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Sunday, December 3rd, 1865.

JOHN v. 17-31: Christs answer to the Jews. Kings ii. 26-34: Joab is slain by Solomon's command.

Recite-PSALM XCIII.

Sunday, December 10th, 1865. JOHN v. 32-47: Christ's testimony concerning himself. 1 Kings ii. 35-46; Shimei is put to death. Recite-Isaiah ix. 6, 7-

A Lesson for the Boys.

Some twelve years ago a beautiful little child made his appearance in a certain city. His eyes were very bright, his hair black and shining, and his features very regular. Being the only son of his parents, they looked upon him with ing beds, but, that being surmounted, they made | would not fight. But nobody would mind him; pride and hope; and as he grew in stature, a bright intellect manifested itself, giving promise presented itself, 30,000 people having congre- He did so, but always saying that he never of noble manhood.

At an early age, with book in hand, he could be seen wending his way, with light and elastic step, to the school-room, where with joyful glee he joined his little companions in study and con amore. There were erected 300 tents, some they came to Gettysburg. There it was soon play. His voice rang clear and loud, and none was more merry than he; little dreaming those happy days were to be of so short duration. But sickness came, producing suffering most in tense. Those rounded features and rosy cheeks became thin and colorless, and instead of the light step, the little crutch was heard upon the sidewalk; yet he was cheerful and sometimes mingled with his playmates.

Then the disease took a more alarming form balling the skill of the physicians, and confining him to his bed. For weeks at a time he lay in one position, and then he could be moved around him, and at intervals of comparative ease, would read them and relate their contents. At such times too he wished to see his friends, of whom he had many; but there were seasons in which his nervous system was so sensitive that the breathing of a person in the room was pain ful, and his devoted and ever-watchful mother was obliged to stand listening in an adjoining room.

But after more than two years of suffering, and months of longing for a release, feeling, as he expressed it, that he was almost in heaven. nature yielded to the conflict, and his pure spirit. we doubt not, was wafted by angels to the mansions of everlasting rest. For Christ has said, " Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

And now, my dear boys, allow me to tell you that it is feared this suffering was occasioned in part, at least, by a blow upon the back, given by a playmate, playfully perhaps, but none the less injurious. Will you not then be very careful what you do even in sport. - Friends' Intelli-

"I am the Door."

Johnnie to go to church, and so father and moth- tents around, made up a wondrous scene Afer left Allan at home to take care of him, terwards he went into the praying tent, and The playthings were all put away except Kitty, took part in some of their services, waiting fill of the window, and Johnnie saw her no more friends. that morning.

look into my box of playthings. I wont take ry sometimes, so demonstrative as to excite out one. I just want to look at them; that laughter. They were also an Lospitable people.

Allan; "and you know you prayed this morn- matter they were far in advance of us." ing, 'Lead as not into temptation.'" "O dear," sighed Johnnie, "then I wish I

was at church "Come," said Allan, "I'll preach you a little

sermon."

"Well," said Johnnie, "I'll listen." So Allan took the great Bible, and found this text, which was so easy that Johnnie could read it himself I " I am the door."

" Here is a little text for a little boy who is four years old," said Allan, " for it has just four words in it, one for every year."

"The first word is 'I'. That has only one letter in it. This I means the Lord Jesus, the good Saviour who loves little children. "The second word is am. That has two

letters in it. When Jesus says, 'I am the door,' of course he does n't mean that he is a door the other insists upon having them; the one plalike that you shut just now ; but this little sermon is to show you how he is like a door.

"The third word is "the," which has three letters. Jesus says, 'the' door, because there is only one door sinto beaven and stories ato the

"The fourth word is * door," which has four letters in it. A door lets people into the house; and if there were no door, they could not get in. So the Lord Jesus lets his people into heavget in at all. A door keeps out the rain, and merely cautions its professors against, using the the dogs and thieves; and so Jesus keeps away all evil and hurtful things out of his beautiful

ter \$1 per Mottle-or \$5 for Bix Hest try "Now when you want to get into a house, you go straight to the door; and so if we want to go to heaven, we must go to Jesus and ask him to let us in."

So Allan knelt down, and little Johnnie by him, and they prayed to the dear Lord Jesus to make them his own good children, so that they might go into his beautiful city when they died A your best, your beloved Wriend.

The Rev. J. P. Crown on America.

The Rev. J. P. Chown, of Bradford, recently delivered a lecture in Exeter Hall, entitled. A Summer Furlough seress the Atlantical The Hall was well filled, whilst the crchestra was occupied by 600 children, refected from Metropolitan Bands of Hope, who very pleasingly sang the various pieces lately given at the Temperance fete at the Crystal Palace. The proceeds of the lecture were to be devoted to the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union. Thomas Hughes, Esq., M. P., presided. After describ- this part of the subject. This is connected number of carriages returning, and asked in his sometimes called Quakers. He had been forced simplicity, whether it would not be over before to join the army against his own will. He progetting there. The reply was that the meeting tested against it, and said he was opposed, on would continue ten or twelve days. Arrived at conscientious principles, to fighting, under any the village, there was some difficulty in procur- circumstances; that he could not fight and their way to the ground. A wondrous scene he was forced to shoulder his musket and march. gated that day, and he did not suppose a thonsand of them had walked. Police were there prepared in the booths and tents around, and to stand and hear singing in this direction, in that and in that; hear a band praying in a foreign language, there another in the old tongue he so liked to hear; then a voice rising loud, clear, and strong in prayer and exhortation above all the rest ;-impressed the mind and filled it with interest. After a little be and in the space there were three, noble trees, twilight. All the branch services closed when the hour for the central service came. He had placed himself on the platform. The sun was just setting in the distant western sky when a gentleman arose, and made an announcement that the bell would ring at ten o'clock, and that then those who had not a dwelling on the gound were to leave, and those who had were to go to bed and not talk, because the partitions being so thin, a little noise would disturb their neighfrom that immense body of people. Then there pected but with a good deal of adaptedness to excitement. Another preacher afterwards gave an address, and then a man with a broad-brim. in the Lord, and happy was he."- W. & R. med hat stepped forward, and struck up a sacred song to the tune of "Annie Laurie." When the chorus was sung strong men leaped up, embraced each other, wept, laughed, danced, shouted, and the whole assembly was filled with excitement. Such acts, with the place in which they were assembled, in the glimmering light from the branches of those majestic trees through which the evening breezes were whis-It was a rainy Sabbath, too wet for little pering above the people, with the lights in the

Mr. Chown next spoke of the American as "Allan," he said, "I wish I could just go and intense and noble patriots, proud of their countwould n't be breaking the Sabbath, would it?" As to education it was a striking feature of "It would be going into temptation," said their country. There was no doubt that in this

Differences between Russian Or thodoxy and Dissent.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times says: As the case between the two churches now stands, the one enjoins the use of the thumb, the index, and the middle finger in crossing yourself; the other recommending to unite the thumb, the third and fourth fingers, for the purpose, and to raise the middle and fore fingers in token of the double nature of Christ. The one prescribes that processions on leaving the church pounds in trust to pay the dividends annually shall turn to the right, the other proving the ne cessity of going to the left; the one rejects heads, ces seven loaves on the altar when administering the boly communion, the other five; the one sings three Hallelujahs at Easter, the other two. As a further numerical discrepancy, the Dissen ters pronounce the name of desus in three syl lables; the Church in two the former write it sin to cut the hair of the head, the establish scissors when it can be conveniently avoided. These, then, are points of difference and controversy between the two sections of a serious and Christian body. Need I add that the two churches never wanted men to vindicate the jus-

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A Quaker Soldier.

We heard frequently during the war of the difficulty experienced in North Carolina in conscripting for the army among the Quakers of that State. Some of them were unfaltering in adhering to their principles, and suffered imprisonment and fines for their tenacity. following incident, told by Dr. Newton, of Philadelphia, in a sermon to children, is very touching.

I wish to give you one other illustration of ing a number of persons and places visited, Mr. with the present war. It took place at the bat-Chown gave the following graphic account of a tle of Gettysburg, in our own State, two sum-Camp-meeting held by the Episcopal Metho mers ago. In one of the regiments of the rebel dists. It was held near the river Hudson, on army was a company of soldiers from North their own ground, extending to some twelve Carolina. In this company was a person who acres. As he came near to the spot, he met a belonged to the religious society of Friends, would fight.

The regiment to which he belonged joined from New York, chosen, because members of the Gen. Lee's army in the invasion of Pennsylvasociety, for this duty, and they did their work nia. But it was never called into action till of them very long, and many of them private known that a great battle was to be fought. residences, making up a picturesque and strik. Just before the battle began, this Friend went ing scene. They got there between the after- to the colonel of his regiment and said he could noon and evening's work, and then obtained tea not go into the fight. The colonel said he must. and other refreshment. Meetings were being He said he could not and would not. "Then," said the colonel, "I'll have you shot."

"Thee can do as thee pleases about that

trust in God-but I cannot fight." The colonel had him led out into an open space, and ordered a squad of soldiers to shoot him. While the soldiers were making ready, taking aim, and waiting the command to "fire !"

St. Paul a tentmaker.

No higher example can be found of the possibility of combining diligent labor in the commonthings of life with the utmost spirituality of mind. Those who might have visited Aquila at Corinth in the working hours, would have found St. Paul quietly occupied with the same task as his dellow taborers. Though he knew the gospel to be a matter of life and death to the soul he gave himself to an ordinary trade with as so Johnnie played with Kitty until be made her they should hear the ringing of the bell to go to much zeal as though he had no other occupaangry by trying to take her up by the ears as his hotel. He was thankful that he had attend tion. It is the duty of every man to maintain Allan took his rabbits. Then she jumped out ed a camp-meeting amongst their American an honorable independence; and this be telt, was peculiarly incumbent on him, for the sake of the gospel he came to proclaim. He knew the oblocity to which he was likely to be exposed, and he prudently prepared for it. The highest motives instigated his diligence in the commonest manual toil. And this toil was no hindrance to that communion with God, which was his greatest joy, and the source of all his peace. While he "labored, working with his own hands "among the Corinthians, as he afterwards remind d them, in his heart he was pray ing continually with thanksgiving, on behalf of the Thessalonians, as he says to them himself in the letters which he dictated in the intervals of his labor.

> A CURIOUS BEQUEST -The following notice was lately posted on the doors of the parish church at Holsworthy, Devon :- " Extract from the Will of the late Rev. Thomas Meyrick I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred to the churchwardens of the parish of Hols who is under thirty years of age, and generally esteemed by the young as the most deserting and most handsome, and the most noted for ber quietness and attendance in church; and on the next day shall openly give the remainder

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The Texas correspondent of the New York Tribune writing from Castorville, tells the following singular story about planting watermelons: When we had stopped to feed ourselves and water our horses, about noon, on the first, and about five miles from Austin, a superannuated negro man, old enough to be mossy? came down to the tence, and, after regarding us over the top rail for a minute, enquired if we would buy some 'millions' (watermelons). Several of us went with him to his patch, which was about half an acre in extent. His melons were the largest I had over seen, but there was one menster that loomed up among its fellows like an elephant among oxen. - Some one asked bim the price of it. " All I want is the price of the chicken, sah!' Seeing no chickens about, an explanation was asked: Why, you see, sah, early in the Spring, before planting time comes, I takes a young chicken, as soon as its throat gets big enough, and I feed that chicken will seven dry watermelon seedsjust seven--and just as soon as he has got dem seven down his throat, I kills him, and sah, I plants dat dare chicken in the middle of the patch. 'What, said one of the party, 'do you mean to say that this is the way you raise melons?' Dat is de way I raised dat one, sah, replied the old man, and I'se done de same thing dis forty year, and long afore I was in Texas. We satisfied ourselves with some twenty smaller ones, whose parent vine had originated in a less objectionable place. Who says negroes have no ideas of their own ?

specials as it was 'quirerna in the age THE MAN WITH THE WHITE HAT. WHEN

The Mark Lane Express relates the following amusing incident :- " At an agricultural dinner -the man stood calmly there, and, lifting up held in Lincolnshire a few days since, Mr. W. only under the influence of chloroform, which saw a preaching platform, with as broad a space, his face to heaven, said, in a loud, clear, voice, North, whilst proposing "The Town and trade rendered him insensible to the suffering it occa- before it, as that before him at Exeter Hall. A Father, forgive them, the know not what of Bos on, begged permission of the chairman sioned. But even in this state he had his books man there was lighting two or three large tamps, they do !" The men threw down their arms, to exercise a privilege conceded to him by the and said they wouldn't shoot such a man.' stewards that of awarding a judge's prize, over each; of which were scattered a number of Another squad was called out, and the same which the official judges had over looked. It little lamps, like glow worms in the summer thing occurred with them. The colonel was would be fresh in the recollection of many prevery angry. He swore a dreadful oath, declar- sent that at the last annual meeting he had the ing he would trample the man to death. He distinguished honour to receive a white hat put spurs to his horse, and galloped up to him (roars of laughter) as a prize for the worst to ride him down. But when the horse came stacking and the most slovenly stack yard. He up to the man, he reared up on his bind legs had carefully preserved the prize : and having and turned away. This was repeated two or made an inspection of a great many farmsteads, three times with the same result. Then the he had met with one that he considered fairly trumpet sounded to battle. The colonel had to entitled its owner to be the holder of the hat hasten away and lead his men into the fight, for the ensuing twelve months, and having and, in one of the first volleys fired by our ar- brought the bat with him to the meeting, he bours. A hymn was sung, and a song arose my, he fell, mortally wounded. The Quaker had very great pleasure in awarding it to the soldier was taken prisoner by our men. He was gentleman he had just alluded to, and that was was a sermon, not with the power he had ex bi ought to this city, and was afterwards dis- the vice-chairman, Mr. W. Weish (roars of charged by President Lincoln, and released laughter). Mr. North said the that had never from doing military duty. This man "trusted fitted him (laughter), and therefore he could very cheerfully part from it. He then, amid the convulsive laughter of the company, handed the hat and box over to Mr. Welsh, and resumed his seat.

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE.

" Agriculture is to a nation what the mainspring is to a watch; it is its life, its grand moving power, it gives energy and action to all the varied interests of a people, and as Daniel Webster truthfully and forcibly said, without it we could not have manufactures and we should not have commerce. The three ' stand togethe er like pillars in a cluster, the largest in the centre and that largest is agriculture. There is no period—and there can be none—in the history of any nation when this great interest is not to be fostered and promoted, and none when it is not looked to as the main bulwark of a mation's strength and hope. In times of peace as wellas in times of war this is alike true, and all nations of any importance have found it /true, Not only are those countries the most prosperous in cycles of peace which are mainly agricultural countries, but in periods of war (whether foreign or domestic), the record of history has been that they have uniformly fought the best achieved the greatest victories and established the most enduring and satisfactory peace."---Maine Farmer ... Jam not obligate of a

BENEFIT OF BONES - There is nothing that the farmer wastes that is so valuable as bones. The phosphorus contained in them is of the richest matter for farming purposes They should never be thrown away. Save them always. Either break them up as fine as you can, and apply to the soil or burn and pulverise them. Treated in this way, or reduced by acid worthy, who shall openly give 2/. 10s. to the or alkalies, they are the most direct stimulants young single woman resident in that parish, the soil can have. They rank among the superphosphates. At least save your bones, and give them to your gardens in some form or other They will tell in any form - Rural World

A DELICATE DESSERT - A house wife who of the dividend to any apinster not under sixty has tried it ' sends the following receipt: thay IS, the latter in full; and while the "old be years of age, and, noted for the like virtues, and half a dozen crackers, in a turreen, pour on lievers," as they call themselves, consider it a not receiving parochial relief. The church enough boiling water to cover them. In a few mardens will be glad to receive the names of any minutes they will be swollen to three or four en; and if it were not for him they could not ment is not equally rigorous on the subject, but either of the above bounties before the 19th, and a little nutmeg over them, and dip on enough sweet cream to make a nice sauce, and you will have a simple sand delicious desgers that A carro's matrofox. The gospel involves will rest lightly on the stomach sand it is easily

> the errors and abominable, heresies of the rival Jesus is the child's ples; the grace of Jesus is either flowering plants, will redden them visidthe child's strongth pleasing Jesus is the child's ly dowers nearly white being thus turned to a consider rule of right, and going to be with Jesus deep red, sometimes altogether, and sometimes ill When your go to graver, remember you go to is the child's best thought of heaven.—Rev. S. mixed with the lighter bue in a half dozenwarie-bus your best, your beloved griend.