselves also, but by Jesus grateful affection repaid his toil. It was a stone Christ alone.—Pascal.

Still. But the angels, which you may be instru-

### An Angel in the Stone.

It is related of Michael Angelo, that while walking with some friends through an obscure street in the city of Florence, he discovered a fine block of marble lying neglected in a yard, and half buried in dirt and rubbish. Regardless of his holiday attire, he at once fell to work upon it, clearing away its filth, and striving to lift it from the slime and mire in which it lay. His companions asked in astonishment what he was doing, and what he wanted with that worthless piece of rock? "O, there's an angel in the stone," was the answer, "and I must get it out." An angel in the stone! Strange home for an angel! To common observers, there was nothing there but a shapeless mass, jagged, unsightly, and crusted all over with nauseous deposits. But the trained eye of the artist detected its capabilities at a glance, and saw, beneath its repulsive surface, the pure and sparkling material form of celestial beauty. Full of this prophetic in human hearts. And then, over the whole look upon the audience, as much as to say, "I'm feeling, he had the block removed to his studio, and, after freeing it from mud and weather stains, commenced, with mallet and chisel, to let in place of the Devil that man is. - W. & R. the angel out. Long and patiently he toiled. For months, years almost, he only could see the angel. But as stroke after stroke beat upon the walls of its prison, faint glimpses began to appear, now of the face; now of the limbs, now of the drapery; till, at last, the enveloping barriers fell off, and the perfect angel stood forth, the Glory of Art, and the Wonder of the world.

There's an angel in the stone. Aye, in religion even more than in sculpture it is so. As the artist beheld the angel of his thought sleeping in was but just alive when it commenced; so the marble, so may the Christian see, imbedded seemed to me one evening, when I went to fill was all labor lost; he fared no better than his in the darkest minds around him, capacities out my seat in such a meeting as usual. It was easy of which angels may grow. True it is, that to percieve that it was in a dying state before the man, in his present abnormal state, is deeply defirst quarter of an hour had passed. The intro- his back, handle his fore and hind feet, even lay praved, destitute of holy affections, sunk in ductory hymn was sung in such a low dragging guilt and ruin. But his moral faculties, though manner, that it reminded one of the end of all paralyzed and dormant, are not destroyed. He things, at least of some good things. And some to remove the muzzle and thrust his hand, and has still the power of being enlightened by truth of the other services corresponded with this, and the power of being regenerated by the Spirit I was meditating, and I think weeping, over the -the power of being saved by God's grace. elosing scene. The prayer meeting had been Though sin has killed the angel that dwelt first like a kind friend to me. It had been my comfairer, mightier, and deathless. There are none in days of weakness. And now it was evidently mane treatment, he never can be by ill-usage riot, or trampled out under the heel of violence. and the sins of others, implored forgiveness, ex-Go among the crowds of untaught, unblest pressed a determination to live differently, and children in our large towns and cities, the and asked God to help him perform his duty, and them to perdition, the newsboys, the rag-pickers, spirit of the prayer that betrayed a want of hu-A SHORT SERMON ON MANLINESS.—Learn elsewhere. But in each of these stones, over brother who had been asleep so long, and whose

And for this He has made all needful provision. It was to me a very bad symptom in the ease. He has sent His Son into the world to bring For I had noticed previously that when persons Life and Immortality to light; and to offer on waked up in that way, one of two things generally Rememember what a world of gossip would the Cross an expiation for sin, through which followed. They either after blustering and scoldbe prevented if it was only remembered that a the most depraved and miserable may return to ing for little time went to sleep again, or they person who tells you of the faults of others, in- God, and obtain eternal happiness. And the went off into some heresy and excitement where publication of this Gospel-the bringing it, mere feeling or fanaticism is made the test of rewith all its promises, and hopes, and ter- ligion. I was glad that the brother had waked "Heroine" is perhaps as peculiar a word as rors, into direct contact with the consciences and up, but sorry that he waked up cross.

seraphic life and loveliness. A cobweb marriage is thus noticed by one of Here, then, is your work—here the means for was disposed of in the usual manner. our cotemporaries: "Married, last week, John achieving it—appointed by the great Master One word to those professors of religion who one side of the horse; if you do, the saddle is Builder. Would you evoke from the rugged are asleep. It is now high time that you awake drawn on one side, and it is not easy for the horse rock of humanity ethereal forms more glori- out of sleep, but pray God, that for your own to sustain it, but you should now place your Nothing betrays so much weakness of under- ous than sculptor ever graved, or poet ever sake, and the sake of others, that you may not hand on his neck, bearing thereon so that standing, as not to perceive the misery of man dreamed? Bear the message of salvation wake up cross, and scold at those who have been the hand shall balance the foot, then spring where Want and Despair shiver and cower. Gather the outcasts to the sanctuary. Lead the When the Scriptures speak of the Messiah neglected child into the Sabbath school. Feed man-your Word of Power-the love of Christ to sinners; and at that word, spoken in faith How delightful it is to behold, with the eye of and prayer, the rocks will open, and bright anfaith, Darius, Cyrus, Alexander, the Romans, gels come forth. Shrink not from labor; faint knowing it, to promote the glory of the Gospel! and long before the stubborn marble gave back his idea. Be patient. Follow up your work He is the true God to us men; that is, to with blow on blow, effort after effort, and your

mental in forming, will be live angels, warm with leve to the Saviour and to you; angels moving by your side, teeling what you feel, speaking as you speak-helpers in the ministry of mercy here, partners in the recompense of glory here-

needed to bring him out. He comes out of him- derful power Mr. Rarey has over the horse, the self. He is the spontaneous growth of human third one introduced was a wild horse from South depravity. And all the ungodly influences of America, whose numerous antics on entering, the world conspire to aid in his development. made very evident the statement of Mr. Rarey Literature, politics, fashion, amusements, dram- that "he had never been broke except to the

From Zion's Advocate.

#### Who Killed the Prayer-meeting

What a singular question that is! "Who killed the prayer meeting?" Why, the meeting orphans with no parental hand to lead them, the help all the church to"wake out of sleep" and worse than orphans whose parents are leading be more devoted. There was something in the the crossing-sweepers, the desolate, the homeless, mility and meekness, but still it was fervent in walking life's journey arm in arm with hunger tone and language, and coming from one whose and guilt. Go to the rudest miner, the roughest voice had not been heard there for a long time, frontiersman, the most ignorant slave, the wild- it produced an effect on all present. The meetyou will, up and down this sin-blighted world- myself, "Well, I am glad that the brother has there are angels in the stones. You may not waked up, for he has been asleep some time." perceive them. The stones may appear to you One or two others pr yed or spoke immediatehard, insensate, soulless, may so offend your ly after with increased animation, and the signs taste, that you may recoil from them, and tread of life were increasing. But, at length, that if you are in the constant terror of death. If There's an angel in that stone. How shall it ence but lectured most thoroughly the other memyou think it right to differ from the times, and be brought out? Mere human agencies can bers of the church for being in such a cold inacto make a point of morals, do it, however anti- never do it. Education may set up her model, tive state. As he proceeded, his feelings became quated, however pedantic it may appear; do it law ply its hammer, and punishment its chisel; more intense, and for about five minutes before not for insolence, but seriously and grandly—as but no angel will be developed. The stone may he closed, he appeared to be fairly scolding at a man who were a soul of his own in his bosom, in this way be hewn, polished, made square or those around him. After he sat down my heart and did not wait till it was breathed unto him round—and that is all. He alone who created involuntarily gave a sigh, and I said again to the soul can restore its lost holiness, and form it myself "Well, I am glad you have waked," but anew in the likeness of the pure dwellers above. then I was sorry that he had waked up cross.

are a male, the first three a female, the first four a wielded by the quickening Spirit, can make the revival which it seemed at one time to have, was brave man and the whole word a brave woman. dull granite of their nature breathe and glow only the precursor of death. The spirit departed,

### A Secure Investment.

Says the Baltimore Christian Advocate :have some money, and I came to ask advice A twinkle played about the old gentleman's eye, eribe a circle for an indefinite period of time, about an investment. I want something secure." and then he indulged in a hearty laugh at the after which, you may depend upon it, he will innocence of the good parson, and replied, " If not attempt the same trick. you want a secure investment you must seek it out of this world, for I know of none in it." The remark was undoubtedly just.

thing afflicts us. we work I produced to the tests

## Agriculture, &c.

#### Horse Taming.

There's a devil in the stone. Alas, no labor is At a recent exhibition in Boston of the wonshops, theatres, irreligious associations, corrup- halter." But before the nimble mustang left he ting examples—these, directly or indirectly, was thoroughly "broke" in every sense of the separate or combined, are working constantly word, and had effectually learned the lesson and powerfully to educate the devil in our nature. which the tamer impresses upon every horse Let all the forces of the Gospel be marshalled to which comes under his influence, that "man is oppose and counteract the endeavor. Let the the master." In less than fifteen minutes time, church of Christ throw herself, with all her re- this rampant little nag had become the very patsources, into the battle with iniquity. God, and tern of gentleness and humility. So there was God's purposes, are on her side, and her triumph no further use for him, and he was led away beis sure. Satan shall be expelled from his throne stowing, as he disappeared, a remarkably meek earth, through all the tribes of our once ruined a used up horse." After the exhibition of two race, shall be seen the angel that man may be, diminutive Shetland ponies, a magnificent stallion was led in by the attendants, who were careful to keep at a good distance from him, using all the latitude the ropes allowed of. He was indeed a magnificent specimen of horse flesh. with an eye betokening almost human intelligence, and which excited a murmur of approbation from the whole audience. A most vicious beast, for four years he had been entirely unmanageable, having killed two keepers, and injured several others. He kicked, struck with his fore feet, and repeatedly endeavored to bite the tamer, through his heavy muzzle. But it ly subjugated as to allow Mr. Rarey to sit upon stretched on his back, and most surprising of all,

In this subduing process, the first end to be attained by the subduer is a thorough understanding between himself and the horse. The animal in his soul, another may spring up from its ashes, forter in hours of sorrow, and a source of strength must be convinced by a certain course of huassistance was rendered by means of which the raised from their debasement. and transformed then, and I said with the lamenting prophet, impression upon him, and he yields himself comvice, where the lawless and desperate herd to- fine gold changed !" But just then a member Rarey, with a skilful manœuvre, manages to gether, where lust and brutality hold carnival, of the church who had not attended such meet- take away the use of one leg by attaching a where crime glares upon you in all its hideous ings for a long time, and who had been in a cold strap to the fetlock, which is then drawn varieties, and the last spark of whatever backsliden state, said "Let us pray." He kneel- up through the girth or belly-band, and fastened is noble in humanity seems drowned in bestial ed down, and began in earnest to confess his sins short enough to remove the foot from the floor. After the lapse of a few moments the other fore leg is treated in the same manner, and the horse is thrown upon his knee-joints. In this condition he is powerless, yet does not give up. But seeing that his exertions to rise or to injure the tamer are futile, in a few moments he rolls over upon his side thoroughly conquered. The principal object is accomplished, and now that he is in his power, the tamer caresses him, strokes his mane, lies by his side with his arm encircling his est savage, the most besotted pagan—go where ing seemed to revive somewhat and I said to neck, and thus convinces the animal that he ceives no ill disposition in the master, and he will manifest none himself. A feeling of sympathy has been established between man and beast. This constitutes the whole secret of Mr. Rarey's wonderful power over horses. A single lesson from the earliest days to inure your principles which you daily step, or which you thrust thought- spiritual inactivity had been a source of much will not suffice, as is generally supposed, but four against the perils of ridicule; you can no more lessly from your path, there lies hidden a jewel griet to the pastor and all the faithful ones in the said but little about himself or his past indiffer- so clearly this general principle, which should be followed by horse managers, Mr. Rarey has pre-sented some most valuable suggestions as to the best method of lifting a horse's foot from the ground, mounting the saddle, and stopping the animal when attempting to run away.

I have often, said he, been angry with farriers for the bungling and careless way in which they took hold of a hoof, when about to shoe it. There is a right and wrong way. Don't grab at it, as if it was a roasted apple in a furnace, but begin thus-pat the horse's neck, pat his shoulder, lean yourself familiarly against the upper part of his leg, run your hand gently and soothingly down to his foot, and then easily, steadily (not steady by jerks) take it up-all motive for resistance being absent, the foot will lie peacefully in the hand, the nerves are relaxed, and you can throw it up, and up, and there will be no

trouble. In mounting a horse, many people go to work with the wrong end first, as indeed they do about everything. It's as simple as possible. You don't want to have all of your weight come on

In the head the horse has immense power. No man can ever hope to hold in a running horse by pulling evenly upon the bit; he might as well try to lift himself over a fence by pulling at his boot-straps; it can't be done. When a horse's head is turned to one side he is compelled tleman, whose prudence and success in business to so arrange his legs that they will properly balmade him a desirable adviser in the management lance him—he cannot run forward—therefore of money. A clergyman came in and said, " I my advice would be, if a horse is running away, upon the right rein, and force the horse to des-

I see no greater difficulty in believing the resurrection of the dead, or the conception of the Virgin, than the creation of the world. Is it less A little thing comforts us, because a little easy to reproduce a human body than it was to produce it at first?

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