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## Houths' Department. Lessons for 1871. THE WORDS OF JESUS.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1871. -The Sower,-Mark iv. 1-20.

GOLDEN TEXT .- . The sower soweth the word."-Vs. 14.

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS .- Parallel passages, Matthew xiii. 1-23; Luke viii. 4-15. Also Romans viii. 1-17; Galations v. 16-26.

What facts concerning Jesus are taught us in verses 1, 2? What is " the sea" here mentioned? Tell something about it. See Bible Dictionary. What is a " parable "? Why did Jesus use parables? vs. 10-12.

Repeat verse 3. What is a "sower "? happened to the seed when sowed? vs. 4-8. ligion, and then forget their baptismal Lord's house, and poured out his soul in What is it " to sow "? What four results What is meant by each of these ? \_\_\_\_

What two questions does Jesus ask in vs. 13? Why did he ask these? vs. 10. What is contained in vs. 14-20? Who is "the sower" in vs. 14? What is meant by "the word" in vs. 14? Matt. xiii. 19; Luke viii. 11; 1 Pet. i. 23. What is it his hold nevertheless, and in time he re- place appointed a wondrous sight met their affect the substance of the narrative. to sow the word? Has it ever been done to you? By whom?

How does Jesus explain the seed " by the wayside '? vs. 15; Matt. xiii. 19; Luke viii. 12. What sort of persons belong to this class? How does he esplain the seed on "stony ground"? vs. 16, 17; Matt. xiii. 21; viii. 13. Who belong to this class ? How does he explain the seed "among thorns"? vs. 18, 19; Matt. sini. riches.

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matters. Where this result occurs, the proverb of shame, and who persuaded him devil is delighted, and the soul is in peril. to be his ally in battle. Our king insisted on first asking council of God ; and, not Rom. x. 13, 14. Stony ground .- " A rock," " no depth satisfied with the smooth words of the of earth," etc. These accept the word as false seers, he call d for a true one, who just what they want, but it has merely a was reluctantly summoned. Strange to say, superficial reception. Interest is awakened. this prophet's warning did not deter him

emotion is stirred, but the stony heart is from the fight.

unremoved. Ezekiel xi. 19. There is no depth to the work; no deep, unfailing well, but when trial comes they fall away. rebuke him.

The shallowness of the work allows rapid advance, but allows rapid decline. Perare here meant. They determine well in the class, but they talk foolishly on the way home. Or they reach home and pray

and read, but turn aside to worldly pleavows and return to the world.

Among thorns .- Compromising, allowing evil germs in the soul, where thorns remain there is no renewed nature. Satan sumes the ascendency.

bring forth fruit with patience. Acts ix. For such reception we need the new birth John iii. I-8.

ILLUSTRATIONS .- Acts v. 1-11 is a strik- that house where they had sought aid. ing illustration of the deceitfulness of

5. For this fault he nearly paid the penalty with his life, through a device of source of supply such as the truly renewed his base ally ; but God saved his erring person has. These do well when all is servant, and on his return sent a seer to

sons who are sensative, who easily resolve, people to the true God; appointing officers over civil and religious affairs, and giving to each a model " charge."

7. After this a large heathen army gathered against him. He proclaimed a sure, etc. Or sometimes they profess re- national fast, assembled his people in the fervent prayer, which was graciously an-

swered. In obedience to God's command, the king and people arose early, and departed to a certain spot, singing praises to may allow it to seem renewed, but he has the Lord as they went. On reaching the eyes,-their foes lay dead in the wilder-

Good ground .- Attentive hearers who ness. The Lord had turned their fury against each other, and it only remained to gather the rich spoils. The king led home. his rejoicing people to offer thanks in

8. Henceforth "God gave him rest,"

# Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. A THRILLING STORY.

A PARISIAN BALLOON DRIVEN BY A TEMPES OVER THE NORTH SEA. Dear Brother,-

Having read the following thrilling story in a French paper La Gazette de Guernsey, which 'I picked up a day or two ago in a friend's house, and not having seen it in 6. We next see the king going through | English, I have felt that it would be con the land to bring back his idol-loving ferring a favor upon your readers to translate it for your pages. The generous burst of patriotism with which the writer closes his letter, and the verses of the Norwegian bar 1, who can not be flattered by my flatter translation of his friend's prose translation, will not lessen the esteem of any one for

> heroes of his tale. I will only add that not having a French Dictionary at hand I may have missed the meaning of two or three words. But though this should be the case they do not

I cannot refrain my tears over the thrilling tale. Alas! poor France! May we not hope that the tempest, tossel clouddriven car, was an emblem of thee; and thee !

only once clouded by a disaster, which was of Jesus Christ. How often when the descended to the earth several leagues from winds have reared and alund, and the place where they then were

unable to proceed, they determined to pass the night within the shelter of those roofless walls. So they scraped away the snow that they might lie upon the ground. They found a pot full of cooked potatoes, which were frozen and that had evidently been there for a long time. They eagerly devoured them however and then lay down as close together as possible and slept. They did not bestir themselves until morning, and then after twenty hours of weariness and exhaustion and still unrefreshed they got up and pushed on to find some inhabited place. After having travelled for several long hours through the snow, and meeting no living thing save and except two horrid and huge wolves, that met them full in the face, but allowed them to pass however without molestation, they at length reached a poor cabin, in

which though there were no persons there either the writer of the narrative or the at the time every thing gave token that it was inhabited.

Lying on the ground they found a box of matches on which was marked the word " Christiania " from which they gathered that they were in Norway. Soon after this the owners of the cabin arrived and were struck with astonishment to see the, two strangers who had descended literally from the skics. M. Rolier drew from his pocket a piece of paper and a pencil and that the God of a l'grace has not forgotten wrote upon it the word "Paris," and drew the figure of a balloon, and made But I see here an emblem of the church them understand by signs that they had

VARIATION IN SECTION. Finally 1 barked on 1 Star, and an Sunday in After ha French aut. hour from and will go traordinary have under cult direct M. M. Roli ing young years of ag and ready a their count of battle 1 they have for the hon recompense We cant translation dressed to way, M. J without ad ous Norwe heart for t shown so h cast upon l

> our heart ; our eyes, a than ange sympathy the selfish towards o strange the

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2; Luke vill. 14. who are percons of	Bunyan's Pltable, is a fine illustration	caused by his consenting, though reluctant-	angry winds have roared, and clouds and	the place where they then were.
is sort? How does he explain the seed	of a shallow ground hearer.	ly again to join a bad man in an enter-	darkness and storm have driven her, she	The benevolent Norwegians set them-
on good ground : vs. 20; Matt. XIII.	Dr. Guthrie tells of a man who had		knew not whither, until every ray of hope	selves in all haste to provide for the wants
3 ; Luke viii. 15. Who are these? To which of these classes do you belong?	been a regular and apparently an interested		was lost, has she found a refuge and a	of their guests, and manifested the most
	attendant on his ministry for twenty years,			lively interest in their welfare. They
où enter this best class? Will you try?	but who on a sick bed sent for him and	A AA LI AJ VILLOUG ALAAL A AA LI AJ		were supplied with food, and with warm
SUMMARY Truth is like seed, and should				apparel, and cared for in the most affec-
car fruit in all our lives. It never will,	declared lie had not heard a sermon for	There is a lad here which hath five bar-	1	tionate manner. These woodsmen hastened
owever, except our hearts are by the Holy	twenty years. "Why how is this?" said	ley loaves and two small fishes ; but what	God omnipotent reigneth ! "	
pirit made both good and honest.	the doctor in surprise. "I have spent my	are they among so many ?-Jonn v1 : 9	S. T. R.	to bring their minister to see them, pastor
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	time in church, thinking over my business	What time the Surjour erroad his forst	Halifax, April 18th.	O. Calmer, the doctor was also called, and
ANALYSISI. Preliminary Statements.	for the week to come," said the man.	What time the Saviour spread his feast	A DIFFORM FAMILY IN MORE	a mining engineer named Nielson, who
s. 1, 2.	Abridged from the Baptist Teacher.	For thousands on the mountain side,	A BALLOON LANDED IN NORWAY.	understood French. The strangers were
II. The Parable Stated. vs. 3-8. 1.	Recite,-Scripture Catechism, 199, 200.	One of the last and least	I have the good fortune to be able to re-	now able to give an account of their
"he sower and his work. vs. 3. 2. The		The abundant store supplied.	late to you the remarkable passage made	journey.
owing and its results. vs. 4-8. Stated in		Haply the wondows to behald	by two aeronauts who leaving Paris on	They were immediately conducted to
our particulars.	ANSWERS TO SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS.	Haply, the wonders to behold,	Thursday, Nov. 24, at a quarter to twelve	Kappellangaarden, thence to Kroasberg,
III. The Parable Explained. vs. 13-20.	Here are the names of the namens de	A boy 'mid other boys, he came ;	P. M., descended in Norway on the after-	where they arrived at two o'clock in the
. Necessity for explanation. vs. 14. 2.	Here are the names of the persons de-	A lamb of Jesus' told,	noon of the next day, at half past two,	morning.
Particulars of explanation 14-20. (1)	scribed in the five couplets last week :	Though now unknown by name.	after having passeds over France and a	At Drammen they received their two
The sower and the seed. 14. (2) The	Jacob Gen. xxxvii. 13,14; 33.	Well may I guess how glowed his cheeks,		bags of despatches weighing about 330
owing and its results. vs. 15-20. Stated	Hannab 1 Sam. i, 24-28. Samuel 1 Sam. xv. 24-35.	How he looked down, half pride, half fear ;		lbs. and the other objects which they had
n four particulars.	Jonathan and David 1 Sam. xx. 41, 42.			LALING AND A CONTRACT ON THE CONTRACT OF A C
Exposition Place On the shores of	F 1 1 0F 0F	Far off he saw one speak	Bezier delegate from the government in	
	and a second and a second a se	Of him in Jesus' ear.	Paris to the Government at Tours left the.	
he sea of Galilee, probably at the north-		" There is a lad-five loaves hath he		
vest part of the lake near Capernaum.		And fishes twain ; but what are they -	About 7 o'clock in the morning they dis-	six carrier pigeons all alive and well.
lave part of the class follow the subject		Where hungry thousands be ?"		These birds are now at my fect while I am
with the accounts of Matthew and Luke		Nay-Christ will find a way !	sea. They caw a number of vessels under	
before them.	You never walked alone before,	May-Curist will hild a way .	them, one of which, a Prussian craft	
Six statements may be regarded as in-	Beneath a starless sky.	In order, on the fresh green hills,	without doubt, fired upon them, but did	polar regions, and which to-morrow are to
cluding all the facts ending respectively	At home it thrills you as you halt	The mighty Shepherd ranks his sheep.	not hit them. The balloon descended to	
with the words, "sea side," " multitude,'	At home it thrills you as you look	By tens and fifties, still	within a short distance of the water when	
"the land," " parables," " doctrine." A	On lifted chair or open book,	As clouds when breezes sleep.	M. Rolier opened a bag and threw out the	1. 011 1.1.1 1.1.1 0 1 1.1.1
fishing boat,-not what we call " a ship."	So left by him who's gone :	and added which breezes ereep.	packages of letter and newspapers. One	
Parable A comparison describing	Love lingers o'er this last faint trace,	O, who can tell the trembling joy.	of the vessels in sight discovered the pack-	
something that we easily understand so	But morning hads them in their place,	Who paint the grave, endearing look,	ages and took them up, and the letters	
that we may learn another thing which is	For life must basten on.	When from that favored boy	arrived all wet as they were, in London.	
not so easy. vs. 3-8 are those easily under-		The wondrous pledge he took?		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
stood. vs. 13-20 explain truth by them.	and then you mad briede control equally	, Progene room	Relieved of a part of its load the balloon	0
Why use?-That the difference between	In thinking you will meet once more.	Keep thou, dear child, His loving word ;	rapidly ascended again and was soon lost	· · · · · · · ·
	And your loss daring claim.	Bring Him thy best ; who knows but He.	in the clouds now agitated by a fierce tem-	
his people and the world might be seen.	out there coulds no tender douor,	For His eternal board,	pest. The situation of the voyagers be-	
1 Cor. ii. 14, 15.	Which human love is ne'er without,	May take some gift of thee ?		reception so they themselves tell me,
A sower Scatters seed on the ground.	Due Shah we meet the came i			moved to tears at the recollection. The
It was done in that day by throwing it			that made their heads swim, towards an	multitude uncovered their heads and
broadcast.	Some hearts are fresh and sound at core,	JESUS WHISPERING.	unknown latitude, the gyratic motion of	f shouted, "Vive la France." All bands
The four results $-1$ . "Some fell by the	Which yet get sadly ivied o'er,	What have a marked of the state of the state of	the balloon making it impossible to con-	- were extended toward the strangers, and

wayside," etc. vs. 4. Lying exposed, birds would come and carry it away.

"vs. 5-6. Luke says "upon a rock," but Mark says "it had not much earth," and in further explanation, "it had no depth of "carth." It was a thin covering of soil upon the surface of a rock. As moisture cannot be drawn from the rock below it will soon be baked and the vegetation which started up so briskly will droop and die. 3. "Some fell among thorns," etc. vs. 7. This ground was deep enough, and was broken up, but germs of thorns were there. These grew with a wild, rank growth, overshadowing and so choking the good sced.

And seem but ruins cold; Perchance God knows them nearer him,

2. "Some fell on stony ground," etc. Though loving eyes with tears are dim, For vanished times of old. But recollect, though age and care Write wrinkles on the forehead fair, And chill the loving kiss ; Let time bring every change it may, It will not harm old friends, when they

#### "What is conscience?" said a Sabbath school teacher one day to the little flock that gathered around to learn the words of life.

they were overwhelmed with marks of the M. Rolier the captain of the acrial craft warmest sympathy. Mothers lifted up acknowledges that he gave himself up for their children, and cried out ! " Dear

has unfur the old an agonizes t ing raised -is it no of hope a come from nothing? to-day wit are those sky! London The So 30, Nov. At this -steeped i flames de Behind liberty, s Overwhel her safety " Nothin France, f most for promises mighty p the remo warriers These passed or burning for whon but the 1 Faith an France.

Vive l and long still bea HOPE ( The ban the nuti ty.

4. "Other fell on good ground," etc. vs. 8, ground broken up, deep, free from evil germs.

Two questions .-- vs. 13. The reason is stated in vs. 11.

The sower.-In vs. 3, the allusion is to any man who sows "the word." But pre-eminently Jesus was the sower, and his lesson here has reference to his own ministry.

The word .-- Luke says, " the seed is the word of God."

Wayside .- Persons are here meant who go to church or Sunday-school, but who do not attentively listen and carefully observe what is taught. Some think about other visit to a ruler whose crimes made him a for countless years !- Child's Companion.

Wake side hy side in bliss.

SCRIPTURE BIOGRAPHY.

No. 1.

Here is a description of A GREAT KING. Read it carefully and see if you can tell what was his name. The eight paragraphs refer to eight passages of Scripture where leading points of his history are recorded as here described.

1. He came to the throne in the prime of life, on the death of his pious father, whose example he delligently followed. 2. Early in his reign he sent princes and priests with the roll of the law into every city of the land, to teach the people, ever too prone to forget that law.

3. God gave him such power and renown, that no foes dared to attack him, and fierce nations brought him gifts, and tribute. 4. Many years after he paid a friendly

Several of the children answered, one saying one thing, and another, another, until a little timid child spoke out, -" It is Jesus whispering in your heart." Does Jesus whisper in your heart? When you do right does He approve? When you do wrong does He rebuke? Does He make your heart sad when you have sinned, and happy when you have done right? Be thankful then for this, and remember always to heed the Saviour's whisper, and study His Word, and pray to know His will, and then you will be safe guided to His heavenly home at last .- Well Spring.

### OAK-LEAVES AND ACORNS.

How much is contained within the small acorn cup! When a little child holds an acorn in his hand, it holds not a small nut only, but a whole forest; for folded children-even a whole forest.

How wonderful was the command of God !-- " Let the earth bring forth. . . the tree yielding fruit whose seea is within itself." It is a great work to make a tree ; but how much more wonderful to give to the tree the power of producing other trees 1 ss, and filled with snow.

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lost. His thoughts turned towards his Frenchmen," bless them, that they may home and his young wife whom he had become brave "like you !" These people left behind, and to whom he had been married but one short month. M. Bezier, protect and save her !" had left at Paris a wife and two small children, whom he never expected to see

again.

salt their compass.

But the hours flew rapidly by, the regard for our country. aeronauts still supposing they were over the sea when one of them perceived the top mained sometime suspended by his foot.

M. Rolier had the good fortune to cut the Asubscription was s arted for our woundrope, and both fell without injury into the cd fellow citizens which amounted to 24,000 snow.

The ba loon relieved of its burden ruse within its tiny shell lie trees and their again into the clouds and the voyagers im) mediately lost sight o it.

bery and other obstacles, and finally reached from the direct route due north. a cabin which was uninhabited and roof-

wept ; they scattered flowers, they should continually ; " Vive la France ! May God

The voyagers were quite overcome to find among the good Norwegians such a

Festivals were improvised in their honour : the nobility, the army, the of a pine tree rising out of snow. They working classes; in short, the entire popuimmediately let off the gas and descended lation contributing thereto, and the three rapidly to the ground. But at the distance | days spent at Christiana, while waiting of about 15 or 18 metres from the ground for the departure of the steamboat for M. Bezier got entangled in one of the London, were three days, long to be recables that de cended from the car, and re- membered in the annals of those generous Scandinavians,

> francs, and additions to it are still being made.

The aeronants presented to the University of Christiana their balloon which mea-Dying with hunger and cold our poor sured 21 metres in height, and which had fellow countrymen descended the hill, made in 14 hours a passage of more than crossing over brooks, through thick shrub. 700 leagues, as it changed its course often

The balloon was placed on exhibition at Christiana, and the profits received were. As they were now entirely done out, and destined for the wounded French.

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