Months' Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, September 9th, 1866.

CONCERT: or Review of the past months subjects

Sunday, September 16th, 1866.

JOHN XX. 1-18: Christ's resur ection. 1 Kings XX 1-14: Benhadad besieges Samuria. Recite-Isatan liii 8, 9,

How strong a Temptation may be.

Mr. S. was a member of one of the first finites in Scotland, and a young man of inde pendent fortune. He had secretly acquired the vice of drinking, and it had taken firm bold upon his constitution before his family succeeded in detecting it. He was naturally of a very gentlemanly and amiable disposition; but when intoxicated he was more like a madman that a sane person, his language and behaviour on these occasions being of the most disgraceful edescription. With a view of curing bin of this babit, is triends placed him under the care of a physician residing at South Kensington. He had great personal liberty given him, but, at the same time, was watched o see that he did she had the baby in her arms; so, wrapping a not enter a public house, for it was in those shawl about it, she placed it on a sota on which establishments that he generally misconducted himself. To make security doubly sure, he was never allowed to have money with him when he left home. For some time his behavior was perfectly irreproachable, so much so that at last the physician said to him,

"Mr. S., it is a most painful thing to me not to a low you to have any money in your pocket when you leave bom . It you will pledge me your honor as a gentleman that you will not enter a public house, you may have any sum you wish."

to I give you my word of honor, doctor," replied Mr. S., "that I will not enter a public house, and I should feel obliged to you if you will allow me to have ten pounds?

The money was given to him. About midday he quitted the bouse, and it was expected he would return home to the family dinner at however, and as he was generally very nunctual his absence caused the doctor considerable uneasiness, and after waiting nearly an hour the family dined without him. During the whole evening the worthy doctor remained in a state of great a xiety, wondering what had become of his patient. It was past midnight before he made his appearance and then with such a changed countenance that it perfectly sterrified the doctor. Mr. S. had left in the me ning in high spirits and perfect good bu mor; when he re urned, he was palled as a ghost, with intense and paintul anxiety ex pressed on his leatures. Before the doctor could ask what had caused his absence, Mr. S. thrust his hand into his pocket, and taking from it the ten sovereigns which had been given to him in the morning, he threw them on the table, saving Take back your money, doctor; I will have politing more to do with it, for I never passed anch a dreadful day in my life. From the time Blets home to the present moment, the temptat tion, to enter a public house was so strong on me that several times I stood outside the door of one for half an hour together, trying to summon up power to leave it. Fortunately, I succeeded; bur I will never be placed under the same temptation again, unless you will wishdraw from me all rescriction. I will not, I assure gou, enter a public honse if I can restrain my again, I will not."

Shortly after, the poor fellow became a con- practical common sense : firmed unanc, and had to be placed under confinement.— Good Words.

The infidel settlement.

house of wor hip from a wealthy unbeliever, by low, can yer tell us hat?" tages of religion in the healthy growth of a com- riosity. munity are very toreibly set forth by contrast in " My friend," said the missionary, " a man

our Western prairies which was avowedly infalel asks from enriosity, or he wants to puzzle the in sentiment. The old proverb about "birds of man be questions." a feather" proved true in their case. One unbe- A knowing wink from Bill to his mates Kever influenced another of his acquamtance to showed that the last suggestion had hit the jo a him, until there was quite a large settlement mark. hose who said in their words, "There is no "Yes, I see," said the missionary, " you want

in cach other's society. There would be no nar you, will you be so good as jo tell me what are row minded Gos, el preacher to disturb peace by the com onent parts of oxygenated muriatic sounding atarm in their ears. They could now acid of time?" have the privilege of living and dying like the Silence for a moment, then a nudge and a bru es about the me, and no one should oppose chuckle on the part of a mate. " E, Bill, he's

Bu the select society did not prosper well. Who ever knew of an infidel community that my question-what was it I asked you?! was a moral one? What people ever fived withbeather ish degra ation? The most cultivated call the words. among them began to ake the alarm. So it was at length decided that it would be very respect able and beneficial for them to meet every Sabbath, and lises to a moral lecture from the law- finger ends? The har on your head? What yer of the place, who consented to accept the is it in you that thinks?" office of muras pus or of the flock.

The sad condition of the children, who were you, he has I' chimed in another neighbors. steps that should elegate and improve their con- thinks, is your soul."

dition. So it was decided that they, too, should be gathered, to be instructed in morals, and of its immortality and its redemption, to listentaught to sing, perhaps. The observance of the ers who were now all eager attention. Sabbath even in this poor way was found to be a great advantage to the place, and so well con vinced did some of the leading men become of the impossibility of an enlightened settlement without some form of religion, that they at last wrote on to the East to have a minister sent them. Of course they would receive him only as a necessary evil, merely for the worldly prosperity of the place. Yet with all that, God's Word would not be sown in vain. It remains greatly exaggerated. A short time since on to be seen what the result will be. Xet from such strange seed-sowing God has been often pleased to bring fo.th an abundant harvest to His glory.

The Monkey and the Child.

In the year 1818 a vessel set sail from Jamaica for England, and among the passengers was a lady, the mother of an intant only a f w weeks old. The voyage was very pleasant, the weather remarkably fine, and the passengers did their best to make the time pass agreeably. One beautiful atternoon the captain perceived a distant sail-a sight that is always welcome at sea. The disc very attracted the attention of all on board, and after the captain has gratified bis own curiosity, he politely offered his telescope to the lady, that she might have a clearer view of the distant vessel. At that moment she had been sitti g. The captain assisted her to steady the glass but scarcely had she applied her eye to it than the belmsman cried out. " See what that mischievous monkey has done!" The mother's feelings may be imagined, when, on instant y turning round, she saw that a large, strong, and active monkey which was on board the vessel had grasped the infant firmly Now is not this a fearful picture? And it with one arm, and with the other was nimbly mother, at the sight of her babe thus in a mohad been conveyed from the deck to the cabin, and gradually restored to her senses; but her cries were most distressing, and it was only by camain ordered that every man should conceal the watchman's hand." bimself below. The order was promptly obeyd, and the captain took a seat where he could see without being seen. To his great relief, the monkey, on finding the coast clear, cautiously descended from the mast-head, and replaced the every other respect free from injury. The written the following inscription: mother's feelings of joy and gratitude, when the child was once more placed in her arms, may 000-all or which has gone for rum! What a be better imagined than described.

An apt reply.

self, but to submit to a day of the same torture, a beer shop, shows how much may be done by ders his fortune, ruins his business and his good the Tabarus that forments our houses in the

who stond near.

" O. yer one of the soul mongers! Always at Touch not! taste not! handle not!- Uncle it! talkin' of what yer don't understand. Id Pigrim Dr. Bushnell once secured a subscription for a like to know, what is a soui? Come, old tel-

asking the novel question, " What would real es . Attention was aroused, and the answer to tate be wor h in Sodom ?" The social advan- "Bill's" question was waited for with some cu-

the following statement from the S. S. Times: generally asks a question for one of three rea-There was a community gathered on one of sous: rither he cares to get an answer, or he

to puzzle me, to show me up ; now, you know, D ubtless they hoped now to be very lappy two can play at that game, and before I answer

got you there !

"You can't tell me? Well, at least, repeat But bardly liked to give in, and turned his out a Sabbath, who did not sink down into head from side to side in a vain effort to re-

> " Can't you say ?" inquired the missionary. "I'm a binkin."

"Thinking, are you? What with? Your of wood in raising steam.

The missionary then took occasion to speak

Drankenness among Women.

We had seen statements similar to the following extract from correspondence of the Philadelphia Episcopalian, and the Boston Round Table, but were doubtful whether they were not meeting a lady from New York, who had been actively engaged in mission work in that city, we made particular enquiry, and were assured that it is not only true, but that the half has not been told.

The following is the statement referred to:

your last week's issue, which, from its learful increase, seems to demand special notice,-the sin and evit of social drinking. A well known New York paper says in a late issue," We have the best authority for stating, that some of the elegant ladies of our leading cities will pass the summer, not at Sara oga and Newport as usual. but at an asylum for inebriates ! And we assert, on the same authority, that the vice of fashionable drinking is now more prevalent among the ladies than among the gentlemen of our country. It further asserts that "girls of eighteen, the daughters of our most respectable merchants, have been seen grossly intoxicated in Broadway stages, and on the streets, that ladies drink in secret, keeping bottles concealed about their homes, that they patronize what are eatled "ladies' restaurants," where they order fancy drinks; and that in some stores and mations des modes, bottles of wine are kept for lady

is not alone in New York that such things are climbing the shrouds, with the evident intention to be seen. Any one who will take the pains to of reaching the very op of the main mast. The go to certain ladies' restaurants in our own city, can see ladies sipping their fancy drinks ment taken from her, fainted away. The cap. here also. "We speak that we do know, and tain was at his wir a end. He was afraid, it he testily that we have seen," when we say, that sent the sailors to climb up to the monkey, that here, too, ladies drink their wines, and seem to Meeting to be held in Adrian next month. it would drop the child, and endeavor to escape think it setuething to laugh at; something smart, The entries were required to be made with the by leaping from one mast to another. In the -and they joke one another, about "leeting Secretary at his office in Detroit on or before meantime the infant was heard to cry, and it light -" teeling it in their heads"- being the 15th of July. The examination of the was thought that it was suffering from the ' weak in the knees," &c. ; as it "glorying in farms is to have re erence to the following seven o'clock. He did not make his appearance gripe of the monkey; but the animal was ob. their shaine." Oh, do these remember the points, which are laid down for the guidance of served to imitate the motions of a nur e by words of that book which they profess to take the judges :dandling, soothing, and caressing the child, and as their guide- fools make a mock at sin!" even endeavoring to hush it to sleep. The lady Do they not know that where we have gone so far that we can laugh at evil, we need go but further turber to be overcome of it?

> On sire, sound the note of warning, it is force tha she could be prevented from going needed! S and between the living and the on deck and trying to climb the mast. Many dead, and cry day and night unto the children plan was tried to lare the monkey from his of your people; then, if they perish, they lofty eminence, but all in vain. At length, the perish, but their blood cannot be required at

\$100,000 gone for Rum!

In opening one of the letters to the office the last, past, and present years. intant on the sofa from which it had been taken, other day, we tound a one dollar bill, on the cold and frettul, and perhaps frightened, but in back of which, in a neat business hand, was pursued, with the aggregate amount of stocks

"This is the last dollar of a fortune of \$100,-Those who would win souls must have their makes a man a fool, until, bewildered and see mosquito, and forget that in the larva state she wits about them. Tact is indispensable. The duced by us fascinations, he throws hanself had purified he water, which would otherwise ollowing incident of a city missionary who one away, a willing victim, and becomes a sor and a by its material official bare generated agues Sabbath sought to do good to a party of men in brute, destroys his health and his peace, squan- and fevers. In all probability, when we rail at a Christian who unites with his piety, keen, name, brings his family to poverty and minery, summer, we are railing at insects which in the He entered with a few little books in his out from the kingdom of God for ever. Verily, national wealth, by preying upon those most procket; and taking out one, which was a dia- " wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging; insidious and unmanageable of all the insect fees logue, off red to read it in parts with a man and whosever is deceived thereby is not wise." of the farmer-subterraneous, root-feeding lar-Would you be always sate, young reader? va."

> Total abstinence is the only path of safety for ladies as well as gentlemen. We commend the principle to our tair readers-old and

Scient fic.

ARTIFICIAL STONE .- The art of making stone in a plastic state has been known for a considerable time; but hitherto there has been intle practical use of the discovery. There is now an artificial stone company at New Haven, which makes extensively a very desirable quality of stone, the ingredients of which are sand, quartz and silicite of soda. In wenty four hours this composition hardens from the consistency of putty to that of rock.

FI H AS FUEL -A very novel use of fish is reported to be made on the Western lakes. The sturgeon which get too stale for market are sold on the wharves to the steamcoat rokers. who thrust the into their furnaces and greatly facilitate the combustion of the wood. Twenty of these big fish are equal, it is said, to a cord

judgment will be spent in the same manner. st., N Y.

WATER FOR STOCK

"A friend of ours who takes an interest in such matters has been lately measuring the water consumed daily by his cattle, and as every drop must be pumped for them, the quantity used has been easily ascertained. The result of his observation is, that the thirty-six he has grazing in two adjoining fields consume daily upwards of 900 gations of water. Now, bearing this fact in mind, what can be the state of cattle or sheep carried by railway, and confined in trucks for twenty-tenr, forty-eight, or it may be fifty six bours, and even more, without getting a dr p of water all the time, besides the terrible shaking which cattle experience during the journey, and the fatigue caused by their being "There is one matter to which you referred in unable to lie down? Is it possible that animals treated in this way can be heal by, or their flesh, if fat, in a wholesome state to be used as human food? Rai way cattle traffic is a matter in which the public at large, not less than farmers and graziers, are deeply concerned. If it had been the case of a cab horse or a coster monger's donkey at work with a galled shoulder. the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would be down upon the owner as once, and quite right; but railway folk, we suspect, are too high game to fly at, and in this way an amount of cruelty is perpetrated-unintentionally, we candidly believe, in most cases of which tew have any adequate idea."-Scottish Farmer.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

The Executive Committee of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, at its last winter meeting, offered the following premiums on

1. For the best improved and most profitable farm of not less than 160 acres in area, a tremium of \$100.

2 For the best imp oved an most profitable farm of not less than 80 acres, and not over 160

acres, a premium of \$75. These prizes are to be awarded at the Annual

1. The condition of the surface with regard to its economical division into fields, its improvement, the fences, and the system of cul-

tivation practiced. 2. The tarm house, and grounds, orchards, farm buildings, vards and arrangements for taking care of the stock and crops, incident to the particular system of culture practiced.

3. The amount of drainage, if such work was necessary, and the improvement caused by open or by under drains.

4. The quantity and quality of the live stock maintained.

5. The amount and condition of the crops for

6. The returns obtained by the system and crop kept and obtained per acre.

USEFUL INSECTS The Entomologist says miserable fool I have been! JAMES T. COPP" " We blame the house flies for annoying, and Fool, indeed, thought we. And such is the fail to see that in the laws state they have power of rum. And such are us sad effects, cleared away impurities around our dwellings, and the effects of all strong drink upon those which might otherwise have bred cholera and who use it It seals away the brain, and typhus fever. We execute the blood thirsty and dies, at last, a death of horrors, and is shut larva state have added millions of dollars to the

> A NEW FARM YEARLY - The Rural Advertiser, for June, in remarking on the various fertilizers used by tarmers says there is one untailing source of supply within reach of every farmer. This is found in deep ploughing and a proper pulverization of the soil. In other words, depth of soil ben ath their crops and fertilizing at most heric gases come them." By ploughing an inch deeper every year, a new farm, so to speak, is obtained. Of course there is a limit to this but the trouble generally is, that but few persevere till they re ch it.

To KEEP ICE -Bell's Messenger says :-"Make a double pocket of any kind of strong woollen cloth, no matter how coarse and faded it is. Have a space of two inches or so between the inner and outer pockets, and pack this space as full as possible with teathers. You have no need to us geese teathers; hen's teathers are just as good. With a pocket thus constructed and kept closely tied at the mouth, a iew pounds of ice may be kept a week."

MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S WORLD'S HAIR RE-STORER and Dressing. Words can not rescribe the gloss, the silkiness, the inxuriance, the flowing, wavy beauty o the hair that is dressed with these preparations. Soil by all Druggis s.

OF ALL STUDIES, STUDY YOUR OWN CON-DITION - Rev. H. V. Deren, Boston, Mass., writes-" That Mrs S. A Allen's World's "I never go to church," said a country trades Hair Restorer and Z lobalsamum promote the " Caught you, Bill I the old fellow's caught man to his parish clergy man; " I always spend grow h of the hair where babliness was com-Sunday in settling accounts." The minister im | menced. I have the evidence of my own eyes." growin up in vine next called loudly for some "I have answered you, my friend; what mediately replied, "You will find the day of Sold by all Days as Dans, 193 Green with