# THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

## Going to bed in the Harem.

BIBLE LESSONS. Sunday, September 11th, 1864. CONCERT: OF POVIEW of the past two months' sub ..... Sunday, September 18th, 1864. Read-LUKE vii, 36-50: The penitent woman, SAMUEL XIX, 12-24 ; David's escape from Saul Recite-JEREMIAH IN. 28, 24. A singular, but good Reproof.

of us should climb up to the roof of the house, icuched again. I hilt a kiss on my forehead, are now in what it might be, depend upon it yet birds' eggs formed a temptation too power- and the voice said, " Miriam, speak to us; there would be more comfort and less complaint, ful to be resisted, and self-gratification was con- speak, Miriam, darling !" I could not resist both from themselves and those depending on sidered rather than obedience. A favorable op- any longer, so I turned round and saw Helwely them. I intend to try to elevate my work to my things thus removed was a piece of paper which said, very soleninly, "I spoke to God, Helweh I" such a good lesson may not be lost I'll send it had been a page in one of Dr. Watte's hymn- " What did you say to Him ?" said Helweh. 1 to the 'American Agriculturalist,' and here, Mr. books, and which, thrown away, had been taken replied, "I wish to sleep ; God never sleeps. I Editor, you have the story - Am. Agricultural by the poor bird for the purpose of strengthen- have asked Him to watch me, and that I may ist. ing the nest, or increasing the garmth A word tall asleep remembering that He never sleeps. or two caught my eye, and I unfolded the 1a- and wake up remembering His presence. I am per. Need I say that, boy as I was, I read these | very weak ; God is all powerful. I have asked verses with curious feelings :----

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"Why should I deprive my neighbor Of his goods against his will ? Hands were made for honest labor. Not to plunder, nor to steal.

"Guide my heart, O God of heaven, Lest I covet what's not mine ; Lost I take what is not given, Guide my hands and heart from sin."

Had the bird been able to read and reason, it could not have selected a text more appropri

grist-mill thrown in. It requires philosophy to power of social Chistianity ? When I began to undress, the women watch. properly make a fire, wash clothes, sweep a A vast majority of those lapses from religious ed me with curiosity, and when I put on my room, ventilate an apartment, regulate a clock, life which Christians to much deplore are ocnight gown they were exceedingly astonished. and a hundred other matters you never dream- casioned by a want of hearty, genial social life. "Where are you going?" "What are you go-ing to do?" and "Why is your dress white?" chemistry. A woman can mix and heat up pro-bers, and boarding at hotels or restaurants, it is ete. They made no change in their dress for vision without knowing anything about it, but no wonder that one gets fired and lonely, and sleeping, and there they were, in their bright the art ; but she can make better bread, butter, is willing to take such society as is offered. colored clothes, ready for bed in a minute. But roast, broil, or boil more nicely, put this and whatever it be. If it be Christian society, it they stood round till I said, " Good night ;" that together in her puddings, pies, and cakes will be gladly welcomed, and will help one to then all kissed me, wishing me good dreams, with greater success, if she knows the why as make himself what the church needs and the Then I knelt down, and presently, without well as the how. Then what is a poor, broken world expects. We trust that Christian people speaking to them again, I got into bed and down wife good for? Physiclogy teaches us will learn to value more highly their social inturned my face toward the wall, thinking over how to keep health in the family ; and then fluence, and that they will not besitate to use it the strange day I had spent. I tried to com- when we have all finished the day's work, hav- for the benefit of those whom they have the pose myself for sleep, though I heard the wo-men whispering together. When my head had shall want to look over the papers and books noble-cas when it is shown in daily life. To rested for about five minutes on the soft red silk which tell what the rest of the world is thinking bide one's light under a bushel is neither scrip-When quite young, in my boyish days, I had pillow, I felt a hand stroking my forcherd, and watched some sparrows carrying materials to beard a voice saying, very gently, "Ya Habibi," here word a voice saying, very gently, "Ya Habibi," here word a voice saying, very gently, "Ya Habibi," here word a voice saying, very gently, "Ya Habibi," here word a voice saying, very gently, "Ya Habibi," here word a voice saying, very gently, "Ya Habibi," here word a voice s though strict orders had been issued that none sarily. I waited a little while, and my take was would only take pains to make the place they

#### A Revival of Religion.

By this time all the ladies were a ting round me on my bed, and the slaves came and slood Lord's prayer by heart in Arabie, I repeated it does a revival produce in a church ! What a the active principle of diguatine purpured, or Helweh directly said, " You told me your fath- an impulse does it give to christian exertion ! diminishing the heart's action. To show the

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Paris has recently been much excited by a portunity presented itself ; the root of the house Seleb Bek's prettiest wife, leaning over me. I own level." said, "What is it, sweetness? What can I do "Upon my word," said the young man, "you covery of evidence of the crime. A young woed, but seized and carried away. It was soon for you ?" She answered, " What did you do make out a pretty strong case. I never saw the man died under the care of a homeopathic phystripped of its unnecessary appendages, that it just now, when you knelt down and covered matter in just that light before, and I doubt sician-Dr. Courty de Laponmerais. The might appear as neat as possible. Among the your face with your hands ?" I sat up, and whether many women view it thas; and that Judge of Instruction-the officer charged with the investigations preliminary to the public trial-went to the house of the deceased woman to inspect the room in which she died, but with no fixed idea as to what he should discover there, nor as to whether he should find anything at all .- He perceived some taint spors on the floor, and found, on enquiry, that they were made by the ejections of the sick woman. He A revival of true religion-how much is con- ordered the floor to be scraped at the place tained in those words ! What a universal and stained, he carefully collected the scrapings and near. I told them I did not know their lan-guage well enough to explain to them all I dividual! What a blessing does a revival bring t at chemists and these scrapings are going to thought and said. But as 1 had learned the to many families ! What a new state of things condemn the prisoner. They contain digitatine, to them, sentence by sentence, slowly. When reformation in a neighborhood ! What an in-I began thus, " Our Father who art in heaven," fluence it exerts on whole communities ! What of the "Materia Medica,' and which acts by er was in London." I replied, "I have two How often does it bring into the church those wonderful power of this medicament, the digitafathers, Helweh-one in London, who does not who are to publish salvation, either at home or time, as prepared by Homo le and Quevenne, know that I am here, and cannot till I write in foreign lands! The revival in that small the preparation now principally in use in Paties and tell him; and a Heaventy Father, who is schoolbouse may have enlisted in God's service is given in doses of one or two milligrames, or bere now, and sees and hears us. He is your some who are to become victorious soldiers of any of one grain, for fifteen day's use. Father also. He teaches us good from evil, if the Cross at home, or the apostles who are to The chemists commenced their investigations gelistic achievement, its victories, its conquests ! of the animal, when laid bare, continues to beat as we forgive those who treepass against us," is Christ, the hastening of the millennium. They second, one minim of solution of digitatine was particularly forcible in the Arabic language, are the proper effect of the preaching of the dropped ; the heart commenced to heat slower severe and relentless-looking, on hearing it said, Spirit's co-operation. They are the world's only tirely, and the animal was dead. On the " Are you obliged to say that every day ?" as real progress, its salvation from error, supersti- heart of the third frog they placed a small quantif she thought sometimes it would be difficult to tion, sin I from all that is degrading and most ity of the scrapings from the floor, and they prothat is afflicting. Revivals, genuine conversions, duced exactly the same effect as the drop of alone make good citizens, good neighbors, faith- pure digitatine; the heart's pulsations slack energy ful triends, useful and benevolent laborers, wise by degrees, and presently the animal was dead-These interesting experiments were made servants. All the associations, institutions, before the Judge of Instruction, and reagencies, buildings, funds of the church, exist, peated before the Jury at the trial. Until they were made the prooner was indifferent and even ing, " Do you know that ?" I repeated a few men. And a revival is the salvation of souls, joyous ; he know there was no chemical test for of the most striking and comprehensive attri- the very end for which Christ died, the whole the poison he had used, he had taken care to design of the gospel, the very thing we all aim nurse the condemned woman himself, and to conceal all the probable sources of discovery but he had not counted on the spots on the floor, nor the peculiar properties of the batrachian tribe. Nevertheless he occupied himself a great deal with toxicology, and still maintained that he could prove his innocence,

ate for reproof and instruction than this. What was contrived and done " in secret" was thus condemned from the house-top. My young readers should remember that when they do wrong God sees them, and can send them reproof even by means of a bird.

#### How to know a Lady.

Two women shall get into an omnibus, and though we never saw one of them before, we shall select you the true lady. She does not titter when a gentleman, handing up her fare, knocks off his hat, or pitches it awry over his nose ; nor does she receive her "change," after this (to him) inconvenient act of gailantry, in grim silence. She wears no flowered brocade to be trodden under foot, nor ball-room jewelry, nor rose-tinted gloves ; but the lace frill around her face is scrupulously fresh, and the strings under her chin have evidently been handled only by dainty fingers. She makes no the one only God, the God of all, my Father parade of a watch, if she wears one ; nor does the draw off her dark, neatly-fitting glove, to nestling in the straw beneath us, such a trim little boot, not paper-soled, but of an anti-consumption thickness; the bonnet'upon her head is of plain straw, simply trimmed-for your true lady never wears a "dress hat" in an omnibus. She is quite as civil to poorest as to the richest person who sits beside her and equally regards ful of their rights. If she attracts attention, it is by the unconscious grace of her person and manner, not by the ostentation of her dress We are quite sorry when she pulls the strap and disar pearst if we were a bachelor we should go home to our solitary den, with resolution to become a better and a-married man.

#### Giving joy to a Child.

jewels on their head dresses. Now and then To most of those who have recently enrolled Blessed be the haud that prepares a pleasure as valuable us now, the penny a day was as good for a child, for there is no saying when and one of the infants cried, and its mother or a themselves in the church an entire change of as 150 of our cents ; so that those u en got as where it may again bloom forth. Does not alslave rose to quiet it, and it was fed without | conduct and external | fe is necessary to make being taken from its hammock. The mother them suitable examples of their professions. much as the best men now generally have in most everybody remember some kind hearted harvost time-that is, a dollar and a ball a day. man who showed him a kindness in the dulcet stood upright while the slave inclined the ham- They have been used to conviviality and amusedays of his childhood ? The writer of this re- mock toward her a few minutes, and then there ments which; though not positively objectiona- So, also, when that good Samaritan gave two collects himself, at this moment, a barsfooted was silence again. The room was very close ble as immoral, will yet deaden and neutralize pence to the landlord to take care of the man lad, standing at the wooden-fence of a poor and warm, and the faces of some of the sleep- their religious influence if persi ted in. Rewho fell among thieves, it was equivalent to little garden in his native village, while with the were flushed. At last 1 slept also .- English creation is as essential now as ever, and when about \$8, which would pay his board two weeks the excitoment incident to the first awakening, in some country tavern, where board was very longing eyes he gazed on the flowers which Tracels. cheap. So we see that things change, while the were blooming there quietly in the brightness with its numerous meetings and the attendant of a Sabbath morning. The possessor came calls upon one's energies and sympathies-when name remains. forth from his little cottage ; he was a wood-An educated Housekeeper's views, all these are past, and one is left alone with cutter by trade, and spent the whole week at himself, he feels weak and lonely. The world FEMALE COLLEGE. --- The Boston Era says work in the woods. He had come into the gar-"What are you studying ?" asked a young has been renounced and left behind, and yet This institution, beautifully located in Wordester, den to gather flowers to stick in his coat when man of a triend who was taking her last year's there is nothing to take its place. Not that the and which promised a low yearsago to be a lasthe went to church. He saw the boy, and schooling at an avademy. The common branch- means of grace are less precious, or in any way ing blessing to those for whom its benefits were breaking off the most beautiful of his carna-tions-it was streaked with red and white-he philosophy, was the reply. "What on earth harmoniously on sermons and prayer-meetings ceased to be a chool. The enterprise having gave it to him. Neither the giver nor the re- will you do with such learning in farmer alone. The intellectual and social natures failed through memanagement or some other ceiver spoke a word, and with bounding steps G\_\_\_\_'s kitchen ?" exclaimed he, naming a have claims, a well as the spiritual. Just here cause, the beautituk estate has now been leased the boy ran home. And now here, at a vast man to whom she was betrothed. "I'm straid is where we see at once the need and the bene- to the United States for the term of five years, you'll find yourself so fitted for some other fit of social Christian life. Hut the eburches 'on to be used as a government hospital. Undoubt-sphere that your education will be a discomfort often think that when the revival season is past, edly it is well adapted to this purpose; but we distance from that home, after so many events of so many years, the teeling of gratitude which and the truit has been gathered in, nothing regret such a disposition of it. agitated the breast of that boy expresses itself rather than a source of happiness." The answer given to this proved that the young lady possessed an educated mind as well as book learning. Said she, "How little you know about housekeeping. You talk as though it were like turning a grindstone, or walking on a treadmill, needing only plenty of muscle; and the furth has been gathered in, nothing more remains. They forget or ignore the social wants and needs of these lambs of the flock, and remembering that they have pledged their faith at the church altar, consider that they are safe. When will men and women realize that it is by the six day's life we are moved and affected nore than the seventh; that fifty-two Sabbaths why, my mistaken young briend, there's more room for science, and thought, and skill in manag-ing a household properly, than you'll ever find on paper. The carnation has long since faded, but it now blooms afresh .- Doug'as Jerrold. The christian's hope of heaven is the sweetness of prosperity, and support of adversity, and cures us at once of all attachment to the world, or expectation of rest in it. If Christ had not brought down heaven to us, we could never have raised ourselves up to it.

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Him to strengthen me with His strength."

Helweh said, "What more do you say ?" 1 do so. They said, " Are you a Moslem ?" I answered, "I am not called a Moslem. But I am your sister, made by the same God, who is and your Father." They asked me if I knew the Koran, and were surprised to hear that I butes very carefully and slowly. Then they eried out. " Mash Allah ! the English girl is a true believer ;" and the impressionable, sensitive looking Abyssinian slave girls said, with one accord, " She is, indeed, an angel."

Atter talking with them for some time, and answering as clearly as I could their earnest, shrewd and child like questions, I said " Good night" once more. So they kissed me, and bled by the tendencies of young Christians in smoothed my pillow. But though I was fas our day to engage in fashionable amusciments, tiqued bodily, my mind was so thoroughly to the detriment of their Christian character. aroused and interested that I could not immed It is not easy to see the bounds beyond which diately sleep. I watched the women resting one ought not to pass. The better saleguard under bright colored quilts, with their heads on | undoubtedly is to have some recreations in conlow, silken pillows. The lantern on the stool in | negtion with the church itself. The Springfield the middle of the room lighted up the coins and Republican has some judicious remarks :

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evangelize some heathen tribe or nation. Re- by giving small quantities of the scrapings to For a moment there was perfect silence, vivals ! They are the life, often the resurrec- animals all of which died in a way to suggest They all looked startled, and as if they were tion of the chur hes ; they are the progress of poisoning digitatine. They then selected the in the presence of same unsern power. Then the church, its aggressive movements, its evan- lirog for the last experiment, because the heart continued the Lord's Prayer, and when I came to They are the breaking up of new ground, the aormally. The test was made on three animals, the words " Give us day by day our daily bread., | acquisition of new territory, the encroachments the heart of the first was laid bare, and comthey said, " Cannot you make your bread your on the kingdom of darkness, the emancipation tinued its contractions and dilations as it nor sell'?" The passage, " Forgive us our trespasses of slaves to sin, the enlistment of soldiers for thing had occurred ; on the naked heart of the and one of the elder women, who was rather gospel ; the proof of its power, and of the and slower, presently its pulsations ceased onparents, dutiful children, and patriotic public! display ostentations rings. Still we notice, had read it. They handed a resary to me, say- properly speaking, only for the salvation of at, the end of everything else. Therefore chrittians rejoice when they hear of revivals.

### The social element in Religion.

We presume every intelligent pastor is trou

He has since suffered decaptation.

WORKING FOR A PENNY & DAY .-- When in our boyhood, says the Universalist, we read in the Bible about the men working in the vineyard for a penny a day, we remember that it seemed like very small wages indeed. But in those days a penny was about as large as fifteen of out cents ; and as money was some ten times