# youth's Department.

# BIBLE LESSONS.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 1863.

Read-Acrs xii. 1-19: Peter's imprisonment at miraculous release. Judoes v.: The song of De orah and Barak,

Recite-ACTS xi. 22-26.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 1863.

Read-Acts xii. 20-25 and xiii. 1-12 : Judgments on Herod and Sergius Paulus. Judges vi: 1-24 The calling of Gideon. Recite-Acrs xii. 11, 12.

#### "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES."

Write down what you suppose to be the answer to the following question.

30. One offering under the law was permitted to be a blemished animal; which was it?

Answer to question given last week :-29. The apostle John.

### Anecdotes of the Horse.

A friend recently purchased a fine horse, which had been owned by a stove dealer, and often amused his friends, when out driving, by draw-

In her new home, "Fan" was used only for with the common terror of night aira carriage horse. One day she was by mistake harnessed to the plough, and driven out to work. Her spirits seemed greatly depressed by this ed at the opposite side of the field. Fan saw complaining in the most mournful tone, of the windows and an open fire. to the stable like a colt.

What she evidently considered her own busi- for how many hours? ness was always well done. One morning, while Mr. W -----was taking a drive, with his sister and child, she stopped abruptly, at the top of my heart has ached to see the consumptive pathe first hill, and stood there, regardless of the tient put away in a bed behind curtains, in an whip, which she usually feared. Mr. Wdescended from the carriage and examined the fully closed, to shut out the very food for which harness " All right," said he, " and now, Fan, his lungs were famishing ! go ahead ; we've no time for your whims." Fan was resolute; no amount of coaxing or whipping would stir her. " What does she mean?" in- the wildest and most exposed sort, to invalids of quired Mr. W-, who was too well accus- this class; but I do wonder that they have not med to her knowing ways to suspect her of being in the wrong. He set himself to work once as pure as that of the fields and mountains, in him understand. He discovered, after much comforts .- Dr. Dio Lewis in Atlantic Monthiy. pains taking, that a very important buckle in the harness had been broken, and did not hold. He supplied its place by tying with a stout string, which he was fortunate enough to have about him "I cannot tell how the creature found it out," said he, musingly, " but if we had started down the hil, we should have been dashed to

At another time, two friends visiting him were driving out, and became so much absorbed in conversation as to forget, for a time, where the horse was taking them; but Fan allowed no reveries to divert her attention from her business. The road made a certain turn, at a point where the remainder of it, for some distance, was concealed from sight by trees and shrubs. Here she drew up with a jerk that aroused the driver. He called out to her, but she stood firm; he applied the whip-he might as well have essayed to move a stone. "What are you about?" he demanded. All the echoes of the New Hamshire hills answered for her, as a train thundered by, so near him that a step or two onward would have been sure destruction.

## Night air.

already poisoned? We have only the choice the shadowless light of eternity.

of his apartments? It is nature's ever-flowing his were sorrows wherewith " a stranger doth raised is the property of the freeholders at Nibcurrent, and never carries the destroying angel not intermeddle." with it. See how soundly the delicate little How different is it now! Erch, purified by placed four acres of land at the disposal of the wren and tender robin sleep under its full imme- suffering, has " come to the heavenly Jerusalem, committee. The site itself is all that can be diate influence, and how fresh, and vigorous, and an innumerable company of angels, and the desired. The elevation is sufficiently great to and joyous they rise amid the surrounding dew general assembly and church of the first-born, and command for the memorial a range extending drops of the morning. Although exposed all to God, and to Jesus Christ." How different very many miles in every direction, and it will night long to the windows of heaven, their lungs their view of trial, when they were " perplexed, be a prominent object as far off, we believe, as are never out of order; and this we know by though not despairing, cast down, though not de- the Clifton Downs, and along the line of the the daily repetition of the song. Look at the stroyed." Each was bitter at the time, but has Midland Railway for no inconsiderable distance, new-born hare, without any nest to go to. It left an enduring sweetness. Each prepared them The cost of erection will be about £1,500, of lives, and thrives, and becomes strong and play- for their inheritance and rest. Each made which some £800 has been raised up to the ful, under the unmitigated inclemency of the heaven more welcome when it came. "And now tailing dews of night. I have a turkey full they are all assembled there, one family in Christ. eight years old, that has not passed a single Called "from every nation, and kindred, and peonight in shelter. He roosts in a cherry tree, ple, and tongue"-they are one in name, one and is in primest health the year through. in speech, one in worship, and one in love. Three fowls, preferring this to the warm perches | And the same hand that upheld them, and in the hen-house, took up their quarters with brought them out of tribulation, car sustain thee, him early in October, and have never gone to and deliver thee from thine. Thou hast the any other roosting-place. The cow and the same Saviour, the same word of promise : "In of the sad consequences of using intoxicating horse sleep safely on the ground, and the roe- the world ye shall have tribulation, but in me buck lies down to rest on the dewy mountain- ye have peace. Be of good cheer, I have over top. I myself can sleep all night long, bare- come the world." John xvi. 33. headed, under the full moon's watery beams, without any fear or darger, and pass the day in wet shoes without catching cold. Coughs and colds are generally caught in the transition from an overheated room to a cold apartment; but there would be no danger in this movement, if ventilation were properly attended to-a precaution little thought of now-a-days."

Dr. James Blake advises the consumptive to join with several friends, procure horses and wagons, and set off upon a long journey, sleeping up the reins, at the top of a steep hill, and ing in the open air, no matter what the weather. the bumble, unlearned walks of life. They the Alliance News of July 11:then calling out to "Fan" to be careful of her He seems to think this the only way in which load. She would obey the command instantly, it is possible to induce the consumptive to sleep load. She would obey the command instantly, it is possible to induce the consumptive to sleep intercourse with our Lord must have given to account of the strange events which have occurchoosing the surest ground for every footstep, in the fresh air. Dr. Jackson gives the case all of them increasing refinement, as well as a ed in Madagascar. The narrative is based and guarding against the slightest jar which of a consumptive young man-he does not state gradual discernment of spiritual things. By upon a report from Mr. Ellis, a missionary, who could affect her load. Her success was remark- the condition of hislungs-who was cured by the "gift of tongues" their powers of oral com- does not give a very favorable account of the able; glass itself would have escaped uninjured sleeping in the open air, on a haystack. This advice and experience do not quite harmonize

But while I believe that breathing the pure, out-door air all night is an important curative the Aramaic; possibly also the Hebrew. But and enable natives and foreigners of indifferent means in this disease, I do not believe that sleep- the extent of such knowledge among the macharacter to exercise an undue influence over ing in the open fields of a stormy night is the jority of them is purely conjectural. In examin- his actions. This greatly disgusted the nobles. treatment, and she tried her best to rid herself ing in the open fields of a stormy night is the of the burden. Just then Mr. W \_\_\_appear- best means for securing pure night air in the ing the writings of Matthew and John neither of The prime minister and commander-in-chief of case of a feeble woman; on the contrary, I think them can be called illiterate. Taking the stand- the army with about one hundred of the nobles him, and her animation returned instantly .- it might be more pleasantly, and quite as effectu-Leaving the furrow, she trotted towards him, ally, secured in a comfortable house, with open ranked among the profoundest of sages. In the King, and implored him not to issue an ob-

wrong she fancied she had received. Her whole No doubt the lives of thousands would be The common remarks about their being "poor, with the nobles the King had said he alone was by her performances to neglect the plea; he re- against, as if they were bomb shells; and the

> Let the consumptive thank God for the blessing of a house; but let him use it wisely. How unventilated room, the doors and windows care-

I do not wonder that Blake, Jackson, and many others, have advised an outdoor life of equally insisted upon abundance of air for them more to ascertain what she was trying to have their own homes, and in the midst of friends and

## The Great Multitude.

" A great multitude, which no man could number."-REV. vii. 9.

How would it cheer the Apostle, one of the few standard-bearers of the faith, and now served from the communion of the saints, to behold the great congregation of worshippers, to hear their voices blending round the throne "like the sound of many waters !"

How often is the Christian's mind weighed down with heaviness, when separated from his brethren in sickness or solitude; or when, in the common intercourse of life, he finds few to sympathize with his sorrows and hopes! Let him not think concerning this trial, that any "strange thing" has happened to him. His Master was alone; and " as he was, so are we in this world." Yet as he said, " not alone, because the Father is with me ;" so where one disciple stands weeping for the Lord, or two walk together and speak of him, does he come to revive their drooping

powers to deprive himself of this heavenly blessing. Thus, he carefully closes his bed chamber
against its entrance, and prefers that his lungs
should receive the mixed effluvia from his cellar
and larder, and from a patent little modern
aquarius, in lieu of it. Why should man be so

#### The "Illiterate Fishermen."

A correspondent of the Independent, after stating the assertion, often made, that the evan gelists were "poor, ignorant fishermen," inquires, Were any, or all of them, excepting Paul, literate?" to which the editor replies:-

The apostles are called "illiterate" because they all, excepting Paul, were doubtless from were not disciplined in the schools. Yet their munication are supposed to have enlarged, murdered King Radama. It appears that the though there is no statement in the fathers bear- unhappy potentate, although possessing many they may all have known the Greek as well as and it is alleged that this weakened his intellect, ard of worldly judgement alone. John would be and heads of the the people remonstrated with

appearance was ludicrous in the extreme, and saved by destroying their houses, and compell- ignorant fishermen" are in fact true only of them sovereign, his word alone was law, his person when she reached him she actually laid her head ing them to sleep in the open air not because as they were when called to be apostles. For was sacred, he was supernaturally protected, against his shoulder, in a coaxing way, and went houses are inevitable evils, but because they are afterwards they were taught of our Lord, illu- and would punish severely the opposers of his on with her complaint, very much like a whin- so badly used. Windows are barred and closed, mined by the Spirit, who was to guide them in- will. This led the nobles to determine that it ing child. Mr. W --- was too much amused as it to keep out assassins; draughts defended to a knowledge of all needful truth, and discip- was not sate for him to live, and he died by their lined in mind and heart by the r daily ministry hands the next morning within the palace. The leased her from the plough, and she trotted off furnace heat still more corrupts the air, which of the Gospel. They must have attained - Queen, who alone was with him, used every ethas done duty already-to how many lungs what is better and higher than any learning of fort, to the last moment of his life, to save him modern preachers who boast of their bad gram- expressing the terms or conditions on which for all probability is against it.

## Ask your minister to pray.

When your pastor visits your family, in makng pastoral visits, ask him to read a chapter and pray. Do not expect him to ask you for the privilege of praying in your family. If you are a member of the church, it is your place to ask him. If not a member, than he will propose prayer himself.

He can not know the circumstances of the family, and whether it is convenient to call them together. You ought not to impose this duty upon him if you are a Christian. You know he is always ready and willing to pray if asked. We are speaking now of religious visits or visits to the sick. It is not necessary, nor is it expected that you should ask your mihister to pray every time he comes in to make a friend y or social call. He may drop in thus for a few moments when he has not time for religious conversation or religious exercises. The proper time to ask him to have prayers is when he rises to leave or seems through with the conversation. It you ask him before, he might think it an invitation to go. This simple rule will be good for pastor and people.

terrified at the admission of night air into any Each has borne his solitary burden, and felt that The ground upon which the memorial is to be ley and Lord Fitzhardinge jointly, who have present time.

## Temperance.

# THE LATE KING OF MADAGASCAR

Perhaps there are few more melancholy eases drinks, than the following. After so many years of bitter persecution of the christians in Madagascar under the late Queen, high hopes were cherished for the cause of Christ and general improvement under King Radama, who had shown such decidedly christian tendencies. The lesson does not seem to have been lost upon the nobles and chiefmen. The determination to prevent a recurrence, shows that their constitution is rather an oligarchy than a monarchy, as we had supposed: We copy the account from

"The London Missionary Society has issued an

ing on this point distinctly. It is possible that amiable qualities, was greatly addicted to drink; respect to Paul, there is of course no question. | noxious law. In the course of the discussion the schools-the power of addressing men in but in vain. His advisers were afterwards vaious countries and tongues, in a convincing put to death. In the course of the forenoon, way, upon the highest themes of human thought. four of the chief nobles went to the Queen with That any of them were illiterate, like some a written paper, which they handed to her as mar and ignorance, there is no evidence; and the future the country should be governed. They requested her to read it, stating that if she consented to govern according to these conditions they were willing that she should be the sovereign of the country, but if she objected or declined they must seek another ruler. The Queen, after reading the document, and listening to it and receiving explanations on one or two points, expressed her full and entire consent to govern according to the plan therein set forth. The nobles then said: "We also bind ourselves by this agreement. If we break it, we shall be guilty of treason, and if you break it we shall do as we have done now." The Prime Minister then signed the document on behalf of the nobles and heads of the people, and the Queen signed it also. By this document, the word of the sovereign alone is not to be law, but the nobles and beads of the people, with the sovereign, are to make the laws. Perfeet liberty and protection are guaranteed to all foreigners who obey the laws of the country. Friendly relations are to be maintained with all other nations. Duties are to be levied, but commerce and civilisation are to be encouraged. Protection and liberty to worship, teach, and promote the extension of Christianity, are secured to the native Christians, and the same protection and liberty are guaranteed to those who are not Christians. Domestic slavery 19 not abolished; but masters are at liberty to give freedom to their slaves, or to sell them to others. THE TYNDALE MEMORIAL .- LAYING THE No person is to be put to death for any offence by FOUNDATION-STONE.—The foundation-stone of the word of the sovereign alone; and no one is the memorial to William Tyndale, the first trans- to be sentenced to death till twelve men have lator of the Holy Scriptures into the English declared such person to be guilty of the crime language, was recently laid by Colonel Berkley to which the law awards the punishment of Each of these heavenly worshippers passed at Nibley-Knoll, within a mile of the site of Tyn- death. The Queen is never to take any intoxithrough the same sorrowful experience on earth. dale's birthplace at North Nibley, a little village cating liquors. In a letter to a private friend, Consumptives, and all invalids, and Indeed Each had to "fil! up" his own measure of "the about two miles from Wotton-under-Edge. The Mr. Ellis says :—One of the items in the docupersons in health, are cautioned to avoid the afflictions of Christ," that he might thus be made memorial of William Tyndale whose martyrdom ment containing the principles of government the night air. Do those who offer this advice "conformable unto his death." What mysteries near Antwerp is a matter of history, is to be a adopted by the present Queen is that which reforget that there is no other air at night but of spiritual trouble did these hearts once shut up cenotaph, consisting of a square tower 26ft. 6in. quires the Sovereign of Madagascar to abstain " night air ?" Certainly we cannot breath day within them ! By what dark and strange ways square at the base, rising to 22ft., and by grada- from all spirituous liquors. They ascribe much air during the night. Do they mean that we were they led; but this is the end, "Therefore tions to 16ft. 6in., and diminishing 2ft. above that is to be deplored in Radama's character to should shut ourselves up in air-tight rooms, are they before the throne of God." Each in that. Its entire height will be 111ft., exclusive his having been so easily intexicated, and are and breathe over and over again, through half his own time struggled through the mists and of a terminal, which is proposed to be a reflector. the twenty-four hours, the atmosphere we have glooms of his pilgrimage, to emerge at last into The entrance is on the east side, and within is a for the future. This was the weak point which staircase ascending to a gallery. The cardinals laid Radama open to bad advisers; hence the between night air pure, and night air poisoned "These are they which came out of great trib- are to be adorned with four sculptures, repre- cruelty and treachery of toreign intriguers, who with the exhalations from our skins and lungs, ulation." The first human spirit that ever as- senting Tyndale's living at Little Sodbury, his took advantage of his weakness and excitement, perhaps from lungs already diseased. A writer cended there left its body bleeding upon earth. conference with John Frith, his betrayal by the which they themselves brought on, to accomplish pertinently speaks on this point after the follow- And one after another, those who, like " righte- Englishmen at Antwerp, and his martyrdom.— purposes which he would not have entertained ous Abel." have been tried and tound faithful, fresh air is the very life of his lungs he seems indefatigable in the exercise of his inventive interest and the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of the exercise of the exercise of his inventive in the exercise of th

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