There is wonderful power in knowing how to wait; to wait on God, and to wait for God.

The difference between men is difference of fire.

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Scoffers have their uses. They gave Peter a text, and prepared the way for his favorable hearing.

Let our prayer be for more of the power from on high.

Help for Parents, or for the

Teacher of the Primary Class. Review the previous lesson in wordpictures, thus: I see a mountain, where a company of the disciples are gathered; stands-(Jesus) .- Now bring out the facts concerning his glorious life; and those of his resurrection; recalling the sentences, "Jesus lives," and " esus arose from the dead."-I see a bright cloud that hides Jesus from view, and he ascends to heaven Near by sud denly stand-(two angels.) What do they say ?- Now let the class repeat the third sentence of the last lesson, "Jesus ascended to heaven." Jesus had told the disciples to wait at Jerusalem for the blessing of the Holy Spirit. What did they do in the upper room? And who were there? The time had fully (Read verse I, and explain "the Day of Pentecost.") They were expecting that the Holy Spirit would come. They were wishing for his coming. Jesus has called him "the Comforter;" that is, one who brings com fort. They were "with one accord"that is, they had one mind; they acted together; they thought alike. (Read verses two to four, inclusive, slowly, that every word may be understood), Now we see how the Holy Spirit came. How was it? What was the sound? What filled all the house? A strange sight appeared. (Find out the impres sions on the children's minds, and care fully correct any mistakes). What is it to be full of anything? There were a great many people, probably, in the room. Do you suppose the Holy Spirit came to every one? Yes; but he would not have come if they had not been ready for him, and praying for him. There was a time, in the life of Jesus, when the Holy Spirit rested upon him. Do you remember it? (His baptism.) Who will tell us about it? (Turn to, and read Matt. iii. 22). God can give a clean and pure heart, and if we have that, we shall be full of the Holy Spirit. (Again read verse 3) What was the strange appearance (Something like tongues of fire.) Yes it was like fire; but it did not burn. great many years before, God had spoken to a man from a bush that seem d to be burning. Who was the man? (Moses). Now let us see what the disciples did, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Read again verse 4). They spoke "with other tongues." This doesn't mean that Gol changed the tongues in their mouths. Oh, no! They were made able to speak different lan guages from what they had ever spoken before, so that the peoples of different countries could hear about Jesus. The last words of the lesson tell us that they told the people of "the wonderful works of God." When God has given you a clean heart, you will learn to tell how you have been changed, and have become a child of God. No more bad

## Correspondence.

-Abridged from the Baptist Teacher

whom the Holy Spirit comes.

words or acts. So it is to every one to

For the Christian Messenger. Sunday's Bright Side in Chicago (From Morgan Park.)

No. 3. - SUNDAY EVENING.

After shaking hands with Bishop Mo Namara, who has a warm feeling toward "the boys at Morgan Park," and receiving his hearty "God bless you, brethren," we turn our faces toward the centre of the city again. Crossing to Clark St. we catch a horse-car bound south. The early winter evening has set in, and the gas is lit. The long lane of street lamps. which draw close together in the dis tance till they form two unbroken lines of light; the blue and red lanterns of sun at the entrance to some hotel or

the Hot Spring in the Dell, the Fire-relic House, formed of relics of the great fire that laid the Queen City in ashes eleven years ago, the Conservatory, the Zoological Department with its sea-lions disporting in their pool, its prairie dogs sitting motionless with fore feet in air at the entrance to their burrows, its bear pits where you can see Old Grizzly himself without fear of his claws, and, more than all these, the pleasant walks and drives and the cool Lake breezes attract every year 2,000,000 visito s. Here, on the edge of the Lake, a mile farther south, are the Water Works, and perhaps there is no more notable building within the city limits, certainly there is none more necessary, for on it the and in their midst, talking with them, Chicagoaus depend for the 58,000,000 gallons of water they daily consume. A tunnel brings in the clear, cold water from the bottom of the lake three miles from shore, and the mighty engine with a heart like the heart of a volcano, an arms that throw into shadow the arms of the Titans, drives it to the farthest parts of the city. This engine is the most powerful in America, it is said, after the famous Corliss engine, and has a pumping capacity of 100,000,000 gallons daily. We hardly wonder that the cost of the Works was nearly nine millions of dollars. If it were not Sunday we might go in and watch the great wheels flying around, or ascend the Tower, 175 feet in height, and look out upon the blue waters dotted with sails, and in upon the spires and turrets of the town. But our good steeds have brought us to Chicago River. It is pretty enough at night with the lights quivering on it, but in blank daylight a most uncomely stream, more uncomely, if possible than the Shubenacadie or Corn wallis when the tide is departed. Yet it is a useful stream, giving the city forty-five miles of river frontage, and thus greatly facilitating commerce .-Thirty six swinging bridges, similar to the one we are on, span it, and two tunnels burrow under its black waters. The river flows out of the lake instead of into it, as it did in old times before the engineers took it in hand. Rivers out here are easily influenced, they have no decision of character, they are reversible, like the Falls of St. John. Mountains, material or moral, are necessary to decisiveness in rivers or in men. As we sit at supper in Burcky & Mi-

lan's, we decide that the evening can be profitably spent at the Pacific Garden Mission, a few blocks distant. As it is early we step into the Grand Pacific Hotel, which lies in our way, to pass the time in its beautiful and spacious public room. This is the largest hotel in Chicago, and is a city in itself. It covers half a block, and is six stories | Chicago. high—the prairies are wide and buildings do not run as far skyward here as in New York. In room 44 the Baptist ministers' Monday meeting is held, and if you could look in to-morrow you, would probably see Lorimer and Henson, Lawrence and Burhoe, Parker and K. nnard, with others of the twenty Baptist postors of the town.

The clock indicates that the Mission s about to open. As we approach the place we find a man distributing invitations to all who pass to attend the service about to be held. We enter a large plain hall, seated with chairs. Upon the white plaster walls are painted Scripture texts, in large blue and reletters, while ever the platform we see done in evergreen that ever green truth, "God is Love." The house is nearly filled with an audience composed chiefly of men of the rougher classes There are some "sorry" faces in the room. A few seats from us is an old man, toothless, and with features marred by dissipation. He has St. Vitus' dance apparently, and as our eyes are turned to him by the nervous twitching of his features, and the aimless motions of his hands, it makes our hearts ache that a man should become such a physical and moral wreck. Intemperance has blotted the maoliness out of many of these faces; vice has replaced the lines of strength and beauty with its own hard lines, written " with a pen of iron, and with the point of a nail." Some of the men present have come in fresh from the bar-room, and are not sober enough England. Strangely, he died on Advent to refrain from disturbing the meeting | Sunday, the fourth anniversary of the occasionally with inappropriate remarks.

the street-cars moving rapidly up and is at Morgan Park, conduct the Mission. die. It will require a man of no mean down this lane of stars; the glow from They are wealthy, but they have laid powers to be his fitting successor. shop windows; the colored brilliancy their wealth at the feet of Christ. Their London (a effected. In the same magazine by anthat shines from the drug stores; and one aim, to which they devote time and | wonderful pile of buildings) has just other writer, is the following: "To enter the electric light hanging like a lesser money alike, is to rescue the "lapsed been opened by the Queen in great a protest error against error, and to classes of Chicago. Every night in the state. The papers report that next to declare truth is still the privilege of theatre, combine to produce a very week the reckless, the profligate, the in- the Queen, Mr. Gladstone was most God's people." So it is, and I have pleasing effect, and we are content to temperate, are gathered in this room to warmly received and loudly cheered by stand with nose flattened against the hear of Him who came to save sinners, the multitudes which assembled to witfront window of the car and enjoy it, as well as respectable people. Very ness the procession. It appeared (in I suppose than any other. Let it be At our left, with its beauties hidden by much work is carried on by them, also, print) that some saucy fellow on being hoped it is not so widely believed by the night, is Lincoln Park, the largest in a quiet, unostentatious way, in caring asked what was going on said that the those who are taught it. Bu it is and most frequented of the dozen parks for the poor and sick, of which space lawyers were all going to see the place serious and sad reflection that in all of the city. It is half a mile in width, and would, fail me to tell. Surely a great where they should shortly lie. The Episcopal Sunday and Nationa Schools stretches for two miles and a half along multitude will rise up one day and call Queen a few days after visited the baptismal regeneration is regularly and Is a certain forerunner of sorrow

The Colonel preaches a short and earnest sermon from the text, ' Prepare to meet thy God," and is listened to with marked attention, save when a man the worse for liquor calls out, at the close of some impressive period, "Good boy" or other unchurchly phrase, and sets all the boys hughing. Then the meeting is thrown open for testimony. A thin visaged American, with the western twang in his voice, says a few fitting words and resumes his seat. A German, not long enough out from the Fatherland to conquer our idioms, follows, and in spite of his amusing diction makes a good impression. The next speaker i a colored man. He urges his hearers to prepare for the day of doom, and strikes up, in the midst of his exhortation, with true Ethiopic gusto,

"I'll be there; yes, I'll be there; When the general roll is called

I'll be there," in which semi-religious couplet all join with evident relish. "Yes, my friends, sure as you're born, you'll be there;" and he sits down. A Scotchman, whose sandy beard and broad accent reveal his Caledonian blood, makes a few remarks; and so the meeting goes on. There is no formality, there are some things absolutely ludicrous, but there is a spiritual life and power, withal.

There is an after-meeting for inquirers, and a number signify their desire to enter the Christian life. "There are lots of souls saved here every night," says a young fellow apparently connected with the Mission, as he shakes us men that spoke to-night was converted by the way, the Christian World calls here this morning. He had been ruining himself by drink, and went out to the lake to commit suicide. Something re- just quoted appear in the following, from strained him when he would have cast | that paper. "Who would not like to himself into the water. He wandered back aimlessly to the city, found himself at the Mission door, and entering

in; was converted on the spot." As the train carried us homeward that night we felt that the leaven of the gospel has power even on the lump of Chicago society. It is true that five thouvery wicked city." But Christ is in hands of such men as Col. Carke. He walks up and down the jails and the almshouses and the hospitals on the feet of His children, "going about doing good." He sits an honored friend in ten thousand Christian homes, as he sat in the house of Lazarus, at Bethany. The gospel is the power of God, even in HARRINGTON.

> For the Christian Messenger, From England. BY REV. JOHN BROWN.

Winter seems to have come upon u with a rush. A heavy snow-storm last week caused serious inconvenience trains being blocked up, and in one case actually buried, the passengers being imprisoned for nearly forty hours. The weather this year has been as a whole the most remarkable for many. years. Some one has declared that your neighbours are responsible; that years ago we used to have respectable weather, but since the Americans took it in hand there is no telling what kind we may get, we have all sorts and no pretty certain that of late years it has been remarkably changeful and irregular, and has told seriously on agriculturists; and were it not for the supplies of various kinds we get from Uncle Jonathan, the effects of bad seasons would be more seriously felt. I see Uncle's pockets are beginning to overflow, I dangerous than adversity. The higher the rise of the tide, the lower the ebb.

You will have known ere this that the highly and deservedly honoured Archbishop of Canterbury has passed away. There is great lamentation throughout the land, especially in the Church of death of his wife, and the day he, for

the shore of the Lake. The Cascade, these Christian hearts blessed. wounded soldiers at Netley, visiting and persistently taught, but from many a -Sir Matthew Hale Golden Maxim.

speaking to each soldier and pinning on the hard-earned medals with her own hands, on those who were not able to rise from their beds, as well as those who were. Her Majesty enjoys excellent health and is growing more and more into the affections of her people. She is ever busy, and fond of out-door exercise. Almost true as the clock the daily papers have a line or two to this effect, I copy from one now before me, "The Queen and Princess Breatrice walked and drove this morning, &c." If more of her subjects of her own sex, foreign as well as home, followed her example, especially as to the walking, they would not be any the worse for it.

The Bishop of Salisbury has been giving his views on baptism lately. He says: "I must candidly and broadly state my conviction that there is not one passage nor one word in Scripture which directly proves it-not one word the undeniable and logical power of which can be adduced to prove, in any way of fact, that in the Scripture age infants were baptized, or of the doctrine that they ought to be baptized. Nor, believe, is there any such direct state ment to be found in any writings of the fathers of the church before the latter end of the second century after Christ.' And yet in the church of which the Bishop is a prominent member and which professes to be the true church of Apps tolic model, infant bapt sm is univer sally practised; and worse still, it is taught that it makes meet for Heaven warmly by the hand, "" One of these those who otherwise would not be! which "priestly lie," which is very strong language, but as true as strong. The words have known the dear old lady who wis hed to be buried among the despised " unchristened bairns," that she might be a mother to them on the resurrection mern? How poor and pitiful the wretched notion of baptismal grace looks beside this fine touch of unsophisticated nature. When will this priestly lie, sand bar-tenders are doing Satan's which oppressed the world so long and work, it is true that there is much that is still an affliction to many, be totally tends hell-ward. This is, indeed," a thrown off?" Ay when? Perhaps it may be "thrown off "at the same time Cuicago. He speaks from the pulpits of as the other closely allied and equally such men as Henson and Burhoe, Cheney unscriptural doctrine and practice of and Fallows, Kittredge and Herrick | both infant and adult sprinkling is Johnson. He lifts up the fallen by the | "thrown off"-when men take the plain unsophisticated teaching of the Word of God on this question for their guide. With what fond care is this sickly and dying child, born and bred in the darkness of superstition, nursed, tended and fondled. It has caused a deal of trouble. and the sooner it heaves its last expiring breath the better.

The following is copied from an Episcopal publication the Gospel Magazine. Sept.1882, edited by an evangelical of the evangelicals :- "To affix salvation to place, and the agency of persons, is an attempt to dethrone God." Now that is a burning truth, but the good editor did not reply to a mild request to barmo nise the statement with the teaching o the Church Catechism wherein is taught that in baptism the child is "made a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven. For is it not clear that in this case sal vation is affixed "to place," viz, the church, or wherever the clergyman choose to appoint for the ceremony? and "the agency of persons" viz, the officiating elergyman? And not only so but they affix also the time, viz., when "the Curate by his discretion shall ap sort at all. Be that as it may, it is point," Now it is recognized that the Holy Spirit regenerates, for after bar tism "the minister shall give thanks unto God and say: "We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this Infant with thy Holy Spirit, &c."

When we read, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the hope he will not be too much lifted up | sound thereof, but canst not tell whence over it. Prosperity is sometimes more it cometh, or whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the Spirit,' does not the above teaching directly and distinctly contradict this scripture which if it teaches anything, it teaches that we do not know when, or where the Spirit may work, his time and manner of working being beyond the reach of human knowledge, whereas the prayerbook shews us both, and not only so, but that the Spirit must work at the Col. Clark and his wife, whose home some time before, expected he should time and place "the Curate by his discretion shall appoint," as well as the means by which regeneration is to be entered mine against one form which in Christendom is more commonly taught

conversation with those who have learned the Catechism, I venture to hope it is very little even understood. An anecdote shall end my epistle. I was so ne time since in Berkshire and falling in with two boys who I found attended the National School, and had learned the Catechism, and aged respectively fourteen and sixteen. So I said, "Come let us go through it then." Turning to 14, I asked, "What is your name?" "Hardy," was the prompt reply. "Who gave you this name?" "My modfathers and godmothers "-here Harly's memory failed him, so I added "in my baptism," which Hardy at once repeated, but was still unable to proceed; so I said, "Well?" when 16 came to Hardy's help by remarking, "He doant know it Sir 'cept Sundays," I prompted bim however by adding, "wherein I was made," "wherein I was made" said Hardy, again sticking fast, "Well, made what "I asked, when with a beaming look of satisfaction as if he had it this time, Hardy replied "Sponshus Pilate' Having extracted this much from Hardy I was more than satisfied and did not trouble him any further than remarking. "Then they made a fine fellow of you Hardy." Query: Was not my friend Hardy as correct in his reply as if he had answered as I expected him to? My space is again over-filled, and I have to say as public speakers do sometimes at meetings, "What I meant to say, I did not, and what I did not mean to say that I said." I mean however to say one thing and that is, May the Editor and all his readers have a very Happy Christmas and New Year with a full measure of the best good cheer associated with

J. BROWN. Melksham, Wilts, Dec. 13th.

the festive season. With affectionate

For the Christian Messenger. From Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 4th, 1882. The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, arrived here on Sunday evening. He has stated that the impressions which he received during his visit at Varzin, are of a most satisfactory character. His mission has reference, it is said, not to any special questions, but to the general relations of Russia with Germany and Austria. Speculation, nevertheless, is rife as ever to the real object of his visit. All are agreed at least that the incident is one of great and happy significance for both Empires.

Some days ago a citizen of Tamesvar was knocked out of his chair, thrown on the floor, and partially stunned by his cigar exploding with a loud detonation. Fortunately he was smoking with a very long cigar pipe, otherwise he must have been killed, as an examination of the fragments of the tobacco resulted in showing that, whether through carelessness, wantonness, or malice, a small quantity of a light-colored material, ascertained to be dynamite, had been put among the leaf of which the cigar was manufactured. As the entire tobacco and cigar trade is here a strict Gov ernment monopoly, the authorities were driven to the unwelcome conclusion that the deed had been done on Government premises, and that the perpetrators were probably in State employ. The police paid a visit to the tobacco factory at Tamesvar, and seized the whole stock preliminary to a rigorous investigation. Fully fifty explosive cigars, it was stated were ascertained to be in circulation. The researches of the police, although woman employed at the factory was taker into custody, remained practically unsuccessful. Telegrams have arrived from Croatia, reporting more cases of explosions, and of the discovery of number of explosive cigars there. They turn out to be all of Hungarian Government manufacture. Fortunately in the Croatian explosions no one has been materially injured so far.

Prince Bismark makes a proposition that England, in order to get rid of the difficulty of constantly discussing the subject of the Suez Canal with France, should purchase more shares in that scheme. He says if we passed a law to enable English capitalists to invest in the Canal, plenty of our moneyed men would enter into the project, and the number of shareholders would out vote the French, and thus relieve us from the annoyance of the "periodical fits of passion" to which M. Lesseps is subject. There is a talk of another Canaf, but the plan hardly appears feasible. Better make the most and the best of that already in use, and adopt measures to prevent future complications.

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