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man, Willie ?"

Month's Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, August 28th, 1864.

Read-LUXE vii. 1-17 : Healing of a centurion's ser-

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Sunday, September 4th, 1864.

Recite-Exodus xxvi. 6, 7.

Recite-REVELATION V. 11-14.

One asked the tallest of the group :

for the money," replied Charles.

" What will you be, Charlie ?"

come to my office."

# THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

6. Take heed that thou no murder do; 7. Abstain from words or deeds unclean ; 8. Steal not, though thou are poor or mean : Nor make a wiltul lie, nor love it; 10. What is thy neighbor's do not covet.

#### The faith of little Children.

vant. The widow's son restored to life. 1 SAM-UEL XVIII. 17-30: David's marriage with Michal. The faith of little children in prayer is illus-Read-LUKE vil. 18-35 : Christ's testimony to John's ministry. 1 SAMUEL xix, 1-11: Jonathan's love What the boys would be. Four or five good little boys were talking one evening, as boys often do, of the future. "What are you going to be when you are "A lawyer," answered Willie. " It is very important to have justice done in courts." " Yes, but I guess lawyers don't always look out for justice. I've beard that most of them will plead a case on either side, right or wrong, "Well, that may be so; but that's not the kind of a lawyer I'm going to be. I'll always take the right side, whether I get paid or not. ed. I stepped to the door, but hesitated about portant ? I'll look out for all the widows and orphans, to entering. In a few minutes he again repeated, • O Dod,' but in a tone so confiding that 1 see that nobody cheats them," said Willie. thought I had better go back to my roem, and "Oh, I'm going to be a doctor, so that I can

leave him with the great Protector. 1 heard no more of him for some time, when I at last went in, and found him on his knees fast abeing afraid."

either in the East or West Indies, he returned into which about five pints were poured for and clear his character by telling his story, beds at a lower level." which the credit of his present condition might ward and and a strange start and a strange verify. He took the stage to the town ofand from thence set out to walk the distance of trated to the observation of every mother in a few miles. On alighting, he found a gentleevery bousehold where religion is made a pri- man who was on his way to the adjacent vilmary concern in the education, not merely in lage. They walked together, and in conversaformal lessons, but in daily and litelike ex. tion, this former servant, now a man of wealth, amples. Mrs. Judson, in one of her familiar communicated the circumstance which caused letters, gives the following account of her little him abruptly to leave his country many years son : "While we resided at Rangcon," ays she, before. During this narration they came to the " the children became great cowards, and when very wooden bridge. " There," said he ; " it we came over [at Maulmain] I was obliged to was just here that I dropped the ring, and there take great pains to break it. One night Ed- is the very bit of old tree into a hole of which Mr. Mills. ward, who slept in a little room by himselt, it fell-just there !" At the same time, he put called out that he was ' atraid,' and would not down the point of his umbrella into the hole of be comforted. I have never taught them a a knot of the tree, and drawing it up, to the prayer to repeat, because I do not like the astonishment of both found the very ring on the formality, but I assist them in discovering what ferule of the umbrella. It is unnecessary to "Yes, I have not been absent from my post they need, and then have them repeat the words after me; so I prayed with little Edward, kissed him good night, and left him apparently meeting of the gentleman and his former emsatisfied. Pretty soon, however, I heard him ployer. We may simply ask one or two ques- a stranger the school would appear all that could call out, as though in great distress, 'O Dod !' tions, and thus close this "fact more strange be wished. But I cannot feel that we are real-The poor little fellow had not sufficient ac- than fiction," Why was it that the man did izing the results of our labour unless we see the quaintance with larguage to know what to say not as easily find the ring immediately after it dear children and youth coming to Christ. next ; but this uplifting of the heart evidently had fallen in ? Was it an incident like one Good seed has been sown : but it does not relieved him, for in a few minutes after he again of those in Parnell's Hermit, which, though a spring up and bear fruit as I expected. I am called out, ' O Dod,' but in a tope much soften- seeming chance, was of purpose, and mest im- puzzled to account for it."

#### Mr. Million Dollars.

A man may make a million dollars and be--a man. For a man who has got a million dolsleep. He never fails now to remind me of lars, you know, is a man-in New-York, and I asking 'Dod to tate tare of him,' if I neglect, suppose, in Boston. Everybody takes his hat and I have never heard him say a word since of off to Mr. Million Dollars. He is conciliated, he is respected ; and if there is any prospect The following instance was related to me by that the dew will be shaken off his branches. His father had prepared the ground and given a lady : " In a town of the far West a farmer he is invited everywhere. If a man has a milsent his little daughter of six years, with a lion dollars he is a man; but he dies, and his younger brother after the cows. The sun was million dollars is cut into four quarters and four shedding his clear beams over the landscape, persons carry it off their sever: I ways. Mr. and though near the close of day, the birds and Million Doltars, after an appropriate funeral, is the flowers were still so attractive as to allure buried, and there he lies; and in a few years long in solving the question-to his own satisthe little pair thoughtlessly into play, till the nobody talks about him, nobody thinks about faction, at least. approach of nightfall warned them home with- him, nobody hears about him. In fitty years the out time to get the cows. The father, as a surewdest man might go and read his gravelight cast its darkening shadows over wood and would puzzle an antiquary to tell what those used to measuring distances, she answered, 'Ten be distributed it, and they squandered it ; he miles.' He asked if there were any wolves in died and went to dust, and that was the last of in hand, a little further, when she, animated But suppose that instead of that he had made with a sudden courage, said to her brother, himself his own executor, and had put fitty Now we will stop here and pray; for I've seen | thousand dollars behind a printing press and mother, when she was in any trouble, pray to said, " As long as interest lasts on that fifty he will send some one from home to fetch us based upon the Bible, and carrying out the back ; so don't ciy now.' At this they both vital power of the gospel, and had taken ansin of disobedience in not getting the cows the hands of the Tract Society, saying, "I consefirst time, and then prayed to God. When they crate to the printing of that book this fifty thouarose she comforted her little brother, and as. sand dollars; work with that money as long as sured him that God would take care of them. it can bear interest." Suppose he had taken Presently a voice from hebind in the dark call- five hundred thousand dollars and appointed ed them. It was the well known voice of the them his sentinels-stationing fifty thousand father. " There,' taid the sister, "I told you that | dollars there, and there, and there-they would God would send some one to take care of us.' go on working until the last trump sounds ; and

with a very considerable fortune. He now every spoonful passing out of the spout for the wished to clear himself with his former employ- benefit of the weary traveller. Even this later. He ascertained that she was still living, ter portion was not entirely neglected, for the He purchased a diamond ring of considerable waste pipe conveyed the part which ran over value, which he determined to present to her, from the ladle to some delicious strawberry



" I Don't see why there are no conversions in our Sabbath school," said Mr. Mills to his wife, as they sat with their little family around the tea-table one quiet Satbath evening.

" I am sure the school has never been more prosperous than since you took the charge of it," she replied.

" Prosperity is not always spirituality," said

" It has nearly doubled its numbers, and you have secured a very capable set of teachers, and have give them the example of great punctuality in attendance," replied the wife.

" Papa," said little Charlie, who had listened only to the last sentence of the conversation, " hasn't your seed come up ?"

" No, my child,"

" Was the seed good, papa ?"

"Yes, Charlie, the very best."

"Was it sowed in the spring, when the ground was tender, papa ?"

" It certainly was, my son."

Charlie paused a moment and thought. He had a tiny garden which he called his cwn. him a few choice seeds, and told him bow to take care of them. The little boy had followed his father's directions, and was now rejoicing in the success of his labour. Hence his earnest questions and thoughtful brow. But he was not

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replied the good-natured little tellow.

ride day and night. I'll keep four horses and

change them often, and always have a fresh

horse, and a spattered gig, like Dr. Grey."

horses, for I'm going to be a blacksmith "

one. I'll not go poking along with a worn out

At this, little Jimmy sprang up, and cried

very earnestly, as if already in the business

" Please, brother Charlie, let me shoe all your

His brothers laughed, and Willie said : "

shall never be ashamed of you Jemmie, if

you're a good honest blacksmith, but you must

always wash your face and hands before you

"Yes I will, and put on my Sabbath clothes,

"Well, that is settled, then, that father is to have a lawyer, a doctor, and a blacksmith in his family," said Willie.

Grandma sat all this time in her arm-chair, knitting away very fast on a striped stocking. At her jeet rat the family pet, Harry, sticking pins into grandma's ball of yarn. Ah, it was for his tiny plump feet that the yarn was flying over the dear old lady's needles.

" Boys," said grandma, " here is one who has not told what he is going to be when a man."

"Oh, no," cried Willie, stooping down, and taking dear Harry in his arms. "What are you going to be when you're a big man like papa ?'

Harry put his little arms around Willie's neck and said : "When I'm a great high man. God for help; and we will pray to God, and thousand dollars, work, press, work !" Suppose I'll be-I'll be-kind to my mother."

" You darling boy," cried grandma, " that is a sweet little vision of your future. I would far rather have you an humble working man, with this same affectionate heart, than see you cold and selfish in the President's chair, or in the seat of a judge. Willie and Charlie might be great and wise men in their professions, and yet be no comfort to their parents in old age unless they were at the same time loving and kind."

Greatness alone makes no one bappy ; but goodness, like the sun, sheds light and joy everywhere. Whenever, after this, dear boys, you're laying plans for coming life, always add to your plans and promises sweet Harry's words, "When I'm a man, I'll be kind to my mother."- Child at Home.

### Nelly's Temptation and Frayer.

Little Nelly was five years old. Her mother had taken great pains to instil into her mind ses are found in the social relations. What the in Mr. Babbage's story of an Italian gentleman principles of right and trath.

One day she stood at the door of the diningof fine peaches which was on the table. Nelly in the social and moral relations to the parent road leading from one of the capitals of north knew she should not touch them without leave, and family .- Hibbard's Religion of Childhood. but the temptation was strong. Soon her mother, who was watching her from another room, saw her bow ber head and cover her face with her little hands. "What ails you, Nelly ?" she said The child started, not knowing she was watched. " O mother !" she exclaimed, "I wanted so much to take one of the peaches; but first I thought I would ask God if

Dear little Nelly ! what a path of integrity and honor will be yours through life, if in all your conduct you seek to know your heavenly Father's will, and do no action upon which you cannot seek his blessing.

discipline to them, sent them back. They re- stone, and find " Mr. Million Dollars." " Who turned, but had not gone tar, before gray twi- was he, and where is his money ?" And it field. From timidity they grew thoroughly a. four heirs did do with it. It puzzled them after fraid ; and as the shades of evening thickened a few years to tell where it had gone to. He the younger asked his gister how far she thought made his money; it gave him power and influ they were from home? In her fright, and uni ence; he distributed it among his heirs; yes, that part. She said there were. At this the him, so far as this world is concerned ; I don't little fellow began to cry. They went on, hand know what became of him beyond. he'll send an angel to take care of us, or clse he had taken some treatise written for liberty kneeled down, and the sister first confessed their other fifty thousand dollars and put it into the The tather had, indeed, sent them back as a when a hundred years had passed over his grave correction, but had followed unobserved in the his name, through that Society, would still be distance, and had approached at length near e. fresh, and his influence still be potent for good nough to overbear this last conversation and Every tract would bear his name upon its im prayer." Here are simple prayer and taith as print, and a million tombsfones could not make truly exercised and as acceptable to God as the it so illustrious .- Henry Ward Beecher. faith of Abraham. Sorrow for sin, contrition, repentance, confersion, grati pde, praise and whatsoever belongs to prayer and worship, are as easily comprehended by the child as a simple petition. The analogies of these devout exercial and sanctified direction of the faculties, in a work with but little expense to himself : " The room, looking with great earnestness at a basket class of actions which it early learns to perform garden wall of his villa adjoined the great high

## The Lost Ring.

Many years ago a lady sent ber servant, a it some rude seats for the weary traveller, was so stricken by the blow, that two weeks young man about twenty years of age, and a and by a slight roof of climbing plants proalter he also departed. " And I should not native of that part of the country where the tected the whole from the mid-day sun. wonder," said he who related the incident, " if lady resided, to a neighboring town, with a ring In this delightful shade the tired and thirsty he did meet the minister at heaven's gate and he had any objection." which needed some alteration, to be delivered travellers on that well-beaten road over and into the hands of a jeweller. The young man anon reposed and refreshed themaslves, and did hear him say, ' Come along, Jan ! there's nae strife up here." went the shortest way, across the fields; and not fail to put in requisition the service of the Ab, no, they never quarrel in heaven ; and coming to a little wooden bridge that crossed a pump so opportunely presen ed to them. From when we let our feelings get on fire here, and use small stream, he leaned against the rail and morning till night many a dusty and wayworn took the ring out of its case to look at it. pilgrim plied the handle, and went on his way. our hearts, we have not got the Gospel spirit. While doing so, it slipped out of his hand and dlessing the liberal proprietor for his kind con- The spirit that should belong to the church on fell into the water. In vain he searched for sideration of the passing strapger. But the earth is the same spirit of love that rules in heait, even till it grew dark. He thought it tell in-to the hollow of the stump of a tree under the water; but he could not find it. The time that the liquid would be more valued from its Do you know the Commandments ! Not long ago a boy of fourteen was asked to mame a certain one of the commandments, and that of many others, we give the tollowing that on many others, we give the tollowing that of many others, we give the tollowing that on many others, we give the tollowing that of many others, we give the tollowing that of many others, we give the tollowing that on many others, we give the tollowing that on many others, we give the tollowing that on many others, we give the tollowing that of many others, we give the tollowing that on many of sold it. Under the influence of the ing the bandages wherewith a tender surgeon blads it away of sold it. Under the influence of the ing the bandages wherewith a tender surgeon blads is patient. The design of the one is to kill of the bandages wherewith a tender surgeon blads is patient. The design of the one is to kill of the other, to cure. Believers undergo many and to prevent its being wasted, the surplus was conveyed by an invisible channel to a large ing of him. This intermediate history is not known, save that, after many years absence, 5. Give both thy parents honor due;

#### An Economical Pump.

An amusing illustration of ingenuity appears child does religiously toward God is but a spiritu- who devised a plan for keeping his pump at ern Italy (Turio), from which it was distant but a few miles. Possessing within his garden a fine spring of water, he erected on the outside of the wall a pump for public use, and chaining to it a small iron ladle, he placed near

" Oh, papa," he at length said, " you have not watered it enough. When I planted my garden you told me my seed was good, and if I sowed it when the ground was tender, and watered it well, it would come up. And when we had that dry time, last June, you said I must water it every day, and It did It must be, papa, 'that you have not watered yours enough."

" Charlie is right," said his father, to whom the artless words of his little boy had brought a needed reproof. "I have sown good seed in my moral garden, it is true; but I have relied too much upon the quality of the seed, and the favourable circumstances of the planting, and have sadly neglected to water it with the tears of supplication. Even the precious seed of divine truth, though sown in the spring-time of life and in the tender heart of childhood and youth, will not spring up unless watered by the Spirit in answer to fervent prayer. Henceforth, God helping me, I will not labour less, but I will pray more."

Is not here a lesson for the parent, the Sabbath school teacher, the minister of the Gosrel, and every worker in the vineyard of the Lord? of vinters, and really in

#### (616 toli Cale of Will P Costa of a critica "Nae strife up here."

It is related that an old Scotch elder had once a serious dispute with his minister at an elders' meeting. He said some hard things, and almost broke the minister's heart. Afterwards he went home, and the minister went home too. The next morning the elder came down, and his wife said to him-" Ye look very sad, Jan; what is the matter with ye?" " Ah," he replied, " you would look sad, too, if you had had such a dream as I have. I dreamed I had been at the elders' meeting, and had said some hard things, and grieved the minister ; aud when he went home I thought he died and went to heaven. And I thought afterwards that I died too, and went up to heaven , and when I got to the gates of beaven, out came the minister, and put out his hands togake me, saying, ' Come along, Jan ! there's mae strife up here-I am happy to see ye.""

The elder went to his minister directly to beg his pardon, and found he was dead. The elder