

Youth' Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, August 21st, 1864.

Read—LUKE vi. 37-49: Sundry social duties. 1 SAMUEL xviii. 1-16: Saul's envy of David. Recite—1 JOHN iii. 1-3.

Sunday, August 28th, 1864.

Read—LUKE vii. 1-17: Healing of a centurion's servant. The widow's son restored to life. 1 SAMUEL xviii. 17-30: David's marriage with Michal. Recite—EXODUS xxvi. 6, 7.

More than we want, and all for nothing.

"So you won't give me anything?" "You needn't have put it in that way; I've got nothing to give," said Allan Barrow. "Nobody gives to me. I get nothing but which I work for and pay for, and it's rather hard to come upon such folks; you should go to them as you may say that gets plenty for nothing, and and have more than they want." ... "Well," said Allan, putting his hand into his pocket, "I'm not against giving you a trifle, but I didn't know you was going to talk that way, when I said about the five shillings."

remind one of one's duty; so you needn't scratch out my name, here's the five shillings."

God's word—Man's word.

Doubtless there are many good books published that are intended to illustrate and enforce moral and religious precepts; and there is danger that reading these will be substituted for reading the Bible. They may be and are useful and instructive in their place, yet they cannot be allowed to displace the book of God without doing injury. The fountain from which the waters of life flow fresh and pure is better than any of the fountains in which this water can be put up by any art of rhetoric or any human device whatever. ... The blood of Christ upon the heart is the greatest blessing—upon the head the greatest curse.

AN ARCHBISHOP'S CURE FOR HEADACHE.—The first occasion on which I ever saw Dr. Whately (observes a correspondent) was under curious circumstances. I accompanied my late friend, Dr. Field, to visit professionally some members of the Archbishop's household at Redesdale, Stillorgan. The ground was covered by two feet of snow, and the thermometer was down almost to zero. ... AN ARCHBISHOP'S CURE FOR HEADACHE.—The first occasion on which I ever saw Dr. Whately (observes a correspondent) was under curious circumstances. I accompanied my late friend, Dr. Field, to visit professionally some members of the Archbishop's household at Redesdale, Stillorgan. The ground was covered by two feet of snow, and the thermometer was down almost to zero. ...

HINTS TO PEDESTRIANS.—Don't make the mistake of wearing a light straw hat because you are going to be exposed to sun-burn, but a thick felt one, thickly lined, and impervious to calorific radiation, for the same reason that Turks and Arabs wear turbans. Your umbrella will prove a very treasure. In a side pocket of my little bag, I always carry a store of little utilities which weigh nothing and take still less room, viz., a few stout needles, ready threaded with black and with grey thread (not cotton); a tailor's thimble; a few buttons of the sort most used; a metal box with lucifers; a candle's end; two or three yards of twine; a pair of leather shoestrings; a widgeon's or other small duck's wing, to brush off dust before entering a village or hotel; an ounce of Epsom salts, to be replaced if, and as soon as, taken; a phial of pills of sulphate of quinine; a bottle, the size of your little finger, filled with essential oil of lavender [if you have to occupy a bed suspected to be haunted, drop five drops of the oil between the sheets, one in the middle, and one towards each corner, and it will drive away intruders for a couple of nights]; a Times newspaper, to wrap up sandwiches, botanical letters addressed to self, and an old passport to establish identity in case of need. ...

Profanity a sign of ignorance.

The vulgar sin of profanity is more common than formerly in public streets. We wish all addicted to the habit could understand how vulgar it is, and how generally it is accepted as a proof of an empty head and a weak will. The North American Review says well: There are among us not a few who feel that a simple assertion or plain statement of obvious facts will pass for nothing, unless they swear to its truth by all the names of the Deity, and blister their lips with every variety of hot and sulphurous oaths. If we observe such persons closely, we shall generally find that the fierceness of their profanity is in inverse ratio to the affluence of their ideas. ...

Heading aloud in the Family.

Books and periodicals should be angels in every household. They are urns to bring us the golden fruits of thought and experience from other minds and other lands. As the fruits of the trees of the earth's soil are most enjoyed around the family board, so should those that nurture upon mental and moral boughs be gathered around by the entire household. No home exercise could be more appropriate and pleasing than for one member to read aloud for the benefit of all. ...

ON WEARING SPECTACLES.—Persons living in cities begin to wear glasses earlier than country people, from the want of opportunities of looking at things at a distance. Those who wish to put far off the evil days of spectacles should accustom themselves to long views. The eye is always relieved, and sees better, if, after reading awhile, we direct the sight to some far-distant object, even for a minute. ...

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Take equal quantities of water-lime and quick lime and mix with sand as usual; put two or three inches of mortar and coarse gravel in the bottom of the hole so the end of the post will not come to the ground; then set your post in, top end down; fill in several inches of the mortar, then several inches of coarse gravel; pound it down, then more mortar and more gravel, and so on, until the cement is raised above the ground several inches around the post. ...

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The public schools of Buffalo, N. Y., offer prizes to the young lady pupils for the best loaves of bread.

This is a much needed accomplishment, and these young ladies will undoubtedly be well bred. Good sense, but poor wit!

Agriculture, etc.

SHEEP-HOUSES.—Solomon Green, of Townsend, Mass., who says he has kept sheep thirty years, advises to have small buildings erected in sheep-pastures, and that they should be dark, so that the sheep by going into them may avoid flies. He says the sheep will go in at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and remain till 4 o'clock in the afternoon. ...

How to mow.—The most important instructions in teaching a beginner to mow grass are: 1st. To stand erect and walk up as near to the standing grass as you can, and still have room to cut it all off with the heel of the scythe. 2nd. Keep the scythe as flat on the ground as possible, from heel to point. 3rd. Point in low, and point out low, and let the scythe swing gaining the heel a foot high when pointing in; and be careful to keep the point down close to the ground when pointing out. ...

RAISING TURKEYS.—As the best plan to raise turkeys, procure black turkeys, and teach them to be gentle before they commence laying. As soon as they begin to lay, take away their eggs—let their nest-egg be a hen's egg. When they have laid out their litter destroy the nest, feed them well, and in ten days or less, they will generally commence laying again. ...

CIDER VINEGAR.—Almost every family in the country have the materials for manufacturing pure cider vinegar, if they will only use them. Common dried apples, with a little molasses and brown paper are all you need to make the best kind of cider vinegar. ...

ANIMAL FOOD IN SUMMER.—A celebrated New York physician says that commencing with May and ending with September, he restricts the members of his family, and all his patients, to two ounces each of animal food per day, requesting them to use freely, during the summer months, the vegetable products nature lavishes upon us so abundantly. ...

FLOWERS ALL THE SUMMER.—After the abundance of spring flowers is over, many are apt to allow the garden and lawn to run into neglect. Weeds appear, plants which should be tied up are allowed their own way, unsightly flower stalks from which the bloom has fallen remain, and a general want of care is manifest such as no garden should present. ...

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The attention of a little girl having been called to a rose-bush, on whose topmost stem the oldest rose was fading, whilst below and around it three beautiful and crimson buds were just unfolding their charms, she at once and artlessly exclaimed: "See, Willie, these little buds have just awakened in time to kiss their mother before she dies!"