2	THE OHRISTIAN MESSENCER.				DECEMBER 27, 1882
Sunday Reading.	tween the passover and Christ, or the type and the antitype. We will, how-	sprinkled upon the believer's conscience	In conclusion, it is worthy of remark that the Israelites were commanded to	The Christian Messenger.	43); walked with them, (Luke xxiv. 15
Thoughts on the Old Your	ever, touch upon the more prominent	superior to earthly happiness ; a peace	tell the story of the Passover to their		signs in the presence of his disciples
Thoughts on the Old Year.	speak 1st. Of the lumb chosen : 2nd	The set of	A DEMONSTRATION THE CONTRACTORY AND A CONTRACT	B 20190000 200000 http://www.index.forder.com/active active/activ active/act	(John xx. 30.) He also was seen
me noru mankem upon me. (18, XI. 17).	Of the use of its blood; and 3rd. Of	Canaan of encless joy and happiness.	all arround, to preach the gospel to every creature. And who can be silent	FIRST QUARTER.	them forty days. The evidence of h resurrection rests upon no momenta
he final step we soon must tread Upon the pathway of this year,	the use of its flesh.	Z The blood was a sign of outward	when the same blood that insures our	Jap 7 The Ascending Land	view, or glance; but he was with I
nd enter thence another road,	I. THE LANB CHOSEN. How sug-	manifestation. The blood was sprink-	satety is sufficient to protect all who trust in it. And it must be remem-	Internet and an and the second s	disciples long enough to make the
But yet we go without a fear.	gestive of all that is pure and harmless !	1 000 Degelog through the streets man		h kalakuna den olatikatikatika hala hakuna hakuna kalakuna kala kalakuna kalakuna kalakuna kalakuna kalakuna kala	however slow to believe it, assured the event; and Luke writes as one wi
or hitherto our watchword sweet	of its fellow, nor is its snowy fleece	have distinguished between the houses	tected are exposed to a more terrible storm of wrath than any which swept	21.—The Belleving People,	had no doubt of it. The kingdom
Hath cheered us constantly each day, ad still the words shall comfort bring		lians. And it is equally true that	over the dominions of the Eavotien	" 28.—The Healing Power,	God. His one theme. Another al
When this year shall have nessed away	It is no companion of the beasts of the	anchester the blood of Curist is sprink-	tyrant. Shood SVOV	Feb. 4The Prince of Life.	that he was the Christ that was crue fied; for his subject before and aft
	night, that fear the light and luck for	self in a holy walk and conversation.	There is a time coming when a more manifest distinction shall be seen be-		his death was the same.
chanye.		To parges the conscience from dead	Ween the rightoons and the mislead	e zakaletzakostenizaterateraterateraterateratera (h. 19. j. 1987). (h. 1987). C. 2008. (h. 1987). Sakaterateraterateraterateraterateraterater	Vs. 4, 5.—Being assembled togeth
And tempests gather fierce and wild,	skips in the sunlight, and is a fit com- panion of a child. Christ was holy,	difference is still distinguished between	While the wicked are driven from the	Acts iv. 18-31.	Most likely, in the conference spok of in Matt. xxvi. 32, and xxviii. 16,
hough Satan all his hosts array, Still God doth think upon each child.	harmless, and separate from signers.	The set of the world and the set	presence of the Lord the righteons	Anto a Tell	the mountain of Galilee. Should a
	Pure in his nature by Divine concep	The safety of the Targelites law in	who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,	March 4 — Persecution Renewed,	aepart from Jerusalem. Even them
will not let one trouble come Without the needful strength to bear;	tion, perfect in his character by inhe-	the fact that the blood had a power	shall be invited to ait down at the man	" The Seven Chosen	the Great Commission said "Go Timeliness is an element in obedien
a in our daily joy or grief	rent nonness.	with God: "When I see the blood I will pass over you." The blood of	riage supper There the communion	" 18 The First Christian Mart	One may go before he is sent b
He yet will take a Father's share.	lamb should be without blemish. The	Christ has a voice all powerful. It	no more neither shall then thingt	Acts vii. 54-60; viii. 1-4.	wait. Most difficult of all largons
e did not know one half the good	most careful scrutiny was made upon		more, for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them,		learn, and most necessary to our perfect discipline. Promise of the Fathe
He planned for us in bygone days;	the name mat proposed, out, upon the	and reconcination with God. It pro-	and shall lead them to living (anothing	Desson I. JANUARY I. 1883	That is, of the Holy Spirit mith-
t we have learned, and we can leave The future now with songs of paise.	discovery of the least spot, it was re-	cures for the benever every needful	of water and God shall mine amon all	the part of the second second second second second second	whom all their seal was theology of
	antil the second second second second	enemy. It gains for him; admission at		Acts i. 1-14.	Isa. xliv. 3; Joel ii. 28-32. Heard me. See John xiv. 16, 17, 26; xv. 2
d feel that we can trust His care, Though years may come and pass away;	until the perfect one was found. Christ was chosen of God as the only person	the pearly gates of heaven, and gives him a seat among the glorified. Under	a and which the statement of the stateme		ATL. I. JORN Daptized ata Ch
r He will His own word fulfil,	whose character at all qualified him for	the shelter of the blood, the Christian	A Touching Incident.		11 Well al words, See Matt.
And think of all we need each day.	the alations are a 12 1	is safe however terrible the destruction	When Mrs. Mary A. Livermore		11. With the Holy Ghost. Rather,
Charlotte Murray.	set spart. And no sooner had he ap-	shall fall at his side, and ten thousand	lectured in Albion, Mich., recently at	he must to have werth to a to a	version. Ivel many dawn have
		at us right hand, but it shall not come	CICICITY CICICITY		
Close of the Year.	discovered both the perfection of his	nigh him; only with his eyes shall be behold and see the reward of the	white-haired woman approached her with the following inquiry; 'Do you		the day of Pentecost. II. Power From On High, (Vs. 64)
as this year, so near its closing,	character and his mission as he looked	wicked.	remember writing a letter for John	M. The Lesson, Acts i. 1-14.	Were come logether. At a subsecond

Has this year, so near its closing. Brought me nearer to my God ? Do I love my Saviour better,

sin of the world !" He was the Lamb without blemish and without spot, and as such offered himself to God as the sacrifice of his people.

wicked.

III. The USE OF THE FLESH of the of the Twelfth Michigan Volunteers upon him and exclaimed, " Behold the lamb. The lamb, having been slain Lamb of God, which taketh away the and its blood sprinkled on the door posts, was roasted and eaten the sam night by the household. The washing of the lamb probably referred to the manner of Christ's death being exposed to the fire of Divine justice until his 3. The lamb was to be a male of the strength was dried up like a potsherd Thus Christ our passover was sacrificed for us; and becomes the food by which the spiritual life of his people is sustained. This is the rich provision of and the courage of a man. He was the eternal mercy. The bread which cometh down from heaven of which if s man eat he shall live for ever.

Acts i. 1-14. remember writing a letter for John _____. T. Infallible Proofs,

Were come logether. At a subsequent interview. Will thou at this time to Luke xxiv. 33-53. etc. The emphasis is upon at this time. They evidently still clung to the idea of a temporal kingdom. It is not for you to know, etc. Jesus did not say that the kingdom would not be restored to Israel, but simply that it was not for them to know when. This knowledge the Father had reserved to himself. There is a needed discipline in limited knowledge of times and seasons, as well as in waiting. Ye shall receive power. The power of the Holy Spirit, necessar to enable them to do their work. Witnesses. The apostles were to be less prophets of the future than witnesses Disciples Waiting and Praying, Vss. of the past. The apostles could have no successors after the then generation and the to be had passed away. In Jerusalem, and in all Judea, etc. The circle constantly widens, till it includes the uttermost part of the earth.

with

Trust more fully in His word ? Have my footsteps often wandered In torbidden paths of sin? Have I tried to honor Jesus ? Am I any more like Him?

Has my inward life grown purer ? Has my daily asking been, "Lord, renew Thy spirit in me; Make and keep me pure within ?" Have my hands been ever ready To perform His blessed will? Have I faithfully endeavored, Every duty to fulfil?

Have I used my single talent To draw sinners unto Him ? Can I ever claim the plaudit, "Well done servant, enter in ?" Soon another book will open, Let the entries made each day Be of earnest, patient effort, For a life more as I pray.

The Passover a Type of Christ.

READ FOR CRITICISM AT METROPOL-ITAN TABERNACLE COLLEGE, LON-DON, BY AN UNDERGRADUATE, Jan. 25, 1867.

the Lord put a difference between the ple, and hence he is said to be the "Lamb Egyptians and Israel. This difference was awfully manifested on that black night, when the destroying angel, passing by the doors of the Israelites, en- of the world, " Deliver him from going tered the houses of the Egyptians and down to the pit, I have found a ranlaid their first-born in the cold hand of death. No colouring is dark enough to paint the awful picture of the terror that reigned in the dwellings of the one ; ner bright enough to set forth the serenity which lighted up the abodes of the in lines clear and legible the gospel of other.

When God had threatened the Egyptians with the destruction of their first- how meekly he yields to the hand that

first year, typifying the strength and courage of Christ. He entered upon his ministry in all the vigor of youth great burden-tearer of his people, and the captain of their salvation. His ministry was a period of conflict. His great adversary prowled on Jordan's bank, as a lion who seeks his prey. But the Son of God willingly encountered him, and in a battle strong and lasting, triumphed gloriously. This was but the beginning of a long campaign. Hosts of adversaries opposed him near-La at appre from the was more than conqueror over all. He was "the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

sheep or the goats, and set apart for the passover, four days before the time. So, in the covenant of grace, Christ We read in Exodus xi. 7, that was set apart as the surety of his peoslain from the foundation of the world," and, through him, God was enabled to say of every believing soul, in all ages som." So the Son of Man Jesus was raised up from his brethren to be Prophet, Priest, and King to his church. days was slain. Here the Israelite read an innocent Saviour suffering for guilty man. Look at that spotless creature,

born, he commanded Moses and Aaron leads him to the slaughter. Not a sound in the conflict, we remember the crown, to enjoin on the children of Israel to is heard while the knife of the Israelite take a lamb on the tenth day of the draws forth the vital stream which is to menth Abib and to slay it on the four-teenth day of the same month. They which gladden his happy home. Turnwere to sprinkle the two side posts and ing from the lamb, which lies lifeless at robes were carefully girded about their the lintel of their houses with the blood the feet of the Israelite, let us for a of the lamb; and on the same night moment behold the great antitype which they were commanded to eat its flesh, it so vividly and beautifully represents. the command to depart. This is the roasted with fire, together with unleav- When the time of his death drew nigh ened bread and bitter herbs. It was to he himself drew near to the place where be eaten in haste, with their feet shod, he was to be offered. When the solloins girded, and their staff in their diers came to take him he said, "I am On the same night on which this was "he answered never a word." And at support in every step of his pilgrimage, done, the messenger of death passed Calvary he lay passive in the hands of and by this weapon he will conquer through the land of Egypt and smote his persecutors, in agonies unutterable, the first-born of the Egyptians ; but until, by the shedding of his own blood, into the houses of the Israelites he en- he appeased the wrath of God, and BEGINNING OF THE TEAE : and the day tered not, for God had said, "When I brought in an everlasting salvation. II. We come now more particularly This arrangement constituted a live- to the USE OF THE BLOOD OF THE ly, interesting, and instructive type of LAMB : The blood, having been taken the "Lamb of God which taketh away in a basin was sprinkled by a bunch of the sin of the world." Apart from hyssop upon the two side posts and the lintel of the doors of the houses of the Israelites. The blood, thus sprinkled was at once the sign of inward consci ousness and outward manifestation. shall be to you a token. It was the seal of their safety ; and in the midst notice every point of resemblance be- anxious souls. So the blood of Christ are his to enjoy for ever.

The manner of eating the pascal cotton. lamb was highly significant of the gospel feast.

1. It was eaten with unleaven bread-The house was carefully swept of every particle of leaven bread, and for seven days no leaven was allowed of the letter. The first four pages were in the house. Now sin is often compaired to leaven. Our Lord warn his disciples to " beware of the leaver and Paul exhorted the Corinthians to dying of the wound. Then she had " purge out the old leaven and to keep the feast, with the unleavened bread of

sincerity and truth." There is a re-4. The lamb was taken from the formation going on in the heart of every regenerate man, a sweeping of the house of former defilement. The man's appetite is changed. The prodigal leaves the husks to feast at his father's table.

2. It was eaten with bitter herbs If we have known what it is to feed on Christ, we are not at a loss to know the meaning of those bitter herbs. These sins of ours committed against such a gracious Saviour, pain us never so much as when we are feasting on his love; but the penitential tear is a precious condiment and adds a savour to the feast.

The bitter herbs, are also suggestive 5. The lamb having been kept four of the fellowship which the believer has with Christ in his sufferings. are grateful that we do not live in the days of the fire and the sword, but the martyr-spirit is always needed in the faithful follower of Jesus. Yet this will be no interruption of our joy, if for suffering with him we know that we shall also reign with him. longer a slave of Satan, but has girded every foe. ot the feast was to be observed by a ordinance for ever. So Christ's death the world, and whose benign influence imparts life and beauty in rich profu-

loins, their feet shod, and with their off till I am dead. Tell her to wear it staff in their hand, they hastily partook position of the Christian. He is no himself to run in swift obedience in the ways of God. His feet are shod as with iron and brass. The staff of God's he." When he stood at Pilate's bar word is in his hand .. This will be his 4. The month on which the passover was the beginniug of a new period in the history of the world, and especially in the church. It was the morn of a glorious day of grace, the rising of the Sun of Righteousness, whose radiant beams dispersed the gross darkness of sion, by which the wilderness is made

when he lay dying in the Overton Hospital at Memphis, during the spring of 1863, and of completing the letter to his wife and mother after he had died ?

Mrs. Livermore replied that 'she wrote so many letters during the war, under similar circumstances that she could not recall any particular case. The woman drew a letter from her

pocket, that had been worn into pieces in the folds of the note, and was then stitched together with fine sewing

' Do you remember this letter ?' she

Mrs. Livermore recognized her penmanship and admitted her authorship written to his wife and mother at the dictation of a young soldier who had completed the letter by the addition of three pages written by herself, beside the dead husband and son, in which she sought to comfort the lonely and bereaved relatives.

' I think my daughter-in-law and I would have died when we heard that John was dead, but for this letter,' said the worn and weary looking woman. ' It comforted us both ; and by-andby, when we heard of other woman similarly afflicted, we sent them the letter to read till it was worn in pieces. Then we sewed the pieces together, and made copies of the letter, which we sent to those of our acquaintances whom the war bereft.

But Annie, my son's wife, never got over John's death. She kept about and worked and went to church; but the life had gone out of her. Eight years ago, she died of gastric fever. One day, a little before her death, she said : 'Mother, if you ever find Mrs. Liver-

7. The Father and the Son, John xiv. 1-14. T. Christ and the Spi John xiy. 15-31. F. Christ and his Apostles, hn, chap, xv. S. The Glorified Lord. Rev., chap. 1. S The Vacancy Filled Acts i. 15-26.

PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

LESSON OUTLINE.-I. The Apostle Instructed, Vss. 1-8. II. The Ascension of the Lord, Vss. 9-12. III. The

PLACES. - Jerusalem and vicinity especially Mount Olivet ; also Galilee QUESTIONS .- The Book of Acts .- Who wrote this book ? What other book had he written before ? What about ? What part of his work had Jesus fu lished? Heb. while on earth

To whom did Jesus show himself after his resurrection ? Could they be mistaken? Who else saw him? 1 Cor. xv. 3-8. How long did he remain on earth?

Vss. 1-8 .- For what had the Lord chosen the apostles? What did he give them? What is the kingdom of God? What directions and promises did Jesus give ?

Vss. 9-12 .- Place of the ascension ? Its probable date ? Describe the scene. Where did Jesus go? What receive? ph. i. 20, 21. What bodily change did this glorification involve? (Of. Luke xxiv. 39; 1 Cor. xv. 50; Phil. iii. 21). Where is Jesus now?

Vss. 13, 14 .- Why are the apostle here formally named ? Give their names. Why not twelve? How was the vacancy filled? Vs. 15-25. Who met with them ? Where ? How many in all?

Scripture Teachings .- Find the ten ecorded appearances of the risen Lord. What were the "infallible proofs" that he had really risen?

Nores.- I. Introduction, (Vs. 1-5). Vs. 1.- Former treatise. The Gospel of Luke. See Luke i. 1-4, also its close, III. The Ascension, (Vs. 9-11).

Vs. 9 .- While they beheld. They rere witnesses of his ascension, as well as of his resurrection. He was taken up. While in the act of blessing them, (Luke xxiv. 51). His last act on earth was a benediction. A cloud received him. Such a cloud as shut him from view on the Mount of Transfiguration, which Matthew calls a "bright cloud," (xvii. 5). It may be the Old Testament Shechinah-the symbol of the divine presence and glory. The ascension of Christ was the fitting, and necessary close of his earthly mission. David gives a prophetic description of his triumphal entrance into heaven, (Psa.) xxiv. 7-10; cx. 1; lxviii. 18, also Eph. i. 20; Heb. x. 12; 1 Pet. iii. 22 That Jesus ascended with our humanity, and is the man in heaven, seems clear.

Vs. 10, 11. - Two men . . . in white apparel. Perhaps the same angels that appeared at the empty tomb of Jesus, (Luke xxiv. 4; John xx. 12). Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Other duties demanded their attention. They were not to mourn his departure, but to look forward to his coming again ; and, in the meanwhile, to do their appointed work. In like manner, attended more, or hear of her, I wish you would comparing vs. 9 with Luke xxiv. 51, by angels. Shall so come. The joyful give her my wedding-ring, which has and vs. 12-14 with Luke xxiv. 52, 53. hope of the church; the great event of Theophilus. Literally, " lover of God." the future. " Even so, come, Lord The same person to whom Luke ad- Jesus." Notice it is this same Jesus. dressed his Gospel, (i. 3). Evidently The human name is significant of his IV. The Prayer Meeting, (Ve. 12-14). 'I live eight miles from here,' con- tion, (see "Most Excellent," in Luke bidden them, (Luke xxiv. 49). From tinued the woman, 'and when I read i. 4, and compare Acts xxiii. 26; xxvi. Mount . . Olivet. In his Gospel, Luke in the papers that you were to lecture 25). Began. While on earth. He makes Bethany the scene of the ascencontinues the work in heaven. To do sion. The whole region bearing, proand teach. The two portions of a com- bably, the name of Bethany. A Sabplete whole. The Gospel of Luke re- bath day's journey. About three-fourths cords the beginning of the doing and of a mile, to which the traditions of the teaching of Christ on earth ; the Acts, elders restricted the Jews in their the continuance of them by the ascended travel upon the Sabbath. Come in. Into Jerusalem. Upper room, where Vs. 2, 3.-Until the day, etc. His abode. Rather, as in New Version, earthly ministry extended to the very where they were abiding. Continued. hour of his ascension. Through the Or, better in New Version, continued Holy Ghost. The whole ministry of steadfastly. That is, they persevered Jesus was of one moved by the Holy in prayer together, with one accord, Spirit. See Luke iv. 1; Heb. ix. 14. having the same spirit of zeal and fervor, Commandments. Not merely sugges. with intense spiritual earnestness, seektion. Mark the binding force of the ing the great blessing which had been Great Commission. See Matt. xxviii. promised them. With the women. The 19, 20; Mark zvi. 15. To whem, also, The special mention of the women, and 1. Inward consciousness. The blood shall be to you a token. It was the When the blood of Christ is first ap-when the blood of Christ is first applied to the heart of the believer a knuckle of his little floger on the table Many infallible proofs. A whole from our view. Our least sight of her of the terror that reigned without it NEW YEAR begins in his soul, and all with such force as to break it. He library of Christian evidence is here is in a prayer meeting, in which she whispered "peace be still," to their the blessings typified by the passover new speaks with bandaged hand and given. He breathed upon them, (John are his to enjoy for ever. and is not xx. 22); ate with them, (Luke xxiv. berself, an object of adoration.

see the blood I will pass over you."

Christ, the whole thing is mysterious and useless ; but pointing as it does to Calvary, it preached in the most simple language, the glad tidings of freedom from eternal death and complete reconciliation to God.

It is impossible, in a short essay to

never been off my finger since John put it there, and which will not be taken for John's sake and mine, and tell her that this was my dying request."

here to-night, I decided to drive over and give you the ring, if you will accept

Deeply affected by this touching narrative, not a particular of which is she able to recall, Mrs. Livermore extended her hand, and the widowed and childless woman put the ring on her finger with a fervently uttered benediction. - Youth's Companion.

Pulpit, platform, and political orators who are given to banging desk or Bible, take warning. Senator Stewart, the Independent Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, got so

a Christian, as indicated by Luke i. 4, tender love for his own. and by the fact of his implied interest in the subject matter; a man of posi-

Lord.