Nouths' Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

(From "Robinson's Harmony.")

Sunday, August 21st, 1870. JOHN XV. 1-27: Christ the true vine. His disciples hated by the world

Reate-Scripture Catechism, 131, 132.

Sunday, August 28th, 1870. John xvi. 1-33: Persecution fore told. Further promise of the Holy Spirit. Prayer in the .name of Christ.

Recite, S. C., 133, 134.

ANSWER TO SCRIPTURE ENIGMA.

NO. XLVIII.

1.	A-mo-s .			Amos i. I.
2.	D-rusill-a	d.		Acts xxiv. 24.
3.	O-thnie-l			Judges i. 13.
				1 Kings xxi. 1.
				2 Sam. iii. 5.
				Luke xix. 2, 3.
7.	E-she-k .			1 Chron. viii. 39, 40
				Lev. xxiv. 11.
				Jer. xxxvi. 25.
10.	K-in-g .			Isc. xxxiii. 17.

BIBLE SCENES.

NO. II.

lowing picture is recorded :--

ADONIZEDEK. BALEM'S KING .- Josh. x. 3, &c.

whose ruins strange incense rises. The temple is them that they should teach themselves, or that destroyed, the idol reduced to powder, and the polluted grove burnt to ashes. From the sepul- Christian fidelity, the art of sacred song. We chres on the mount the bones have been brought feel that it would be very wicked in us, as Chrisforth and are smouldering on the altar. But tian parents, to bring up our children and never there is one tomb which the king will not suffer teach them how to pray; but the command to his men to touch; that of the seer, whose pro- pray is not any more explicit than the command phecy, uttered more than three centuries before, to sing; and the act of prayer is scarcely more is this day literally fulfilled.

DAVID IN ADULLAM.

BY RICHARD WILTON, M. A.

Hid in Adullam's "dry and thirsty" cave, Longing he cried-faint with fierce harvest heat

Which, by the gate, wells out its cooling wave!"

Present the crystal cup—his wish complete-He pours, refusing his parched lips to lave.

And, faint and weary, long to drink of them For that blest fountain, clear as crystal seeming, Gladly earth s broken cisterns I contemn :-I see the crimson through the crystal gleaming, Dear " water of the well of Bethlehem!

LILACS.

BY MRS. M. B. C. SLADE.

Dame Margery has a lilac bush, That grows by her cottage door, And there it has blossomed its purple flush, Full twenty-five years or more. For she says, and a quiver goes over her lip, "John planted it here for me, That morning before he sailed in the ship That never came home from sea."

To every boy and girl that goes To school by the kind dame's door, She gives a bunch of the purple blows, Till blossoming time is o er. She loves to have, and she loves to give. And the good dame says, " You know The way to keep, you'll see, if you live Next Spring, is to bestow."

Ma'am Allison lives across the street, And her lilac tree grows high; But away she drives the little feet; When they come her lilacs nigh. " Dame Margery's blooms will coon be gone-· She's foolish, seems to me; I'll not be breaking my lilacs down

For every child," says she.

Spring came, Dame Margery's bush was full Of wonderful, perfect bloom; In royal purple beautiful, And sweet with its fresh perfume. Ma'am Allison's tree had of blooms not one! The last years seeds were there; But vain she watched till the May was gone, For purple blossoms fair.

Dame Margery said, " Ah! don't you know If last year's blossoms stay, The next year's buds will fail to grow. Till these are broken away? for this year's lilacs cannot live " With seeds of last year's Spring." Ma'am Allison learned that she must give

If she would have a thing. - Little Corporal.

God hears the heart though without words; but he never hears words without the heart.

not prudent in the choice of his company.

CHRISTIAN SONG.

BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

words :-

selves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, Lord : giving thanks for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus

The Apostle James says:

"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms."

moment, to the Book of Psalms, and to the exhortation with which, I was almost going to say, half the Psalms begin-" Sing unto the Lord," The command in the Hebrew Scriptures to sing, as contained in the Book of Psalms, is universal. It was a practice, in the Hebrew economy, to sing much. Singing constituted a large part of the public worship of the Hebrews.

It is on this matter of Christian song, and its relations to our experience, that I wish to speak

a few words to night.

A great many persons think that singing is a luxury which they may deny themselves if they Find the narrative in the Bible where the fol- please. There are very few persons who have ever thought that singing was a duty. There Again a king stands before that altar from are very few who have had it borne in upon they should teach their households, as a part of beneficial than the act of song. Nay, I think it is not as beneficial. I think that more persons could bring themselves into a spiritual state by sacred song, which includes prayer, than they could by prayer alone, which does not include song necessarily,

No man can afford to be without a good hymn-

of May, with spring blossoms on every hand! - sprang up, and advanced two or three paces .lasted till Sunday.

singing; and that is one reason why, when I groaning, 'Madonna, Madonna.' " came into this church as your pastor, I determined that there should be singing in the congregation, and why I never changed that determination. You know how, for eight or ten years, I fought you night and day. You differed from (and I would have it; I knew I was right, and I last you will write, or your friend may die be- to be used. would not give up), congregational singing was in-augurated among us. And now all—men, wo-magnetism, to remove the cruei effect of un-the hearts of the colored people to these schools men and children-sing. And one reason why kind words written. Harsh writing has a horrid as rapidly as possible-assuring them in each the Lord dwells among us so much, why there is look; and things which you may speak with- State that the school is theirs, that they should so much spirituality in the church, why the peo- out offence, when written seem unpardonable. assist in its management, send to it their pious ple in the church are so cheerful and happy and Above all, except in cases of absolute necessity, youth and adults who desire to preach or teach, social, and why you love each other as much as do not write ill of a third person, or put your and contribute to its support. you do, is that you sing with grace in your hearts hand to a letter which may make mischief past to the Lord. And I always feel that a church remedy. It is unsafe to talk boldly of people, already secured and invested in valuable school that do not sing have hard sledding. Sleigh-rid- much more to write about them in that style. properties in the Southern States. ing in winter, and no bells-think of it! A The friendly letter is the very place for egotism.

connected with my own history that I never see concerning him and his; but do yourself the Another denomination is asking for half a milthem without almost feeling as though they justice to suppose that he is interested in you lion for the freedmen's work in one year. How No man can be provident of his time who is were a part of myself. I was subject, when a also. Convey information about whatever con- modest then is our request. Do not wait to give

There are many of the practical and ethical ful, and courageous and cheerful as I am; and are forgotten, but the written letter remains. commands of the New Testament which men yet for days and days the sun has been blotted. The art of letter writing should receive more

by Mr. NETTLETON, under which I shriveled and other form of writing .- Phila. Ledger. quivered like an aspen leaf; I remember going away and trying to pray, and waiting for a change to come which should translate me: and I remember taking this hymn, and singing, and This takes you back, if you will think one single singing, and singing it, and finding it a great comfort, though it did not bring me through:

" Come, trembling sinner, in whose breast. A thousand thoughts revolve-Come with your guilt and fear oppressed, And make this last resolve:

" I'll go to Jesus, though my sin Hath like a mountain rose; I know his courts I'll enter in, Whatever may oppose.

"Prostrate I'll lie before his throne, And there my guilt confess; I'll tell him I'm a wretch andone, Without his sovereign grace.

"Perhaps he will admi: my plea, Perhaps will hear my prayer; But if I perish, I will pray, And perish only there. "I can but perish if I go;

I am resolved to try; For if I stay away, I know I must forever die."

It may seem very little to you; but I tell you that hymn was tike the day of judgment to me, so full of anguish was I. And I could pick out vileges of citizenship. twenty hymns that, like this one, have gone through and through me.

A PAPAL MIRACLE.

The Gartenlaube gives the following account of a Papal miracle, which may or may not be true: "Shortly after Easter an event occurred in book, any more than he can afford to be without Rome which had but few witnesses, and has since "Oh for a draught from Bethlehem's fountain his Bible. The effect of having the Bible has been cautiously and timidly whispered through been to make the hymn-book. Already there is the streets. The scene is at Monte Mario, in the a large harvest of wine expressed from the neighborhood of Villa Melini. Leaning heavily Bursting through hosts of focs three warriors clusters gathered from that vineyard of the Lord, on the arm of an attendant, the Pope climbed the steep ascent. Among a troop of mendicants While by singing we convert intellectual reli- there was one lame of both feet, who seemed to Which, as with life-blood crimsoned, at his feet | gion into emotive religion, and while there is a | have a particular claim to the compassion of the provision made in singing for the development of benevolent. As his Holiness drew near, the So, by Heaven's gate, I see pure waters streaming, almost every phase of Christian experience, withered countenance of the beggar brightened singing also has a wonderful effect directly upon up; he raised his hands, and every feature seemed those feelings which we wish to restrain. How to say, 'Master, have pity on me!' Pope Pius quick a man's mood changes under singing! All went up to him, and when we recollect his very are not alike susceptible, but all are susceptible decided penchant for miracles, and his firm conto some extent, in this regard. I speak with viction that he himself is a wonderful instrument emphasis on this point, because I am peculiarly of Divine Providence, we can easily comprehend sensitive to singing, and because I owe so much the sequel. Profoundly agitated, he raised his to it. How many times have I come into the hand, and said to the infirm mendicant, ' Arise, church on Sunday morning, jaded and somewhat take up thy bed and walk!' It is hardly possidesponding-saddened, at any rate-and, before ble to form an idea of the effect produced on the the organ voluntary was completed, undergone a poor sufferer by these words issuing from the change as great as though I had been taken out mouth of infallibility. He stood a moment as of January, and plumped down into the middle if electrified, and then with sparkling eyes How many, many times have I been lifted out of The countenance of the Pope beamed with rapa depressed tate of mind into a cheerful mood ture, but in a few seconds the seemingly healed by the singing, before I began to preach! How beggar fell heavily to the ground. Like a soldier often, in looking forward to the Friday night pressing forward with desperate energy to the meeting, has my prevailing thought been, not attack of an impregnable fortress, the Pontiff of what I was going to say, and not of the cried a second time, Arise and walk! but when prayers that would be offered, but of the hymns the patient sprang up again, only to fall down that would be sung. My prayer-meeting con- anew, the hands of the Pope trembled, his voice sists largely of hymns, which are full of of pray- became hoarse, and he repeated the commund a ings. And my predominant thought in connecthird time, stammering. Yet another convulsive tion with our Friday night gatherings is, "Oh! effort, and the eyes of the half-savage and filthy that sweet, joyful singing!" And many and Lazarus revealed horribly all his suffering and many a time the prayer-meeting has helped me disappointment. The face of Pope Pius became clear through to the Sabbath. I have been filled deadly pale, and he was borne, half-fainting, to with inspiration on Friday night and it has his carriage. In another moment the vehicle was rolling away at a furious pace, while the unfor-I see, I feel, I know what power there is in tunate mendicant lay writhing on the s reet and phia,-

LETTER WRITING

These hymns of experience are so intimately in you correspondent by inquiries and comments them ! boy, to very frequent and very deep periods of cerns you, if the subject be a proper one to write by will. "Give with the living palm."

conviction of sin, I suffered enough, before I about at all; talk on paper as you might talk was fifteen years old, to have converted, I was by word of mouth. But remember always that going to say, a nation. It seems like a very there are some things which never should be strange thing for me to say, buoyant, and hope- written, though they may be spoken. Words

scarcely deign to think of-still less to attempt, out so that I could see no brightness out of doors, attention than it usually obtains in schools. earnestly and seriously to practice; a great many and no joy in doors, and nothing in the world What is called "composition" is often the commands which are supposed to be optional, al- but my agitated conscience and distressed merest waste of time. The unlucky pupil does most ornamental, and yet which experience will religious feeling. I remember when I, little boy not know what to say, or how to say it. Let show, I think, in every case, to be very inti- as I was, going about barefoot pit-pat, him here be required to write a letter to somemately connected with the development of that I would have given all the world if the ministers body, once a week, and a facility and correctcharacter which we are commanded to have-in- that came to see my father would have talked to ness will be acquired which will be useful timately connected with the enjoyment of those me about religion; but I was a little boy not through life. An object is before the writer of experiences after which we all aspire. Thus we capable of understanding such things, they a letter, definite and distinct; while in too many find in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, these thought, and they only said to me. "What a cases a school "composition" is a dreary waste good boy you ought to be since you have such a of words, or a childish burlesque upon author-"Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to your good man for a father!" I knew I had a good ship. Few, comparatively, write for the press. father; but I had a sense of the burden of sin, All should write letters. And whoever can singing and making melody in your heart to the and I longed for the beginnings of love in my succeed in epistolary writing, can also turn his heart, and I yearned for a realization of Christ. mind to any other style of composition. For a I remember once hearing a sermon preached good letter has in it the best elements of every

> "NEITHER BID HIM GOD-SPEED."-Whatever increase of dishonesty there is in commerce today, and whatever increase there is in politics. are due, in a great degree, not so much to any increase in the bad tendencies of human nature, as to the abandonment or neglect, by those who know the right and love it, of the duty of applying social penalties to those who violate the rules of moralty on which the social fabric rests. There is hardly a field of human accivity which does not contain whole armies of indefatigable scoundrels, and any strong man who bids them go on their way in peace, has on his soul all the spoiling of the helpless and the grinding of the poor which they afterwards commit. - Nation.

Missionary Antelligence.

THE FREEDMEN OF THE SOUTH.

The U. S. Home Missionary Society are earnestly at work on behalf of their fellow countrymen so recently invested with the pri-

It is with pleasure we comply with a request from the Rev. J. B. Simmons, Secretary of the Society, to copy the following from the pages of the Macedonian:-

In visiting the schools, I learned that one of our teachers among the freedmen, originally designed to go to Africa as a missionary. He engaged himself to be married with that understanding. He is a graduate from Amherst College, and from Newton Theological Institution. Just as he finished his course of study the rebellion had broken out, and Governor Andrew, of Massachusetts, was calling for men for the ranks. The Governor announced that he had officers enough. All the young men were willing to be officers; but to properly make up the army, privates were deemed necessary!

True to his characteristics, this young man volunteered as a private. His talents, and fine personal bearing would have secured for him promotion, but he declined the honor. He labored as a soldier missionary during the war. Of a hundred and forty men at one time and another connected with his company, only eight came out alive! He was one of the eight. He has had a shell burst so near him as to scorch his face; but the pieces passed to right and left, killing others and leaving him alive. In no battle did he receive so much as a scratch. * At the close of the war he came near dying in hospital, but the Lord raised him up. He evidently had need of him.

The following is the form of a

BEQUEST TO THE FREEDMEN'S FUND.

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society - dollars, for the Freedmen's Fund of said Society."

THE HALF-MILLION FREEDMEN'S FUND.

God makes us to hear the pleading voices of four millions in the South, and of the uncounted millions of Africa beyond, who need, above all things, a well-trained ministry to guide them homeward. Hence the Home Mission Society determined at its late anniversary in Philadel-

First, to attempt the founding and endowing of one first-class training-school for preachers and teachers in each Southern State.

Second, to enter upon the raising of a permanent fund of \$500,000 for this purpose, to be In writing friendly letters, time permitting, expended in grounds, building, endowments of me in opinion; you thought you knew more than say all the pleasant things you can of persons teacherships and scholarships, and in the pur-I did, and I could not have my own way; but known both to you and your correspondent. chase of libraries and apparatus—the endowafter eight or ten years, when you were better But whatever gall is in your ink chemically, ment fund to be kept separate from the moneys instructed, and when you began to have confi- metaphorically keep all bitterness out. Never raised for the ordinary running expenses of the dence enough in me to let me have my own way scold by post, for the bitter letter may be the schools, and carefully invested, the interest only

At least \$100,000 of the \$500,000 named are

Reader, give quickly and give liberally, to the church that do not sing are like a spring without If you think a person wishes to hear from you, above noble enterprise. Yo will never regret it. any birds, or like a garden without any flowers. you may justly conclude that he desires to hear It is God's cause; peculiarly so. His poor are and know all about you. Show your interest pleading for light and help. You will not deny

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