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roomy, clean, and comfortable. If For the Christian Messenger. practicable, it is better to have two or three separate apartments. There should hea sufficiency of light, but not dazzl ng. Suitable pictures and mottoes giving religious instruction are both a suitable ornament and source of improvement. A cheerful, happy tone should be maintained. It should light up the faces of the officers and teachers, and reflect from the classes. The exercises should he cheerful, yet it will be well to remember that the absence of levity or hilarity is exceedingly desirable. It would be ill-becoming the purpose of the gathering, and the momentous subjects in hand, to engage with a triffing spirit or manner. How ever, as the main volume of our work is the announcement is removed. of glad tidings, it would not be appro-

priate to enter upon it with a sombre gloomy spirit, especially as the main body of the school is composed of children.

A public review with a concert at least once a quarter will produce immense profit. The school will gain by it a more exact study of the lessons. The public will be surprised, charmed, and compelled to identify themselves with the Sunday School enterprise.

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A weekly collection should be taken, and the funds disbursed according to the direction of the school. It certainly would be well to encourage the school to contribute principally to benevolent

The officers and teachers should have what purpose? We answer, for co

Nearer my God to Thee. One serious defect has often been pointed out in that beautiful hymn. composed by Sarah Flower Adams, who is said to have been a Unitarian. There is no allusion to Christ in it, and no reference to the Gospel. Of course, believers in the atonement through the precious blood of Christ are at liberty to sing it to Him. But still we would like to have in it some direct reference to the precious blood "that cleanseth from all sin." The following stanza has been composed in order to supply the defect. its proper place would be as the second. But let it be at the end, and the objection

> O Jesus, Saviour, thou Art Lord and God : Thou hast redeemed us by Thy precious blood : Thou hast delivered me. That near thee I might be,-Nearer. my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

As it is known that I have translated this delightful hymn into Latin, you readers would be surprised if this verse. intended as an appendage, were not also translated. In this case, however, the Latin is the original, and the English the translation.

> Salvator, Jesus mi, Tu Deus es: Per tuum sanguinem, Salutem des: Tu redemisti me, Ut forem prope Te,-Propius, O Deus mi, Propius ad Te.

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nesses, and to deliver to him the mes-After his victory over Amalek. A city, not in the region of the northern Mount Carmel, but in the mountains of Judah, south east of Jerusalem, familiar to us as the residence of Nabal, and of Abigail who became David's wife (1 Sam. xxvii. 3). The meaning of Carmel is park, and it is celebrated for its variegated scenery. Set him up a place. Or, a monument, a trophy of victory. Gone about . . . passed on . . . gone down. These phrases intimate that he had marched to Gilgal with much pomp, as a mighty conqueror, intent upon dazzling the people and winning their ap. plause. Gilgal. See xi. 15. The place where he was inaugurated king. A town, five miles north of the Dead Sea. There the warning against disobedience had been spoken (xiii. 13, 14); and there the sentence against his disobedi ence was to be pronounced.

Vs. 13, 14 -Blessed be thou of the Lord. Saul's somewhat gushing greeting intimates a secret uneasiness, and seems an attempt to forestall a being called to account by the prophet. have performed the commandment of the Lord. His very haste to assert this was suspicious. See the command in vs. 3. He thought to satisfy the Lord with what late. had apparently satisfied his blunted conscience, a partial obedience; while he had preserved the king and the best of the cattle alive, not out of tenderness, but, most likely, to grace his triumph. ii. 10.

meet Saul, who had a large place in his cites the proofs of his disobedience; affections, notwithstanding his weak- i. e., that he has brought Agag instead of slaying him, and that the people took sage of doom. Saul came to Carmel. of the spoil, sheep and oxen, when the command was to destroy everything. To obey is better than sacrifice, etc. A Golden Text, truly. Obedience-not something else. When the Lord commands, "something else" will not "do as well."

> Vs. 23.-The judge sums up the case, and pronounces sentence. Witchcraft, or divination, is putting some professed supernatural power in the place of God. And rebellion (such as Saul's), is putting his will in the place of God. The two are on a par. Both dethrone Jehovah. His stubbornness was on an equality with idolatry. But the Mosaic Law visited idolatry and witchcraft with the severest penalties. Hence, the severe judgment upon Saul. He had rejected the word of the Lord, and in turn the Lord rejected him as king.

Vs. 24-26.-Humbled and alarmed, Saul cries out, I have sinned. But this confession has not the marks of genuine repentance. He still excuses himself with the plea, I feared the people. "He was extremely anxious for appearances, and cared more for saving his vanity than pleasing God (vs. 30). I will not return. Solemn words. There is such

a thing as a sorrow which comes too

SUGGESTED LESSONS. Willful disobedience of a part is disobedience of the whole. See James

No. 135. I float on the sea, I grow on a tree, In sickness my uses are found; Of thieves I'm the dread, and sportsmen 'tis said. In me find a musical sound.-Ib.

No. 136. Form a square of words of

1. Virtuous.

- 2. The last Greek letter. 3. To send.
- 4. Moving quickly.
- 5. Not so early.

No. 137.

What am 1? Whole. I am a small animal. Behead me. I have power. flood. Transpose again, am a small island. Again, and I am a large package. Behead me again, I am a beverage. Franspose me, I am a meadow.

No. 138.

Find answers to the following Bible Questions : 1. What foreign slave married his

master's daughter? 2. What people could not pronounce the letter "h"? 3. What priest first used a pulpit of wood? 4. What king used an iron-bedstead? 5. Give the length of Noah's ark.

Find answers to the above-write them down-and see how they agree with the answers to be given next week.

Answer to Bible Enigma. No. 248. N ineveh. E sther, H avilah, E lisha. M anasseh, I ddo.

#### John B. Gough's Idea of the Liquor Traffic.

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### (From the Independent.)

I will tell you my idea of the liquor traffic very briefly, said Mr. Gough. God forgive me, I do not speak of it boastingly, for my sin is ever before me; seven years of my life was a dark blank. I know what the burning appetite for stimulants is; I know all about it, as I have sat by the dying bedside of drunkards I have held their hands in mine ; Transpose me, I was born before the I have tried to lead them at the last gasp to the Saviour who never turned any away that came to Him; and yet in the light of my own experience and the experience of others that I have received through my own observation, I could say : Father in Heaven, if it be Thy will that man shall suffer whatsoever seemeth good in Thy sight of temporal evil, impose it on me; let the bread of affliction be given me to eat; take from me the friends of my old age; let the hut of poverty be my dwelling place; let the wasting hand of disease be laid upon me; let me walk in the whirlwind, live in the storm; let the passing away of welfare be like the flowing of a stream, and the shouts of my enemies like rain on the waters. when I speak good let evil come on me -do all this, but save me, merciful God, save me from the bed of a drunkard! And yet as I shall answer to

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SESSION The hours of preparation have ·organized We take our Bibles and song book r, it is setleave helps, in general, at home. rangement soon find ourselves, in common a change number of men, women, and chi l then not on the way to the Sunday School. ons. The go in and, having returned our d its mainbook to the proper officer, take ou e Superinwith the rest in the body of the visely seek The place of meeting is warm, bu the other ventilated, and there is an air of es it would ness and comfort all around. ion of the Superintendent is there, not inde partments, the desk, but there with a pleasan Advanced. a beaming eye, a loving heart, ould have a friendly greeting for all, but esp ning exerfor any new comer that a friend d be under have invited, or Providence may The Intersent. In short, there is a general be divided nition among officers, teachers six to eight pupils: The officers and teacher a view the their classes in their appropriate the capaform a compact body in the cen gard to the the room for introductory exc much de-Precisely at the hour the Superinte pline and takes his stand in front of the ls, and also and, with a signal, commands att er. In the ll be found With a cheerful, devout voice, nounces the opening song. H all classes. one verse. By this time all are itious class and, with or without organ, rise acher, will in the song. After the singing t ject of lesson is announced by

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show? Vss. 23-26 -- What punishment did Saul announce? Did this mean Saul's immediate dethronement? What then? destroy the sinners, the Amalekites. What was the nature of his repentance? Of what was he an example? Is partial obedience real obedience?

Scripture Searchings.-What prophet them in the room, and immediately lost his life by disobeying a divine direcengage in class work. That work is di tion? What did Israel lose at last by rected by the teacher without interrup. disobedience and stubbornness?

beyed just so much of the comas suited his selfish purposes, and ore; and this is not obedience at Samuel's quiet answer is conclund crushing. What meaneth then leating, etc. He cites ready wits to disprove Saul's statement.

15.—They have brought . . . the spared. The old cry of "someelse did it." A lame attempt to pate himself by laying the blame thers. But the excuse is quite parent; for the people would not dared to do it without the king's ent. But there is also a pious plea: est of the sheep and oxen only were ed, and these to sacrifice unto the thy God. That is, we did obey in oying the inferior cattle, but the we spared for religious purposes. rding to Saul, his act of disobediso far from being reprehensible, praiseworthy. How prone is selfto don the robes of piety, the better complish its own ends.

16-19.-The words of Samuel are ble in their quiet simplicity. I tell thee what the Lord hath said. word of the Lord cuts through all sophistry. This night. The night past, which Samuel had spent in and supplication before the Lord. on. Saul yet keeps a bold face, gh his heart must have trembled, en thou wast little in thine own sight. contrast, Samuel reveals Saul's diffi He was not now little in his own but quite the reverse. He could bear prosperity. And no man can out a good deal of grace. Compare modesty when chosen king (x. 22). Lord anointed thee. It was not by own ability and superior merit that received this elevation, but it was he Lord's doing. Sent thee on a journey. Having made him king, the Lord set before him a simple task, and gave him specific directions. They were to utterly Whatever men may say about the cruelty of this order, the moral difficulty

God's commands are positive enactnents to be implicitly obeyed.

How straightforward and wholesome s Samuel's declaration in vs. 22. Covetousness is the prevailing sin of the heart.

No command of Christ, not even the command to be baptized, including its when and how, is "a matter of indiffer ence." See John xiv. 15; xv. 14.

How many sadly neglect the Lord's Supper, although Jesus said : " This do in remembrance of me."

Rejecting the Word, we reject God, and will be rejected by him.

Help for Parents, or for the Teacher of the Primary Class.

The intervening events in the history of Saul, since the date of the last Lesson must be given, in order to a correct un. derstanding of our present Lesson. He began modestly but his true character came out under trial, and was severely rebuked by Samuel; another was to be

chosen, though Saul was not displaced while he lived. Jonathan is introduced. Give somewhat

of the story told of him and his armorbearer, and the way in which God delivered the Philistines into his hands. Saul's character is again shown in his oath concerning any one who should eat any food that day until the rout was

complete. Tell the class the attempted deceit of Saul; his assurance in greeting Samuel, as though he was altogether in the right; his laying the blame on the people; his persistent claim that he had obeyed his final acknowledgment of having sinned ; and his useless plea for pardon. It was too late. He had rejected God. Now God had positively rejected him from being king over Israel. Sacrifices, if offered in a right and true spirit, are pleasing to God, because

in them we give up self, for his service. -Abridged from the Baptist Teacher. Bouths Repartment.

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ANSWERS TO CURIOUS QUESTIONS. No. 131. Zoological Diamond. C CAT OTTER LIZARDS. CATAMOUNT BABOONS HOUND

No. 132. Transposition. 1. Cat, cot, dot, dog. 2. Gun, run, ran, wan, war. 3. Love, lave, late, hate. 4. Girl, girt, gist, list, last, lass, lads ady. Boy, bay, may, man.

6. Hand, band, bond, fond, food, foot. 7. Coat, cost, cast, vast, vest. No. 133.

1. Ahab.

2. Amos iii. 15. 3. Eglon.

4. Jehoiakim (Jer. xxxvi. 22).

5. Twelve thousand. 6. Four thousand.

He who can at all times service pleasure to duty, approaches sublimity.

Bemperance.

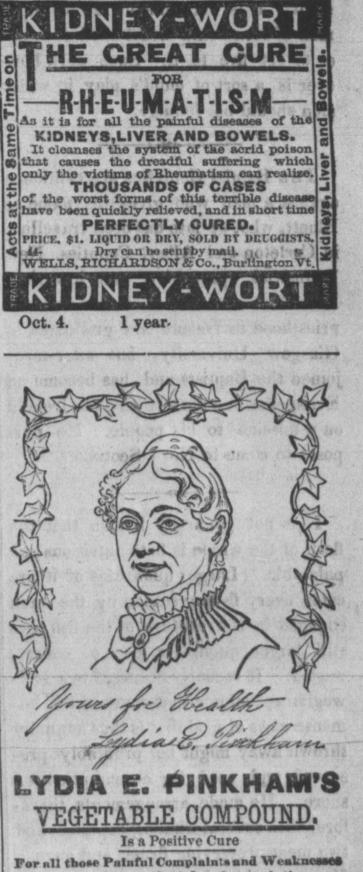
## What was in a Bottle.

I was once called upon to analyze a bottle of liquor in a case of suspected poisoning. I took it into my laboratory and applied the chemical tests that science had developed, and found only the usual component parts of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. No, there was no poison there, such as had been suspected. It was, as the manufacturer stated on the label of the bottle, " pure liquor." My little chemical skill had failed to detect any unusual ingredients.

I sat looking at the suspected compound for a few minutes, when imagination, ever busy with the human brain, said to me ; " Oh thou most blind and inexpert chemist, most ignorant of what thou art, " most assured," is thy scientific knowledge of so little avail? Seest thou no poison there? Look again; regard not the evidence of the alembic and the retort, but take it into the laboratory of thy recollections of the past and of all human experience, then tell me what thou seest." I looked for a few moments, and soon I saw its color change, and on the bottom, the red drops of murder were gathering there; I looked again, and from its liquid depths the ghastly face of suicide looked forth at me, with a glazed eye and livid features of the dead. Again I looked, and pale, haggard want, famine and wretchedness, were floating like motes of sunbeams in its sparkling contents. And there I saw the mother's grief, and the wife's agony, and the tears of the drunkard's children; I saw the ruined hopes of a wicked life and the record of sin and crime. The very bubbles that sparkled on its surface were full of human sorrow, disease and woe.-From " Leaves from the diary of

Thee in the day of judgment, I had rather be the veriest sot that ever reeled through your streets, than I would be the man who sold him his liquor for a month.

We do not hear people say that mad dogs are all light-its only their excessive bites that do injury. Yet that would be as sensible as to say the liquor traffic is all right-it is only the excessive use of liquor that does harm.



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tion from any quarter. Let it be twenty minutes or half-an-honr it is undisturbed. Saul, though a brave and honest man, The teacher is delivering the message had but few qualities fitting him to be over which he has studied and prayed. king over the Lord's people. He was especially rash, headstrong, and im-It must not be marred with any intrusion. The pupils have been at work also .-patient; and the exhibition of these Difficult points engage their attention. traits at Gilgal (xiii. 8, 9), where he They ply their reasonable questions withpresumptuously offered sacrifice instead out annoyance. Thus the work pro of waiting for Samuel, cost him his gresses, under the eye of the Superinkingdom. Some ten years later, another tendent. The secretary and librarian test applied to him discovered the same have accomplished their part. A warning wilfulness and rashness in daring to disfrom the Superintendent reminds the obey the explicit command of God. He teachers that the time is almost expired. was bidden to utterly destroy the Ama-The lesson is closed, and all are ready at a signal to resume the places occupied lekites, the ancient and treacherous by them at the opening of the school. enemy of Israel; but interposed his Everything is now ready for the review own wisdom, and disregarded the divine and closing exercises. While a hymn is command. Our Lesson gives the interbeing sung the collection is gathered. Now the review is held. The Superin- view between him and Samuel, after tendent or any one qualified conducts that event. this exercise. He uses a black board upon

which the outline of the lesson is drawn in bold characters, so as to be readily to meet Saul. After a night spent in difficulty with them as with this. Didst read by the entire school. By a few words he holds up the scope of the weeping and earnest prayer over the Ay upon the spoil. Eager to secure it, lesson, and elicits the knowledge and breach between Jehovah and Saul. God | rather than to obey God. It was covetinterest of the school by a few pertinent questions. This exercise takes from to Samuel, his displeasure at Saul's cattle. three to six minutes. Several songs are conduct, and his purpose to take the now sung. The lesson for next Sunday kingdom from his family. This not are none so spiritually obtuse as those announced. Prayer is offered. The pupils on their way out take their libraonly grieved, but vexed Samuel; but it who attempt to justify their wrong ry books in their order. The school is also drove him to an all-night season of doing. Saul almost persuades himself Void of body or soul, I am still a reality. closed. It has been in session just one prayer. Hence, he was prepared to that he was obedient, even while he

plead superior tenderness as an excuse for disobedience. His conduct was from an entirely different, and a selfish motive. As to the alleged harshness of this command, we may say: 1. It is

did not affect Saul. He did not even

not our business to sit in judgment upon God's ways, even to justifying them to men. He is able to care for his own word and doings. 2. The Amalekites were especially a truculent and treacherous people, who had tried to cut off Israel in the wilderness, and were a standing menace to them in Palestine. 3. God had doomed them (Ex. xvii. 16) to utter destruction, and his time for the execution of this sentence had now come. 4. We do not charge him with cruelty when the elements do his bidding, even though they destroy thousands of innocent children. 5. The law of natural death is passed upon all; and it is for the Sovereign to elect the when and how in individual cases. 6. Could we read the purpose of God in suffering Notes.-Vs. 12.-Samuel rose early other wars, we should have as great

had expressed in the strongest language, ousness, not, religion, that spared the But-cannot be taken by night or by day.

Vs. 20-23.- Yea, I have obeyed. There

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Bible Enigma. No. 249.

A Charade. (First syllable.) A house is what my first doth mean,

Or 'tis oft called the place ; 'Twas also called the temple, By a well known ancient race. (Second syllable.)

Search well through Webster's volume, For instruction or for fun; There you'll find I'm well-defined, As meaning only one.

(Whole.)

A village on the eastern slope Of old Mount Olivet ; Here many wondrous things were done, Which none should 'e'er forget.

## CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

No. 134. Before and behind, above and below, Look for and find me, wherever you go. I triumph in sunlight, in darkness I hide, Yet you're never without me whatever betide.

I attend on the Queen in her loftier state, Yet on beggars and thieves, I am fated to wait.

Quite cosmopoliton I wander away, Nothing there is in the whole of creation, With which I don't boast the most friendly relation.

The world owns my way though I've no nationality,

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