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they thought his burden was heavier than hour after, as they sat before the bright 36, interpreted clearly this meaning. The bers of the tribe and of the first-born cor-The Christian Messeuger. he could well bear. But he knew-only fire together. No mother's touch could respond? Vs. 39, 43, 46. names of the twelve tribes engraven on the he could not have told them or reasoned have been more tender than that rough Which was the priestly family in the stones of the shoulder. Ex xxviii. 12, and HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 13, 1874. tribe of Levi? Vs. 19. Of whom was the about it-what had been his sweet comon the precious store of the breast plate, high-priest a type? Heb. iii. 1; x. 21 pensation. At first, to be sure, it was BIFLE LESSONS FOR 1874. vs. 15 21, showed that he was acting for Describe his dress? Ex. xxviii. 4-39. How hard blow when he found that the little carefully against his bosom. She rested the whole nation and not for h mself, as different from the dress of the other one he loved was never to be quite like there for a while silently, looking fondly INTERNATIONAL SERIES. priests? Ex. xxviii. 40.42. Why the Christ died and makes intercession for SUNDAY, May 17th, 1874. names of the tribes on the stones of the other children-that she never would come up into his face, and now and then touchothers, not himself, and bears on and in The Lord's Ministers .- Num. iii. 5.13. shoulders, and of the breast plate of the toddling down the path to meet him, cling- ing his cheeks gently with her thin fingers. bigh priest's ephod ? Ex. xxviii. 9.12, 17his heart the names of all his redeemed ing to his hard hands with rosy little 21. For whom does Christ act as High-GOLDEN TEXT .- " Ye are a chosen genones. The dress of the ordinary priests is priest? Heb. iz. 23. Why do we need a fingers-but this very grief about her made slightly hesitating : " You do believe God eration, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, described in Ex. xxviii. 40.42. priest? Why the inscribed plate on the a peculiar people. 1 Peter ii. 9. his love all the more tender. Consecration .- This is described in Ex. priest's mitre? Ex xxviii. 36. What were She was the one idea of his life. The xxix. The priests were all sinners, and the Urim and the Thummim? Ex. xxviii. COMMIT TO MEMORY : Verses 5.8. only absorbing feeling he had ever known vou." before they could be received to the priestly 30. was for her. He had liked her mother office atonement was to be made for their SUMMARY .- The tribe of Levi were min-How were the priests consecrated ? Ex. isters of the sanetuary, but the priesthood xxix. Why this ceremony? With what well enough ; but it had been an ordinary. sins, and they be made ceremonially clean. was confined to Aaron's family. rite did Christ begin his ministry ? Matt. commonplace regard, until she died and So every year on the day of atonement reiii. 16. The duties of the priests? Heb left this tender, blue-eyed blossom, which membrance was made of the high priest's ANALYSIS.-1. The appointment of the x. 11. Might any one clse offer sacrifices ? he was half afraid to touch. The child Levites and the priests. vs. 5-10. 11. The sick terror. sin. Heb. iz. 7. Herein there was a signal Vs. 10. The special duties of the highcontrast between the high priest and Christ. priest ? Lev. xvi. Why are Christians consecrated the mother's memory, and he reason for this appointment. vs. 11-13. called priests? 1 Peter ii. 5. cared for her dead more than he had ever Heb. iv. 15. The washing in clean water Exposition.-Introduction.-The fourth Describe the work of the Levites ? Vs. cared for her living. But it was little betokened purity. The anointing with oil 7,8; iv. 1.33. Their consecration? Chap. book of Moses is called Numbers because it Eunice who filled his heart tull, and sat on symbol zed the gift of the Holy Spirit. viii. Their support ? xviii, 21-32; Deut. records the numbering of Israel by Moses. his throne queen-regent forever-more. He Duties -The chief and distinguishing | xiv. 27-29. Chaps. i and xxvi. It is a history of the had her nursed carefully, and he cheerfully all away, dces he? That ain't love." duties of the pricets were chose performed Abridged from the Eaplist Teacher. Israelites from their reception of the law gave up every hour of his life to the task in the sanctuary in connection with the Scripture Catechism, 188. to their arrival on "the plains of Moab of being father and mother to her, both in sacrifices. Heb. z. 11. They alone could by Jordan near Jericho," thirty eight years. one. When she was cold and strong shoulder to hide the tears she could not accept the offerings as God's representa-SUNDAY, May 24th, 1874.-Israel's un It sets forth prominently the duties of the enough to sit in a little wheeled chair in keep back. But she made no answer. tives, and present them as man's representbelief.- Num. xiv. 1.10. ministers of the sanctuary. This subject which she could trundle herself about the After a while he asked a sudden question. atives. "The priests assisting the high belongs here in our course of study, beroom, his delight knew no bounds. In breathlessly, as if a suspicion had pierced Jouths' Department. priest were to watch over the fire on the cause it is inseparable from the subjects of Summer she was always at the open door altar of burnt-offerings and keep it burning the last two lessons. Indeed, it would. to meet him; and in Winter her cheery evermore by day and night. Lev. vi. 12, to more naturally have preceded the last. It THE BITTER AND THE SWEET lamp burned always at the cottage window. Eunice ?" feed the golden lamp outsides the vail with is also peculiarly interesting because of the When she was twelve years old she berself oil. Lev. xxiv. 2, to offer the morning and Come, darling Effie, typical relation of the Jewish priesthood to proposed to keep house for him. There Come, take the cup; evening sacrifices, each accompanied with a Christ. Effie must drink it all,were three rooms in their little cottage, all meat-offering and a drink-offering at the Separation - The tribe of Levi, Jacob's Drink it all up. on one floor, besides the unfinished garret door of the Tabernacle [at the brazen altar third son by Leah, was set apart from all overhead. From room to room of these believe him! You shan't go. My love other tribes to do service in connection in the court]. Ex. xxix. 38-44. The high Darling, I know it is three she could trundle herself around. will keep you alive. Hasn't it kept you, priest alone could with the blood of the Bitter and bad; with the tabernacle, and subsequently with But 'twill make Effie dear She contrived to do a good many household now, fourteen year? - Why, the doctor sin-offering enter the most holy place, to the temple-religious service. They were Rosy and glad. tasks; and, with a neighbor hired to come | said you wouldn't live, the first time he the very mercy-seat, to make atonement " ministers," that is servants, but as we and help each day, she managed nicely and laid you in my arms! But you have and intercession for the whole nation once shall see, their duties were quite unlike Mother would take it all was the proudest of little housewives. Of lived, and here you are, and here I'll hold For her wee elf; a year. Lev. xvi. Herein he typifies those of Christ's "ministers." Moses, But who would suffer then? late, however, she had been growing you. Hasn't my love kept you so, long ?" Christ's entrançe into heaven, his de-Aaron and Miriam belonged to this tribe ; Effie herself. weaker, and her father had insisted that parture to the Father with his own blood, this tribe was the first to separate themshe should not be left alone at all. So the selves from the calf-worshippers at Moses' that is with his own sacrificed life and If Effie drinks it. neighbor who helped her staid all day now, Then, I can tell. being, which the blood symbolized. Heb. call, Ex. xxxii. 26; and now in Numbers She will go out to play but went home at night when Dan came; iii, we see the whole tribe set apart, the ix, x. On certain other duties of the Merry and well. for he was not ready to give up the plea. curse turned into a blessing. Gen. zliz. Jewish priests see vi. 22 27; iv. 5 15; x. sure of having his darling quite to himself 1.8; Josh. vi. 4: Joel ii. 1, 15. 5, 7. They were specially the Lord's ser-Drink ; and then, darling, in the long evenings. You shall have this : Maintenance .- On this see chaps. xviii ; vants, and hence were taken instead of all Sweet after bitter, Now, as he entered the yard, his step xxxi 25.47; Deut. xiv. 28; Lev. xxvii; the first-born sons of Hebrew women, who Now, first, a kiss. grew quicker. All that was shuffling and Ex. xxiii, 19; Deut. xxvi. 1-10. Some were regarded as specially the Lord's because he spared the first-born of the Israel- offerings were for the priest only. Lev. vi. uncertain passed out of his manner, and he Ah, darling Effie ! walked with the strong, firm tread of one ites when he slew the first-born of the 30; others for their families also. Lev. z. God also knows, When cups of bitterness sure of his welcome. Drawing near, he 14. In Canaan the priestly families had Egyptians. Vs. 12, 13. The tribes was His hand bestows. saw her face at the window, which the thirteen cities with adjacent pasturage for small, and its males "from a month old hungry eyes. light illumined-a face of almost ideal their flocks. Joshua xxi. 9-19. It of and upward " (Vs. 15) numbered only How His poor children need beauty. Not the features so much-when course depended upon the piety of the 273 more than those first-born, and these Urging to take you analyzed them they were far from ro-Mercitul draughts of pain, peopleswhether the supplies furnished the 273 were redeemed by silver paid to Aaron gular, and bore a curious likeness to his. body waitin' at the door, and no light Mixed for their sake. priests would be adequate. It seems that and his sons. Vs. 46 48. own. But the great blue eyes were full of Division .- The word " Levites " is used priests and people alike and together were He, too, gives tenderly light, the color came and went on the often and for long periods sunk low in with two meanings : 1. The descendants Joy after pain ; tears. cheeks in faint pink flushes, and the skin Sweet after bitterness ; wickedness, giving cause for such stern and of Levi, that is, the members of the tribe After loss, gain. was transparent as the most delicate crysterrible rebukes as those in Mal. i, iiof Levi, (xxxv. 2), and in this use it intal. Around this wistful, loving, waiting cludes the priests, " Aaron and his sons." Micah iii. 11. 2. THE LEVITES .- Division .- There were face floated a mass of soft golden hair, like Vs. 9. 2. The part of the tribe not be-THE LIGHT IN THE WINDOW. the halos you see sometimes in old pictures three divisions according to the three sons longing to the priestly family of Aaron, He ploded on, through sleet and snow, around the brows of saints. When she of Levi, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, and which is thus distinguished as in our with step awkward and shuffling, yet with saw him the blue eye kindled, then the iii. 16 22. lesson. Vs. 9. In this narrower sense the face disappeared from the window, and a certain resolution in it. Other men Duties and privileges.-The duties in word will be used throughout this exposiwhen he opened the door there she was in on my way when you're gone ?" he anmight have turned aside, unwilling to times of the wanderings are described tion. We will consider 1. The Priests, breast the full force of such a storm. Not minutely enough in vs. 23 37. They were front of it, with her lips uplifted for his because they were first set apart, and are to be assistants to the pricets, and hence so Daniel Newton-" Shuffling Dan," his kiss. The neighbor stood by, her things first in rank. 2. The Levites, whose office said in vs. 9, to be "given" to Aaron and fellow-workmen called him. He was no on ready to go, and it struck Dan that there was subordinate to the priests. his sons. They thus held a position of favorite among them-silent, brooding, was a look of pity on her face. 1. THE PRIESTS. - The Office. - Our word "You'd better not get too near the child that was going to take me to the heavenly sanctity intermediate between that of the sullen fellow, they thought him-but he priest is a shorter form of the word presbylived a life of which they understood very with those wet things on," she said kindly. priests and the people. They had their ter, and this is from a Greek word mean-"She's but a weak little thing, and must- come. I'll wait for you there, father ; and little. It had been consecrated for fourown chief or president, who in turn was ing elder. The priest draws near to God teen years to one object ; and there was in n't take cold." under the authority of one of the priests. in behalf of men. His office is that of a He started back remorsciul, and did not to meet you, when you get on that thresit an element of chivalrous self-sacrifice of Vs. 32. Thus was secured prompt and mediator transacting with God for men. go up to the girl again until he had taken hold-as I never could here-strong and which he was utterly unconscious himself. orderly execution of their prescribed duties. xvi. 5 ; Heb. v. 1. all his wet things off in his own room and free, father, strong and free. Won't it He passed a store, where some of his com-In Canaan they, like the priests, had as-The origin of the priesthood.-If sacrimade himself quite dry and tidy. By this make it easy for you to come on, in spite rades were lounging, then the forge, with signed to them cities in .different parts of fices were at first divinely instituted, doubtless the priestly office was also, for the two the land, in all thirty-five. Josh. zxi. its door invitingly open, and the bright-red time the neighbor was gone, and he and of storms, and not turn aside by the way, ight streaming out of it cheerily in

man's as he lifted the little twisted form into his arms, and laid the sunny head At last she said, with an air earnest, yet loves you, don't you, father ?"

"Yes, lamb, yes; so long's he leaves me

"But if he didn't leave me," she persisted, " wouldn't you believe that, too, was because he loved you ?"

The man's face darkened with a sudden.

"Look here," said he, in a voice of passionate entreaty, "don't talk about that, don't ! It couldn't be love, no way, that wouldn't leave you. You're all I've got, child-all. God don't want to take The girl stretched her arm up and drew it around his neck, and laid her face on his him with a pang too sharp to be borne : "Has Dr. Peters been here to-day,

She trembled a little, but she answered quietly, " Yes, father."

" And he says you're goin', does he, the way your mother went? Child, don't you "Your love, and God's love, father. But what if he thinks, now, that it's time for me to go home ?" And then they sat on silently, for a long, still hour; and the wood fire burned brightly, and now and then a brand dropped on the hearth, and that and the storm outside were the only sounds which broke the stillness, save when, once or twice, a great gasping sob-tore up from Shuffling Dan's deep chest. At last he bent over, and turned his girl's face toward him, and looked into it with eager,

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" It'll be a sorry world, lamb," he said, " when you're not in it-when there's noburnin' in the winder."

She looked up, her blue eyes full of

" Father," she said gently, " don't you know you've told me, sometimes, how the thought that I was waitin' made it easy for you to get home, when the storms drove ever so hard, and kept you from wantin' tosturn into store or tavern ?" "Yes, lame, yes : but what'll keep me

swered bitterly. - I thought of the times you'd said that,

father, after Dr. Peters, went away, today; and I wondered if it wasn't God's love home, so as to make it easier for you to I won't be lame any more, and I'll come hen you know. I'm waitin' there just

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	fice was a family affair, and the father, as 1	priests make the forty-eight of vs. 41.	murky, gathering night. For a moment	which waited. He had the keen, hungry	sure as ever I waited here ?"	of the sa
	head of the family, or in the father's ab-	They were to be supported by tithes, that	he was tempted just to go in and warm	appetite of a workingman, but it did not	But the father said nothing. He only	the most
	sence the first-born son acted for the family.	is tenths of all the products of the land, of	himself a little in that glow ; but he shook	keep him from noticing, presently, that	held her against his aching heart, with a	were ker
				the food on his child's plate remained un-		days. S
	The Persons The priesthood, as in-	30 34, though a tenth of their tenth was	be waitin'," he said, as he drew up the	touched. He laid down his knife and fork,	his pain-held her fill bedtime came, and	times a c
	stituted through Moses, consisted of one	to be given by the Levites to the pricets.	collar of his coarse coat ; " little lamb,	and looked at her anxiously.	then carried her to her room, and left her	times it
	High Priest, and subordinate priests, and	xviii. 21 28; Deut. xiv. 22.29. It na-	she'll be waitin'." And then, as if the	"Ain't you going to keep father com-	there with a long, sad, silent kiss. Once	teen voic
;." *	comprised only the family of Aaron. vs.	turally fell to the Levites in Canaan to give	thought had given him new life, he plodded	pany a little, deary? You ain't never	alone, the passion of his agony clutched	Channel
d .	9; Ex. xxix. 1. 4, although it is thought	themselves to the study of the law, and to	on again valiantly.	hearty, I know, but I want to see you cat	him in its grusp ; but he suffered no sound	of Bisca
2.24	that there was afterwards a system of		On, through sleet and snow, till he	something."	to escape him which should reach her ears.	day for i
	adoption into the family. Bodily detects	Conclusion -Admirable was the re-	came at last in front of a low-cottage,	She smiled faintly.	Rigid as stone he sat before the fire, and	its reput
	disqualified persons of this family to act	ligious provision made for Israel, but only	standing in the midst of a square lot. A	"You know you don't let me work any	never heeded when the room grew cold, and	- Was read
	as priests. Lev. xxi. 17.23. There were	as introductory to what is infinitely more	light streamed forth from its front window	more, father ; and I can't get hungry like		bot one
				you, that are busy all day, working for		were abl
de la	priests. Lev. xxi. 7, 14 ; Ezek. xliv. 22 ;.	Priest it is for us to draw nigh to God and	there for him every Winter night-fall for	-100."	Atter that night he never returned again	on the v
	Ezra z. 18, but not even the high priest	to dwell in his presence.	many a year; and he never saw that	"Yes, lamb, for you," he repeated, as	to the subject. He saw that she failed	sea beca
1	was forbidden to marry. Lev. xxi. 13.	1	beacon-ray without blessing his " little	if the words gave him pleasure. " God	every day, but he could not talk about it.	'sup cam
	The Dress This was determined min-	QUESTIONS Why is this book called	lamb" over and over again. How warm	knows it's all for you, and he knows how	and she understood him too well to urge	preaches
	ntely by law. See Ex. xxviii. That of	Numbers? i. 3, 4. To what time does it	she had kept his heart! And yet among	through I am to have you to work for	him Every day he went to his work :	in Jesus
	the high priest differed from that of the	47. How many years.	the hard things in his life, people who took	Folks talk about my lot beis' hard, but	now was not the time to fail, when she	day of
1 2 2	others to correspond to his different posi-	Subject of this lesson ? Who many these	the trouble to speak of him at all always	that's all they, know. L wouldn't change	needed unwonted luxuries, and might need	or three
	tion and duties. It was all symbolical and	"ministers "? Vs. 6. Deut. xvii. 9. Of	reckoned "that crippled child." - When	places with no man. So long as he leaves	them no one knew how long. Every night	along th
	typical, as was the office itself, for the one	which tribe were the priests? Vs 10; Ex.	his wife died, and left him her hour-old-	me you, I'll never doubt that God loves	he came home to her, his face pallid with	Sometin
1 × 1 1	only true High Priest is Jours Christ	iv. 14. Which had the higher office? Vs.	baby to bring up as best he could they	me	apprehension. At last she grew too weak	We were
	Heb. v. 10. The plate of gold on the front	10. Instead of whom were the members	commiserated him, and wondered what he		to sit up any more, and lay patiently all	the hou
	of the mitre or turban which bore the	Vs. 12, 13 Why did God regard the first-	Was to do. And when it was found that	quivered a moment about her lips.	day on her little bed, bearing without a	the glas
and the second	words " HOLINESS TO THE LORD," Ex. xxviii.	born as specially his? How did the num-	the child would never be able to walk,	" Take me up, father," she said, half an	moan her torturing pain, and never for-	the Pills
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