Nouths' Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, January 10th, 1864. Read-Acts xxiii. 12-35: Paul's Vision. 1 Samu 1. 18-28: The birth and dedication of Samuel. Recite-ISAIAH INXNIV. 4, 10, 11.

Sunday, January 17th, 1864. Read-Acrs xxiv. 1-16: Paul accused by Tertullus before Felix. 1 SAMUEL ii. 1-18: The prayer of Hannah.

Recite-PEALM XXV. 10-14.

Answer to question given last week :-The angel of the Lord called to Hagar and said "Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou."

Amusement for the thoughtful

Answer to Scripture Puzzle No. 43.

In Babylon the great you dwelt, With pomp and pride o'ergrown, You said " this city I have built, " * Nor did God's greatness own.

You dwelt with men of high renown, Witness Daniel-the Jew, Who saw, with a prophetic glance, Your fall; and warned you too.

But ah! the mandate from above, Had sped-" hew down the tree," That to the cattle shelter gave, That tree resembled thee.

When on fame's highest pinnacle, Your tottering feet were placed, That sudden change of which you tell, Your splende: soon effaced.

Down from that towering height you fell-Was driven out from men, Into the fields with beasts to dwell, Till seven times had been.

Seven years upon the grass you fed, Like oxen in the field-Until your spirit's pride had fled, And you to beaven did yield.

scenes, You say you've passed through wond'rous Been high, low, great, and mean, Your history a strange one seems, NEBUCHADNEZZAR-King.

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Yarmouth. Daniel iv. 30.

Scripture Puzzle No. 44.

1. The fatal night is past, the night of death; The houses burnt-and all things that had

A warning gainst voluptuousness and pride, One man escaped the all-devouring flame, Now think, and quickly tell this one man's

And aved them from a cruel woman's sword. purely temporal benefit?

To Ethiopia's diear and sultry land. He made a feast; and bade his queen be

For she was thought the fairest of the fair; But s' e refused to come. Then all agreed, That by the king it ought to be decreed, The queen should be for ever put away, Lest other wives should learn to disobey. Now give her name who suffered this dis-

And whose successor was of Israel's race.

4. She knelt and pray'd, in bitterness she knelt, | we ! For who may tell the anguish that the felt;

Gave back to God. Now tell her husband's

These four initials in one word combined, Reveal a name of God most precious to man-

A MOTHER'S PRAYERS.

A SKETCH BY MARAINNE FARNINGHAM.

Chapter 2 .- The second special Prayer.

restored to her; and she laid upon it, not only directions, and you will never go wrong. Do making, vending, and using these drinks. tears of joy and tributes of praise, but a solemn not forget your home and the simple lessons you vow. God had heard her prayer, had given her have learnt there." boy to her yearning arms a second time-she " Mother, do you think I could?" and the while many of the poor are starving. would spare no pains to train him for his young face flushed with emotion.

bitious for him. She raised her expectations you-dangers you do not dream of will be very high. She did not intend that he should around your path." grow up a common-place man. He should be " Mother, are you afraid to trust me?" In led to all the drunkenness in the world. a bright and shining light, so far human love good truth she was. Not so far as the lad's own 8. Because I find I cannot effectually warn and skill would avail to make him so-and per- strength was concerned - she believed that the drunkard, or set him an example unless I haps Mrs. Smith was not very unlike most moth- would be exerted. But her heart ached as she am myself an entire abstainer. ers in this respect.

had made hers so specially, should not be intrust- him herself she would gladly have done so; but ed to hireling hand; a mother's fond love watch- " not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit ample of perfect sobriety to our children, friends, ed over him, a mother's instruction should make saith the Lord. him wise. And special blessings seemed to at- Was it possible that she had prayed less eartend him. Years glided by, and the bloom of nestly for that, the greatest blessing, than for ourselves, even of lawful things, to promote the bealth mantled his cheek and sparkled in his eye. the special ones which had been granted? True happiness of others. He was shielded from the many diseases of child- it is, that years had passed away, and still the bood. The mother had to sit through many an son whom she had loved as her own soul, for upon drinking, God's approval is frequently reanxious night with her daughters, but Alfred whom she had agonized and wept, was entering corded in favor of abstinence. (See Jer. 35;

laugh made music in their home. His intelli- "an alien from the commonwealth of Israel, a gence and good behaviour gladdened both tather's stranger to the covenants of promise, having no drunkard, and prevent the moderate drinker and mother's hearts. When it became necessary hope, and thout God in the world." And to hedged by prayers that no harm came to him For a long time bis letters were regular and great stumbling block to the reception of the that he should leave home for school, his lite was so he went away. so far as they could see. The temptations of full of love, showing the old boyish heart in gospel of Christ in the heart. school life seemed to leave him unscathed. And every line. They spoke with a half-comic air 15. Because it will enable me, through grace, as he grew in a sture and many eyes looked ad- of his greatness, of the responsibilities attaching to devote more of my property to promote the looked very fair and bright.

But the period with which we have especially future. to do now, was that immediately following his school life. He was then seventeen years of age and a very important matter bad to be settled -that of deciding upon a profession for him.-At the time this was forming subjects for evening chats and daily deliberations, there came before him what we call " a good chance."

There certainly was a bright opening for some superior young man . A respectable situation, highly lucrative, whose benefits were permanent. Many longing eyes turned towards it, and among the rest those of Mrs. Smith. It was just what she covered for her sen. It would give him a standing in life, full scope for all his powers; it would call forth his energies, would strengthen his character, would give him self-reliance and

The more it was talked of at the house of Mr. Smith the more it was wished that Aifred might succeed in obtaining it. He had great hopes himseif, but youth is always sanguine. His mother had many fears as well. There was to be a competitive examination, at which all the candidates were totry their skill. She had great faith in her son's knowledge, and he had received a thoroughly liberal education. But he was the youngest of the applicants, and his youth was sure to be against him. Alfred himself was all eagerness. He went immedately to one of his honourable, filling well his post. tutors and studied night and day, working with all the ardour of a young, fiery spirit. He knew his future depended upon it, knew how anxiously they were all talking about him at home, and it I speak out what I feel." he strained every nerve after success.

It was a time of great suspense to them all -a suspense which increased and deepened as the time of decision drew near. Mrs. Smith was scarcely able to control her impatience.

It was Tuesday evening, and the examination was fixed on Thursday. They did not talk as much, but they thought a great deal as they sat by the fire that evening. They had laid many plans for Altred-where he should live and what he should do with his money, and so on. But to-night Mrs. Smith's thoughts roved feverishly, until her busband suggested that it was really no use worrying about it; if he failed at that And now but smouldering ashes; sounding he would succeed at something else.

To their surprise, Alfred came in. "I was obliged to come, mother," he said, leaning his head upon her shoulder; "I am so tired and so anxious, I can scarcely endure suspense." Mrs. Smith looked at his white face, and her heart misgave her a little. Was it 2. Then say who hid the prophets of the Lord, right that they should all be anxious about a

She buried all her own impatience soothing 3. A monauch reign'd from India's golden strand her boy. She spoke hopefully and confidently; she bade him commit his cause to the Almighty,

and never feat for the result.

So he went away comforted and inspirited. But on Thursday Mrs. Smith presented with passionate earnestness another special prayer. She believed she was asking for what must be good would every way result from Alfred's obtaining this situation-and she could not, did not " Thy will be done." say, " Thy will be done."

But God's annointed priest mistook her case, ing through his ordeal, the mother prayed for And bade her leave at once the sacred place, his success with earnestness that went straight Meek was her answer, and the priest then to the throne. She was convinced in her own mind that the riches which might follow would Now go in peace with blessings on thy head. certainly be laid out in the service of the High-The thing she ask'd she got; and then the est, and had therefore no doubt as to the legitimacy of the prayer.

Early the next morning, Alfred came home. He had not slept during the night, but even his weariness had not power to damp the brightness of his face. They needed not have asked questions so eagerly, they might have seen for themselves, he had been successful. Once more the mother's special prayer had been heard, and here ed by them. was the answer.

Many loving counsels did Mrs. Smith arm her boy with ere he went forth into the temptations of the great city.

It must be confessed that she was a little am- friends-many new influences will be around Jesus, and every useful reform.

thought over one thing. Notwithstanding her 9. Because I like to join those who are ex- husband's shirts made six-pence cheaper.

carry out this intention. Her boy, whom God was not a Christian. If she could have saved spiritual reformation and happiness of man.

was always strong. His firm sep and ringing upon manhood's duties and manhood's dangers, Luke 1: 15; Rom. 14: 21; Prov. 20: 1.)

miringly upon him, the prospect of his future to it, of the way in which he met them. They temporal and spiritual welfare of my fellow-sinwere full of joy in the present and hope for the ners, and the glory of the great Jehovah.

But at last a change came over them. They grew strange and constrained. Thes mother's sician at one of the Paris hospitals has just cured heart saw it and grieved over it, gradually as a case of delirium tremens, brought on by exit showed itself. She had many misgivings, cessive drinking, by the singular remedy of sub-There was nothing to keep him in the right jecting the patient to the constant influence of path, no parents' watchfulness, and alas! no the vapor of spirits. The plan is not new, havfear of God. Moreover, the mother had only ing been long used in Sweden to radically cure misgivings. There was nothing tangible. She drunkenness. The persons addicted to drink could not see that he was going wrong-she are shut up in a cell, and all the food supplied only feared it. He was different somehow, and them is impregnated with brandy. At the end she dreaded lest he was succumbing to the of four or five days they become completely temptations around bim.

him know of her purpose, she suddenly visited of spirits at last makes them shudder. his lodgings, and her fears were confirmed.

" Mother! Why, is it possible you have come to London? " Yes, Altred, I wanted to see you, and talk

"Ah, I will show you all the grand places and things-all the tions of this wonderful city, Horse .- Dr. Dadd, of the Illinois Prairie Farand indeed we will have a treat."

Kind and affectionate as ever, yet there was a something that continued the foreboding at of the bowels," and which he finally cured, alher heart. He was not the happy Alfred of though this attack was so violent that the aniformer days. Sometimes he was even gloomy mal would throw himself upon the floor and and thoughtful, sometimes wild and reckless, tumble about in the wildest manner, and would Yet, so far as she could see, he was upright and | kick and strike with fury if touched or nearly honourable, filling well his post.

"Alfred, are you as far as ever from the There seemed to be little hope for the ani-

kingdom?" A shade of pain passed over his face. mal, and fearing that he might either kill him-

to read the Bible?" a book of books to me as to you. If the root of the matter were in me, I should enjoy it,

but it only makes me miserable now." "Do you pray, Alfred ?" "Yes, after a sort. I always pray for you, mother, even when I can't for myself." Then he added suddenly, " Mother, don't you pray

" Daily, my son."

"Then bow is it?" Ah! how is it? Alfred Smith is not the first who has stumbled over that question. Mrs. he gradually settled himself on the floor and Smith is not the first sorrowful mother whose was soon completely etherized. As it is danprayers have been a long while unanswered.

She prayed with her son. She talked long and lovingly to him, yet after all left him with a sickening fear at her heart.

that could be wished for this world. He was deprived of the power to injure himself or those rising in life. He could command respect. in attendance; and it is also gratifying to know

And Mrs. Smith's fears were all realized too that it is never safe to pray without adding relieved, and much more tranquil."

One night as they were retiring to rest, a Ah! if she only had. He who sees the end summons at the door startled them all. There from the beginning, knows so much better than was a telegram for Mr. Smith-very short, very heartrending-begging rim to go to London

Cemperance.

FIFTEEN GOOD REASONS FOR AB STAINING FROM INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

ing, stealing, sin, and finally to eternal misery. even by animal motive power, would economize,

direase, and premature death.

are annually destroyed to make those liquors, on of cut straw to his food. 6. Because intemperance obstructs the pro-

7. Because abstinence is sure and safe, but drinking even moderately is dangerous, and has

Diligently and perseveringly she laboured to prayers, her endeavours, her instruction, her boy erting themselves to promote the temporal and

10. Because it is important to set a safe ex-

11. Because it is a christian duty to deny

12. Because while no blessing is pronounced 13. Because total abstinence, will cure the

14. Because total abstinence removes one

DRUNKENNESS CURED BY ITSELF .- A phydisgusted with the taste and smell, and they She decided to visit him. Without letting come out radically cured. The slightest smell

Agriculture, etc.

ADMINISTERING CHLOROFORM TO mer, gives the following account of chloroforming a horse which he was treating for "spasme

"Well, yes, mother dear, farther than ever, self by violence or injure those in attendance, I concluded to chloroform him, and thus put a "Do you mean that? Have you neglected stop to his dangerous performances; he had had the best of us about long enough, and now it was " No, not quite; but you know it is not such for me to show what science had in store for such otherwise unmanageable cases. I procured a mixture composed of four ounces of chloroform and the same quantity of sulphuric ether; next a sponge was tied on to a broom-handle the latter enabled me to cholorotorm at a safe distance.

" The patient did not seem to relish my mode of practice, he fought me some-tried to strike and kick me, but he being temporarily blind I had the advantage of him. It was soon evident that the chlorotorm had begun to do its work; gerous to keep a horse under the tuil effects of chleroform any great length of time, I now removed the sponge and only applied it occasionally, slightly saturated, so as to insure a sort of You see she was not happy, although her incomplete state of insensibility. It was an enspecial prayer had been answered. Her will couraging sight to behold the once powerful and had been granted. Alfred's prospects were all furious animal, now lying free from pain and The world's comforts were within his reach. that science ministers to the wants and necessi-But all this was not, after all, the one thing ties of the inferior as well as the superior orders of creation.

" At the expiration of an hour, during which soon. Her heart was torn as it had never been time the animal was more or less under the before. She had to learn, in a very painful anæsthetic agent, he was allowed to rise; he a blessing. It looked so very plain to her, that school, the little lesson mentioned last month, gave himself a few shakes, seemed very much

BRUISED OATS FOR HORSES .- A horse fed upon whole oats and uncut hay, expends a large part of his motive power in the process of mastication. After a hard day's work, he has before Through all that day, while Alfred was pass- immediately, for Alfred was arrested and in him the task of reducing to pulp fifteen or twenty pounds weight of hard tood, and the operation is carried on during the hours which ought to be devoted to repose. Not unfrequently is the animal so tired that he is unable to chew his food; he, therefore, bolts the oats. a large proportion of which pass unchanged through his body. Those who desire to render fully effective the motive power of the horse, must pay attention to the mechanical state as well as to the quality and quantity of his food. The force ex-1. Because these drinks, are always injurious pended by the horse in comminuting his foodto persons in health, and many professing when it is composed of hay, straw, and oatschristians, both young and old, have been ruin- may be set down as at least equal to the power he expends in one hour and a half of work ; for 2. Because drunkenness is a besetting sin, and example, as plowing. The preparation of his leads to idleness, quarrelling, swearing, fight- food, by means of steam or water power, or 3. Because drinking produces poverty, bank- by at least one half, the labor expended in its ruptcy, destruction of property, loss of reason, mastication. This would be equivalent to half a day's work in every week -- a clear gain to Mrs. Smith erected one officer Ebenezer stones Never pass a day without prayer. Read your 4. Because a great deal of valuable time, la- the animal's owner. It has been objected to on that happy morning when her lost child was Bible, and pray over it. Act according to its bor, and capital, are worse than wasted upon the use of brused oats, that they produce a laxative effect upon the animal, but this dis-5. Because millions of bushels of good grain advantage may be easily obviated by the additi-

CONSUMPTION.-The Medical Reporter says "No, my boy, but you will find many new gress of civilization, education, the religion of that a consumptive patient, now under treatment is taking cream with better effect than was experienced under cod-liver oil previously tried;

> EXTRAVAGAST people are almost always penurious. Snow us a woman who pays a hundred dotlars for a shawl, and we will show a woman who will run all over town to get ber