

Youth's Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, September 3rd, 1865.

LUKE XXIV. 13-53: Christ appeareth to the two disciples going to Emmaus. 2 SAMUEL XX. Amasa slain by Joab.

Recite—Malachi iii. 16-18.

Sunday, September 10th, 1865.

CONCERT: or Review of the past months' subjects and lessons.

How and what to read.

Read much, but not many works. For what purpose, with what intent do we read? We read not for the sake of reading, but we read to the end that we may think. Reading is valuable only as it may supply the materials which the mind itself elaborates.

Look at the Preacher.

- 1. Because it is respectful. He has important business with you—addresses you. If he spoke to you in the street, or anywhere else, you would look at him. Civility requires this.

The happiest Hour.

In a circle of Christian friends the question was proposed, When are you happiest? The first answered, "when I am most submissive to the will of God."

"After all," remarked another "these various exercises of joy amount to the same thing; in communing with God and His truth, we shut self out from our vision; in doing for Christ's sake, we drop self for the Saviour; in conscious obedience we stand only by the Redeemer's righteousness. The Christian's deepest joy therefore, is when he most feels that God is every thing and self is nothing."

WORKS of piety and charity should, like water from a fountain, flow spontaneously from the gratitude and benevolence of a believing heart, and not require to be extorted with importunity like the toil and trouble of drawing water from a deep well.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Dr Murray's first Failure.

Young converts are easily discouraged. If they do not succeed in their first attempts at social prayer or exhortation, they often conclude they have no gift for labor, and settle down into habits of indolence and lethargy.

The following amusing incident is told of Nicholas Murray, so universally known as the author of the famous letters of "Kirwan," and one of the most eminent ministers of the Presbyterian church.

"A few days after, at the table, when we had just had considerable amusement, I turned to Murray and said, 'Return thanks.' The company were astonished. Murray was confounded, and raising up both hands, he said:

'Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, With all thy quickening power, Come shed abroad a Saviour's love In these cold hearts of ours. Amen.'

The ludicrous scene was indescribable. The whole company were in a roar of laughter as Murray left the room and ran to his bedchamber. I followed, and found him in a state of perfect confusion, and said, 'Why, Murray, what have you been doing? When I ask you to return thanks, you should not repeat Watts's hymns.'

The Nom de plume of sundry Persons.

Many writers for the press prefer not to have their names attached to their productions; and hence the custom of a nom de plume. A writer cannot long conceal himself under his mask, particularly if he is worth knowing.

Unwholesome Sleep.

Not always is sleep "tired nature's sweet restorer." Sometimes, instead of a balm, it brings a bogaboo in the shape of the nightmare. Man is a wonderful piece of work, but his machinery may be thrown out of gear and sent a-whizzing by so slight a thing as a late supper.

The term nightmare is supposed to have been derived from "Mara," the name of a demon which, according to the Scandinavian mythology, pounced upon men in their sleep and held the will in thrall.

into the fathomless depths. Most of us have probably been convulsed in our sleep with the same sort of thing which the tripped-up Titan is fabled to have experienced during his "lofty fall" from the celestial battlements.

There can be little doubt that many of the spectres of the dark ages were "maras" begotten of indigestion. Your Saxon gormandizer, who sometimes feasted far into the night on boar's flesh and venison pastry, washing them down with frothy mead, must have gone to bed with his stomach in a nice condition.

The surest way to avoid the nightmare and procure that sound, healthful repose with which each day's life should be "rounded off," is to live temperately, regularly, and honestly.

Notes on Overwork.

Unwise above many is the man who considers every hour lost which is not spent in reading, writing, or in study, and not more rational is she who thinks every moment of her time lost which does not find her sewing.

Confessions of Infidelity.

"I seem," says Hume, "affrighted and confounded with the solitude in which I am placed by my philosophy. When I look abroad, on every side I see dispute, contradiction and distraction.

Voltaire says: "The world abounds with wonders, also with victims. In man is more wretchedness than in all other animals put together." How did he judge of it? By his own heart.

Hear what St. Paul says: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day."

A dreary thing it is to walk through the crowded streets and see smiles wreathing around bright faces when they meet faces as bright as themselves, glad eyes lighting up at the sight of those whom they love, friend meeting friend, taking him by the hand with kind wishes and inquiries, and then look in upon our own heart and feel that none of these are for us.

If families could be induced to substitute the apple—sound, ripe and luscious—for the pies, cakes and candies, and other sweetmeats with which their children are too often indelicately stuffed, there would be a diminution in the sum total of doctor's bills in a single year sufficient to lay in a stock of this delicious fruit for a whole season.

When a man has been guilty of any vice or folly, I think the best atonement he can make for it, is to warn others not to fall into the like.

Scientific.

ERRORS ABOUT INSECTS.—Several very erroneous statements concerning these annoying creatures are constantly going the rounds of the press, and even find admittance to books.

Plums are not safe from the curculio "as soon as the stone is formed." If the first part of the season is favourable to the curculio's operations, the first set of eggs will be laid by the time the plums are half grown, and early fruit will escape with but little further injury.

The apple borer cannot be exterminated by any kind of attack through round holes which it makes in the bark. These holes are made by the mature beetle in escaping from the tree after the grub has finished his work.

The caterpillars cannot be overcome by destroying their webs while they are foraging abroad. Neither are they always to be found at home until 9 o'clock, A. M. Their habits vary with the weather, and are guided by acute instincts.

Honey bees are not injurious to fruit. Even wasps and hornets prefer that which has begun to decay, and rarely attack a sound spot.

Neither potato rot, pear blight or black knot are caused by any insect whatever. As to plums and cherries, injury from any cause gives an occasion for rot. All these diseases, except pear blight, are fully ascertained to be, or caused by, fungi.

When you see a bird dive at a cherry, and then see a hole in the cherry, are you quite sure that the bird made the hole? Many kinds of bugs and flies make such holes, and a bird who picks them out is doing you good service.

CURE OF HYDROPHOBIA.

The efficacy of Dr. Buisson's sudorific treatment of hydrophobia, as reported in these columns, is confirmed by the Revue des Provinces, which quotes the following from a journal printed in 1830: "I remember," says the narrator, "a man who formerly lived in the same place as I did, and who was unfortunate enough to be bitten by a mad dog. Some time after he fell ill, and very soon appeared all the symptoms of hydrophobia, which became so violent that his friends resolved to terminate his sufferings by suffocating him.

OCEAN OMNIBUS TO EUROPE IN A WEEK.

We find it stated that a company of the leading ship owners of New York have under consideration plans for building four magnificent vessels of eight thousand tons each, to be propelled by engines of two thousand five hundred horse-power, working two paddle wheels of the usual kind, and two screw propellers—so that in case of derangement of either set of machinery the other set should continue working without material impediment to the speed of the vessel.

A singular occurrence is mentioned in a letter which has been received in Manchester, N. H. A gentleman was informed, a few days ago, by his groom, that a favorite horse hung its head and refused its food. Some drops of blood were found in the horse's nostrils, and a veterinary surgeon recommended bleeding.

MAINTAIN dignity, without the appearance of pride; manner is something with everybody, and everything with some.