# Nouths' Department.

# BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, May 1st, 1864.

Read-IAKE 1. 39-56: Mary's song of praise. SAMUEL XI.: The Ammorites utterly routed by

Recite-ISAIAH IXI. 1-3.

Sunday, May 8th, 1864.

CONCERT: or Review of the past two months' sub jects and lessons.

### BONORING THE HOARY HEAD.

There was to be a lecture in the town hall, John Gordon was determined he would have a tie boy who might have invited him? weat. "Boys," said he to some of his young "Twenty years!" Before he comes out, the becture to-night."

seats," said one.

" Say ladies, not women," said another. "I said women instead of ladies, because all the women that come are not ladies. At the last lecture there was an old man sitting in one of the chairs and a woman came along and said to him: "Will you give a lady a seat?" The

don't think he gave it to a lady." "I saw a young lady offer the old man her

old man got up and gave her his seat, but I

seat." " That is very likely."

making a camp stool that could be tolded up in conditions of human service. Endeavor always Heaven is no sectarianism." A sixth, long a a very small compass. He had seen one in pos- to have agreeable companionship in eating. The session of a travelling artist, and as he posses - more you chat at your table, the less likely what ed considerable mechanical ingenuity, he suc- you eat will be to turn itself into your enemy ceeded in producing a very tolerable imitation afterwards. Friends at the board make the

standing till all-the ladies had arrived and were honest, hearty measure of it is never to be conseated, and the lecture began. Then he intend- founded with the unhallowed levity, the silly

friends. John took his seat in the little space is, that it puts each individual into a practical with which he converted a bundle into what was neighbor, who is a stranger, and leaves all the a good substitute for a chair.

he saw an aged man with white locks standing nour shment he swallows, and making but a melin the aisle, leaning on his cane. It was an old ancholy mustication. It has been the wisdom fame of the lecturer had brought him out.

hoary head. His inclinations and his duty coin- employed jesters to stir up entertainment while cided. He arose and went to the old man, led they chewed and assimilated their viands. Forhim forward , and gave him his seat. The act | get all emulations and competitions, all bad was greeted by a warm round of applause by debts and bending bargains, all wrath and vari- dren, and refused to be comforted, because they ferred) for the Senior Curacy of a London the audience. John did not have a seat during the lecture, but he felt better than if he had .-Sunday-School Times.

BY REV. JOHN TODD, B. D.

burried voice behind me. I was sitting in the of a meal into five minutes, or ten or fifteen .-"here!" Yes, he was "here." He stood up, a pains and infirmities, sooner or later. fine, man'y youth of about twenty years of age, My next point is sleep. A great many young

twenty years in the state prison."

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young-too young for such a doom!" But was, Thayer's Home Monthly. he too young to kill a strong man? What if he say, "It's too hard to be condemned for twenty long years just for what I did in an instant! It took me but an instant to stab him!" Ah! human and livine law don't ask how long it took you to commit sin. Some people must try to think that God will not punish the wicked in eternity, because life here is short! But here was a very mild punishment for what was done in the flash of an eye!

Was that poor fellow ever in a Sabbath-school? Did he ever have a teacher who loved him, and taught him, and prayed for him? Alas! I unin the village of G ....... The lecturer was a derstand not. Was there no teacher who might

companious, " I am going to have a seat at the hand that writes these lines will most likely be still in the grave. So may the hand that holds "You may get one, but you will be turned the paper and the eye that reads these words. out of it before the lecture begins. More than | Shall we be with Jesus then, or in a prison out likely there will be women enough to fill all the of which there is no coming in "twenty

## EATING AND SLEEPING.

BY DR. HUNTINGTON.

Make it a matter of moral principle not to eat too fast, one of the cardinal sins of Americans and of the nineteenth century. Count it no loss, in the end, to take ample time for your In the afternoon, John employed himself in and, what is far better, it is one of the noblest cares and anxieties of his business to troop and He had comfortably seated himself, when trample through his mind, neutralizing the John remembered the command to honor the tions knew what they were doing when they ance, all unkindness from man or woman, and every other disturbing thing. Eat in perfect! satisfaction about it were that you have got it ment and cheerfulness of the table are one " Here " said a clear, manly, though I thought ton. Be persuaded not to crowd the consumption

pale, and his large black eyes saw nobody but doing, are planting the seeds of disease in their of boys and girls playing in the streets there- one like the Son of Man. To me there is somethe clerk of the court, who stood with a paper constitutions by not knowing how to sleep .- of." in his hand. I then understood it. The young Sleep collects and treasures up vital power. man was in the criminal box, and the paper in To deprive one's self of it is to hasten consumpthe hand of the clerk contained the sentence of tion. We are all aware, perhaps, that the sleep the judge. Slowly the clerk opened the paper taken in the earlier part of the night is more Since the death of the first, at least fifteen thou-"Three days of solitary confinement, and the mind, than what is taken in the latter part. Saviour in His Father's house of many maned, and the young man followed him-to his sitting up inordinately late at night, by lying abed ven." As to numbers, how true the statement ! the door, and I knew that I should never see may have some value, but not the natural value multitude which no man could number, of all him again. He had killed a fellow-soldier, but of what we lost. It would be exceedingly de- nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues." some mitigating circumstances softened his sen- sirable that every one of us should be asleep for However many may be lost, Heaven will astence. My thoughts followed the poor young the night at ten o'clock, or half-past ten at the suredly have a large majority of our race. latest. That practice would soon multiply the Has he a father to bend and fall under the vigor, and lengthen the lives of our community blow? Has he a mother to weep over his doom? to a very perceptible degree. How difficult it How long will they live? They will die and is to carry out any such rule, in the present cusand come out, his youth gone, his friends all in proportion as we are entangled with these why all who enter Heaven young may not conmany graves will be dug before that day! The the sake of a permanent good. That is a poor tude of little ones collected along the ages and mud. proud ships that now spead their sails will have kind of pleasure which asks the sacrifice of transferred to Heaven as yet little ones, makall disappeared, some broken up because worn health; and the dissipation that runs far into ing the place interesting by their presence. "There are some members of a communisy," out, and many lost down in the dark, deep waters. the night is a double curse,—on the body and John, in his vision of the final judgment, saw said the sagacious and witty Thomas Bradbury, The judge who held the court, the jurors who on the soul. But perhaps literary aspiration, "the small and great," standing before God. "that are like a crumb in the throat; if they tried him, the clerk who read his sentence, the or some other honorable motive, induces you to Will there ever be a period when there will be go the right way they afford but little nourish-

"Twenty years!" He will have grey hairs attainment that you acquire by detrauding the the feelings. As our friends pass on before us then. He cannot then begin life for this world, just claims of sleep is robbery. Too much has to that blissful home, do we not ever after-He may live to come out; but the blood of his been written in praise of "midnight oil;" that wards think of them as at the same age as fellow-soldier will still be on him. He cannot oil is as fatal as the oil of tansy. You may not when they disappeared from our view? Can leave his guilt in the prison. Nothing but the feel the effects next day, in languor, headache, we otherwise conceive of them? They have blood of Christ can remove sin and take away or a stricture about the eyes, -or you may - done with the succession of time. All with guilt. Poor fellow! What if he say, "I am But the consequences are not finally escaped, them is eternity. Is not the period of their

# Little Children in Heaven.

In a select religious circle of gentlemen and left us? ladies the conversation turned upon Heaven as were attentive.

" especial satisfaction in thinking of heaven as of the little ones whose precious dust you tena place of perfect love." A man devoted to derly committed to small graves as men and science said he was " accustomed to anticipate women in Heaven. Heaven as a place where knowledge can be An Indian mother, when near her end, rewhom rested heavy public burdens, declared no! my four children call me. I see them by that he "looked to Heaven as a place of rest," the side of the Great Spirit. They stretch out A tourth, who had pas ed years on the judicial their arms to me, and are astonished that I do bench, said, "Heaven is desirable to me because not join them." there all will be obedient to law." A fitth, who meals. Health is one of the torms of wealth, had studied largely the evils of a divided church, Of spirit voices !-- 'tis my infant band expressed his preference for the idea that "in Calling the mourner from this darkened land physical sufferer, said, "I find comfort in the assurance, Neither shall there be any more pain." Thus on to the last of the group, a I see them there by the Great Spirit's throne; lady in mourning, who gave as her "sweetest board friendly. Be cheerful there, even if you thought of Heaven that it would contain so As the time drew near he put it under his must be morose elsewhere. It is not skilful many little children." All were tenderly afarm and want to the hall. No one could tell strategy to attack your diet with a grim visage. fected by her answer, and confessed that to from its appearance what kind of a bundle he Within the bounds of gentlemanly moderation, them the idea was new, and for the remainder had under his arm. His plan was to remain pleasantry is the best of all condiments; and an of the evening that element of heavenly bliss was the topic of refreshing conversation.

ed to unfold his stool and have a comfortable simper, or the boisterous uprear of the light- to the happiness of the present life, are we aware than in kings' houses, and lived not in word headed, the rude, or the profane. One of the how much depends upon the presence of little only-was everywhere attended with revival in-The seats were at length filled. Here and chief mischiefs of the practice of dining at saloons, children? How illuminated is a home to which fluence, and the word of the Lord grew mightily. there a gentleman had a seat, being surrounded eating-houses, or hotels, which unfortunately a child is introduced! How darkened when Modern religion, in many of its phases, has and defended in the possession of it by female prevails so much in our mercantile communities, that child is removed! "Lo, children are a chosen the fine linen, and faring sumptuously heritage of the Lord," How invaluable a trea- every day, and dwelling in kings' houses, and before the desk, creating a smile by the gravity solitude at the table, separates him from his next sure to any community are its children! How presents a sickly growth. It is nothing strange, necessary to its comfort! What a power they then, when such a man as Leland characterizes are in the moral culture of humanity, acting it as a change from homespun preachers, wooden through the affections as checks to vice and as pulpits, and golden sermons, to broadcloth safeguards of virtue! A lover of little children preachers, and golden pulpits, and wooden seris seldom a bad man. That is ordinarily the mons. man who seldom came out at night, but the of wise nations from the beginning to render happiest society where fittle children are the their meals genial and social. The old general most tenderly cared for and the most highly ap-

der of Herod, all the little ones in Bethlehem Priest, with some experience in receiving conferwere massacred-" Rachel weeping for her chil- sions, and an earnest preacher (extempore prewere not !" A childless city or town! Who Church. He would be one of four clergy, and would live there?. We should shudder at the must be able to sing the services, including the charity with all men, eat at your ease, eat at thought of living a year in a community where office of Holy Communion. Stipend, 1504 .-leisure, eat not like beasts that snatch at their are no young children. We instinctively feel References requested. Address, M.A., care, todder, or suddenly consume it, as if the only that there an essential element of happiness &c." would be wanting. Well, impenitent reader, The reader will notice the words " experience young child never has been, never will be; an advertisement, asking for 40,000% required measure of the dignity and progress of civiliza- and yet you are on your way thither! Are by the English Order of St. Benedict! you a parent?

court-room with my face toward the judge. I You may endure that for a while, but nature the picture drawn by the prophet Zecharjah of bave not suffered. Some flowers must be bro-There is a tender, beautiful significance in instantly turned around to see whose voice said will certainly take her vengeance upon you in Jerusalem when she should be replenished with ken or bruised before they emit any fragrance. inhabitants, and be eminently prosperous. All the wounds of Christ sent out sweetness; Among the elements of her prosperity should all the sorrows of Christians do the same. Comas one would naturally judge. His face was men, without the least idea of what they are be this; "And the streets of city shall be full mend me to a bruised brother—a broken reed—

> Who can estimate the number of little children already in the New Jerusalem? One half of all that are born die under five years of age.

" Lift your heads, ye golden gates,

Let the little travellers in." Of those who have been there thousards of officer who led him out, and the warden of the sit up late. Necessary occupation engrosses all prison who received him, will all very likely be dead! The carriage and the cars that carried him to the prison will be worn out. The birds again the laws that God has written on your that sing to-day will all be dead then!

Will there ever be a period when there will be sit up late. Necessary occupation engrosses all no little children in Heaven? Will not all who enter young remain so in perpetuity? This may never be an article of our creed; but it is a cherished idea in the common imagination, and to annihilate it would be a severe shock to not let their coals burn you. dry from Acatrian tyranny abanic rady man, while payment in advance,

earth life their age forever? We can conceive of their increase of knowledge-of their advancement in every thing that may make them our qualified instructors; but can we think of them as older, in appearance, than when they

The prevailing views as to the recognition of the home of the Christian. After an exchange friends in Heaven seem to require that there of views upon various questions relating to the should be this element of their condition. Will place, the society and the employments, it was your little daughter be so altered as to make proposed that every one present should men- an introduction necessary to your knowing her tion, briefly, the particular element of blessed- among the happy myriads? You expect to see ness which made Heaven to him or her especi- her, though it may be thirty years hence, still ally interesting and desirable. The suggestion the little one, as young, as small, as interestwas readily accepted, every one was confident ing as when Jesus took her out of your arms inman of reputation, and a crowd was expected. have led him to the school? Was there no lit- of ability to respond, being conscious of an ex- to His own, and bore her away that He might pectation that included one prominent object draw you after her. You may be told that this of desire. As all concurred in regarding the is fancy; but to you it lacks little of reality; presence of the Saviour as the primary joy, it and you would count that man cruel who should was agreed that the statements should be con- throw around your hope a shade of doubtfulfined to what every one considered as the high- ness. You part with your little son here for a est secondary joy of that happy realm. All few years, expecting when next you see him to find him an adult, altered in physical propor-" I find," said an eminent philanthropist tions. But no lapse of time can make you think

easily and rapidly acquired." A third, on plied to all endeavors to prolong her life, " No t

To joy's unclouded clime.

My beautiful, my blest ! With winning words and tond, beseeching tone They woo me to my rest.

- Watchman and Reflector.

Primitive religion-which was not clothed in fine linen, nor fared sumptuously every day As we count up the mercies that contribute preached in hovels and by the wayside more

STRAWS IN THE WIND .- The following advertisement is taken verbatim from a late num-What a desolation was that, when, by the or- ber of the London Church Times :- Wanted, a

away from the rest of the world. The refine- there is one place in the universe where a in receiving confessions." Just above it stands

thing sacred and sweet in all suffering; it is so much akin to the Man of sorrows.

What more glorious truth can possibly remain refreshing and invigorating, both to the body and sand millions have thus been gathered by the have been broken, and the stone is rolled from So that we never make nature a fair compensa- sions. Wonder not that Jesus said, concerning ent mystery has gone forth-Christ, the Son of Not another word was said. The officer turn- tion, when we undertake to square accounts, for little children, "Ot such is the kingdom of hea- God, became a man, God is Three in One, long, long imprisonment! I saw him go out of inordinately late the next morning. Such sleep Wonder not that John saw in glory "a great us forever and ever? Verily, these things are universally known and spread abroad. But take Christ from the Scriptures, and what willyou find in them more?

Lord Altred Paget writes to the Times to describe the pitiable condition of the inhabitants of the villages destroyed by the Bradfield inunleave their child in prison ! "Twenty years !" toms and arrangements of social life, many of us years we can speak with certainty as to what dation. He believes that £2,000,000 will not Suppose he should live through the sentence and know very well; and the difficulty is increased they are relatively; but who can show reason restore the damage done by this catastrophe, and the sum of £20,000 already subscribed will gone, the world changed, he will feel like a piece customs. I will cheerfully pay an eighth part of tinue young, and as such be forever objects of not nearly compensate the poorer sufferers. He of drift-wood on the great waters! Old houses my salary to the man that will make it practi- interest to one another and to all the adult in- adds that he has not heard them utter a murwill be pulled down and new ones built. Old cable for me to go to bed at ten o'clock. In ear- habitants? This is a question upon which the mur, but that those who have suffered least are people now will all be dead. The little boy of to- ly life you have better facilities than you will Revealed Word gives no definite information, assisting the most unfortunate with a praiseday will then be a man. The little girl will be have afterward for forming right habits in this and on such ground we would step with care-a woman then. The children in the Sabbath respect. All you want is a little firmness at the fulness. But if we do not misread human con. school now will be men and women then. How beginning, and some temporary self-denial, for sciousness, the heart loves to regard the multi- unburied corpses which still lie covered by the