Bible Lessons for 1884.	hall lift you up. "Before honor is humility" (Prov. xv. 23). "He that				grateful for at this time, when our hearts
LIVING AS IN GOD'S SIGHT. James iv. 7-17. COMMIT TO MEMORY: Vs. 13-15. GOLDEN TEXT.—" Humble yourselves it the sight of the Lord, and he shall if you up."—James iv. 10. DAILY HOME READINGS. I. The Lesson.—James iv. 7-17. I. Not Eye-servan's.—Epb. vi. 1-9. W. Christ in his Humility —Phil. ii 3-8 Christ in his Exaltation.—Phil. ii. 9-11 F. Christ in his Exaltation.—Phil. ii. 9-11 F. Christ in his Exaltation.—Phil. ii. 1-11. Shortness of Life.—Job xiv. 1-12. Be Ye Ready.—Matt. xxiv. 36-44. ANALYSIS.—I. Duties to God. Vs. 7-10. I. Duties to our Fellow Men, Vs. 11,12 II. Boasting of the Future, Vs. 13-16 W. Knowing and Doing, Vs. 17.	humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Matt. xxiii. 12). Christ taught by his example that the true way to exaltation is through humility. See Phil. ii. 8, 9. Compare Isa. lvii. 15; 1 Pet. v. 6. Notice the positiveness of this promise. Vs. 11, 12.—Speak not evil of one another. The word brethren implies in itself a reproof; for how inconsistent for brethren to speak evil of one another; and yet, alas, how common. Judgeth. The echo of Christ's words in Matt. vii. 1. In evil speaking, motives which we cannot know are often impugned. Speaketh evil of the law. Which says, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." Not a law doer. Speaking evil of a brother is judging him; God's law bids us love him, thus we take God's place as law maker. One lawgiver. And only one; and that is God. Only he is able to deal with men, saving the obedient, and destroying the disobedi- ent. Who art thou? The Greek is	 Bible Enigma. No. 260. 1. Where did Jacob build an altar ? 2. What caused Haman's end,—with halter ? 3. What should we seek with peace in view ? 4. What is noble in throng or few ? 5. What, alas 1 is sometimes sought in vain ? 6. Whence did Solomon gold obtain? 7. What "is mother of invention "? 8. What restrains much church dissension ? 9. Will you name a son of Aaron ? 10. What's found in the "rose of Sharon "? 11. A son of Ishmael,—what's his name ? 12. What prophetess of ancient fame ? 13. Now a city of wells and palms; 14. What was Christ called in Book of Psalms ? 15. What mount in Judea often named ? 	journalism is not a bad preparation for professional journalism, as has been proved in numerous cases during the last ten years, since the college paper became an "institution" in nearly every college. A New York paper says : "The com- plaint increases that candidates present them telves for admission to college who are disgracefully deficient in the rudi- ments of an ordinary English education. This is a serious indictment of the com- mon schools of which we boast so loudly. Evidently the "Quincy method" has not yet been universally applied." An English prison chaplain, writing in the Banner, says :" How is it that in London one constantly finds juvenile offenders who cannot read, and whose schooling consists of a few appendix dem	 promising passages, to encourage and comfort the youthful brother, these were added— Oh ! the home over there, In the land of the blest, In the land of the blest, When the soul-freed from care, Will be ever at rest. Brother—think of that home, As you journey th ough life, Take Christ as your pattern, Till the end of life's strife. Then heaven will open, Your soul to receive, Earth's "shell " left behind, "With earth's cares and diselse. Kind angels will meet you, And show you the Lord, Who loved you on earth" 	ravens and who hears young lins, ha
as the greatest power for good or evil? fe The tongue. To what is the power of se	emphatic—thou, who art thou? Only feeble man, who art to be judged thy- self, instead of judging others.	16. After Saul, who o'er Judah reigned?	of attendance? Of 78,416 persons ap- prehended in 1882, there were 8,426 males, and 4,677 females, who could		JAMES A. STUBBERT. January 7th, 1884.
The misciner the conflue oan to come	Vs. 13, 14 — Go to now. A phrase to arrest attention; equivalent to come now. See Isa. i. 18. Ye that say. With boastful confidence. To day or to mor-	The answers placed in order, give an important injunction of the Apostle Paul.	neither read nor write: while 45,021 males, and 17.665 females are described as being able to 'read only, or read and write imperfectly."	All glory to God,	For the Christian Messenge From France.

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future can we boast? What ought we to say, in speaking of the future? Is it necessary always to soy, if the Lord come will?

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Vs. 17 .- What obligation does knowing God's will bring? Suppose we know and do not do, what then? Where do we find the record of God's will? Do you know God's will? Do you do it? Is there any valid excuse for disobedience?

Lesson Provings .- Where, in this lesson, do we find-1. The nature of true humility? 2. Its reward? 3. The duty of living for the world to come?

With what weapons must we

in this? How shall we draw nigh to

God? What is meant here by clear

hands? What is meant by afflicted

Whom does the Lord lift up? How

does he regard the proud? Psaim

Vs. 11, 12.-What law does the sland

erer and backbiter transgress? What

is meant by judging the law? Have we

any right to alter, annul, or disobey any

law of God? He commands us to re

pent; have you obeyed it? He says,

Believe in Corist; do you receive him?

He says. Be baptized; will something

else do as well? He says of the Lord's

Supper, This do; are you neglecting it?

Vs. 13-16. - Of how much time in the

The last lesson closed with a contrast between worldly and heavenly wisdom. in the use of the tongue. The first six verses of this chapter show what that worldly wisdom produces in men, viz. : wars, neglect of prayer, unanswered prayer, desire of this world's friendship, and envy. Our lesson opens with the earnest exhortation to submit to God. and to live as in his sight.

NOTES.-Vs 7.- Submit yourselves to God. The essence of true piety is the submission of the heart and will to God ; as the essence of sin is selfishness, or arraying self against God. The Christian life begins with submission to God's way and will. That is conversion. And Christian living is continued and more perfect submission day by day. Resist the devil. Submission to God involves fighting against his enemy. The devil is seen to be not a mere principle of

and long lease of life, and plans that are only worldly. Ye know not, etc. resist him? Who has set us an example Solemn sentence. Death may be knocking at the door, or the Lord may come. It is even a vaper. New Version, Ye are a vapor. Not simply life, but ye, yourselves, and all belonging to you. There is no finer image of brevity and uncertainty of human life, and of

the vanity of building upon future days in this world.

Vs. 15, 16.-Ought to say. Compare ye say (verse 3). If the Lord will See Paul's use of the phrase, if the Lord will, in 1 Cor. iv. 19. The senti ment should be in our hearts, and all our plans be in humble submission to him in whose hands is the breath of our nostrils. But now, etc. How different is your spirit from this, says the apostle. Ye rejoice or glory in your self-confidence as to the future. You pride yourselves in your presumption. But all such rejoicing is evil.

Vs. 17 .- This verse expresses a principle which applies to the subject just discussed-the forming of plans for the future ; but does not stop there. It is of a general character. The knowledge of the right, or the ability to do good. imposes obligation to do it. "Nothing more injures the soul than wasted impressions." While the apostle convicts us of the sin of omission, our Lord presents the other side of the same truth, and says to every hearer of the gospel: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

SUGGESTED LESSONS.

The natural heart yields to the devil and fights against God. In conversion this is reversed-we yield to God and fight against the devil.

Our combativeness is not for naught ; we may give it full vent in battling against the great adversary.

There is comfort in the truth that though powerful, the devil is not omnipotent; and he will flee when properly resisted.

evil, but an active, vigilant, malicious Help for Parents, or for the personage. He will flee from you. As Teacher of the Primary Class. he did from Christ in the wilderness; who fought him, not with his divine al. Tell the children that our life is so mightiness, but with the same weapon that-we cannot do right unless some which we may use-the sword of the strong hand leads us and holds us up. Spirit. This saying of the apostle, is Ask whose hand we need. Some may not merely a prediction, but a promise. say, mamma's. Show that mamma may Vs. 8 .- Draw nigh to God. In faith indeed help, but is not in herself strong and prayer. Blessed privilege! We enough-cannot be with us all the time, may "come boldly to the throne of etc. Show how our Heavenly Father is grace." He will draw nigh to you. In even more tender and loving than the forgiveness and love. Blessed promise best mamma, and will lead us, if we -never broken. See illustration of only let him. this truth in the father of the prodigal Teach that we must do the best we (Luke xv. 20). Cleanse your hands; can every day, with God's help. What i. e., your doings-hands being the outwe want is, that he will take us, when ward instruments of action. Purify he is ready, to his heavenly home. We your hearts. Give your hearts wholly learned that he sees so much that is to God, and not partially to the world. wrong in us. Need that make us Only the clean handed and purified in afraid? Not if we are sorry, ask him "heart can "ascend into the hill of the to forgive us, and do the best we can, Lord." See Psalm xxiv. 4. Double trusting to him for help. minded. Divided between God and the -Abridged from the Baptist Teacher: world, like Israel in Elijah's day. See

Give the seven sentences uttered by our Saviour on the cross, in their proper order?

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3. Give instances from the Bible of miraculous darkness?

4. Who was punished with death for touching the Ark of God?

5. Who were the workmen employed to build the temple?

No. 179.

Fill up the blanks in these sentences with words pronounced alike but spelled differently, and having different mean-1. The horse's ---- beauty is his

2. You may try to ---- that with a ---- of scissors. 3. I have ----- a grand -----. 4. She ----- I had a ----- dress. 5. They ----- once a week to out ----- to the sufferers. 6. They ---- him and take him across the -----

7. Tell them ----- visit the -next summer.

No. 180. Form a diamond of words of 1. Half of the verb to be; pres, tense 2. Darwin's ancestor. 3. To make up for defects.

- 4. Showed off.
- 5. Walk in. 6. Ever abbreviated.
- 7. The head of dog.

No. 181. Find a town of Nova Scotia : 1st. A important part of the human body.

2nd. A collection of water.

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. 259.

Jonah in the whale's belly.

ANSWERS TO CURIOUS QUESTIONS. No. 175.

No. 176.

1. Elijah; 2. Elisha; 3. Agabus; 4 Elisha; 5 Elijah.

Women are working their way into all branches of industry in Russia. They are now seen in clockmakers' and jewel lers' shops, but especially in the workrooms of china painters. This last development is attributed to the influence of the drawing school of the Society for the Encouragement of

Over 500 applications were received in London in reply to the advertisement for six male teachers for Queensland.

A department for women has been opened at Owens College, Manchester, England, which counts eighty students, two or three of whom are reading for degrees, and are allowed to attend the senior graduating classes of the College-

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts recently distributed prizes to the Westminster pupil teachers, in the rooms of the National Society, Broad Sanctuary, Lon. Mr. Burdett-Coutts presided. don. Among others present were the Dean of Westminster, Archdeacon Farrar, Canon Furse, Canon Wade, the Rev. E. Capel-Cure, the Rev. Brymer Belcher (a mem ber of the London School Board), and Mr. Fitch (Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools). Mr. Burdett-Coutts, who moved the adoption of the report, at the end of his speech, said teachers in the present day were most important persons, and a great desl of influence was exercised by them; and Archdea con Farrar said : " Like Luther, if he were not a minister of God, there was not a single office in the world he would choose more readily than that of teacher | forgotten by us. to the young. In his opinion there was a very serious danger for the pupil teachers to avoid-namely, over-strain ing. They had to go through a long day teaching children, and when they got home had to study for their examination. This was extremely dangerous, for there was too much strain on the

publication should be rewritten over seven times and corrections made each time of writing We sometimes have verses sent for publication by writers whose orthography, thym e and rhythm are all imperfect, and we have to regret that they did not write in plail prose We do not now referio "G."-ED.C.M.

For the Christian Messenger. Notes from Billtown, Cornwallis.

Dear Brother,-

We have been located at Billtown, now for six months Duing that time we have spoken to large and attentive audiences, and mingled with a kind considerate and inteligent Christian people. We have been reminded frequently of their generosity by tokens of a tangible nature. Our hay-mow and larder, both, might reveal a secret, in they would, of constant additions to theirs'ock by the open-banded-kinduess of our friends.

But we have had two formal donations and a presentation, with "addresses and replies, interspersed with music." Our friends at Chipman Brook met about ten weeks ago at the residence of Enoch Arnold, E q ,and their donations amounted to \$16.00. Then, one week in advance of Santa Claws, our Woo i ville friends met t gether in the H 1 and presented us with a donation amounting to \$45 00. Then, sgain, on New Year's Eve Mrs. Bradshaw was made the recipient of a hand-ome quilt. &c., and an address from ten young ladies recently ad led to the Church Such kind attentions will not soon be

But above all the Lord has cheered us with his presence Social and Canference meetings are well attended, and interesting. Some special services have been held on different parts of the field. with manifest tokens of the livine approval. A four weeks series has just closed at Woodville, with good results. Besides the good, God's people have received and now, twenty-nine have been added to our number by biptism. We are looking hopefully forward. May the Lord, bless his own Word and work Yours, &c., W. B. BRADSHAW:

the cons quent spread of disease, and no less than 650 schemes of reform have been presented to the Muni up 1 Council. The deaths between 1870 and 1883 have increased per hundred thousand inhabitants, from 48 to 96 in typhoid fever, from 53 to 101 in d putheria, from 11 to 74 in small pox, from 30 to 43 in measles, and from 7 to 18 in scarlet fever, and a go d American may now reasonably expect to find Paris the shortest road to the close of life.

People are greatly exercised here about the visit of the German Crown Prince to Rome. It is, perhaps, a stone meant to knock down many birds. There is a rumor that inform tion had been received by Prince Bismark to the effe t that Italy intended to slip away from Germany if France yielded to her in Tunis, and gave back a port of Savoy. Italian statesm-n are as hard to hold as eels, and they do not allo v ti emselves to be governed by sentimental considerations. Hitherto they have b en very successful in g-tting other Powers to draw their chestauts out of the fire. The Pope is advised by the J-suits to rec-ive the olive branch which Ge many holds out. The Jesuits have established missions and schools in Armenia, Asia Minor, and Upper Syria. Were that Territory to be alotted in the next cutting up of Turk y to the Germans. they could may it too hot to hold the Jesuits, and encourage their American rivals at Beyrout and other parts of Syria and Asia Minor. The agita ion in the French newspapers in favor of France demanding of Coina, an indemnity for the covert war waged by the latter in Tonguin, against France, is due to the direct in-piration of M. Jules Ferty. The Fench Government has received inform tion from Pekin, that the Imperial Grand Council is in favor of a continuation of re-istance to the demands of France without a formal dec aration of hostili ies and M Ferry's ide of demanding of China an indemnity is intended to prevent that country

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1 Kinge xviii. 31. Vs. 9, 10.-Be afflicted . . mourn . . annot weep. Outward signs put for inward hough repentance of sin. For inward contri-

tion is attended with outward lamentation, Laughter, Careless mirth and jollity, affected unconcern at the consequences of sin, give place to mourning over your godless condition. Humble yourselves. The proud is in no condi-

Words spoken in unkindness are like a dagger which pierces the flesh. Peni tence and forgiveness, like a poultice, may heal the wound, but a scar will Walk as Christ walked, if you would remain which the tears of penitence can never wash away.

It is very poor Christianity which seeks to be honest because it is the " best policy."

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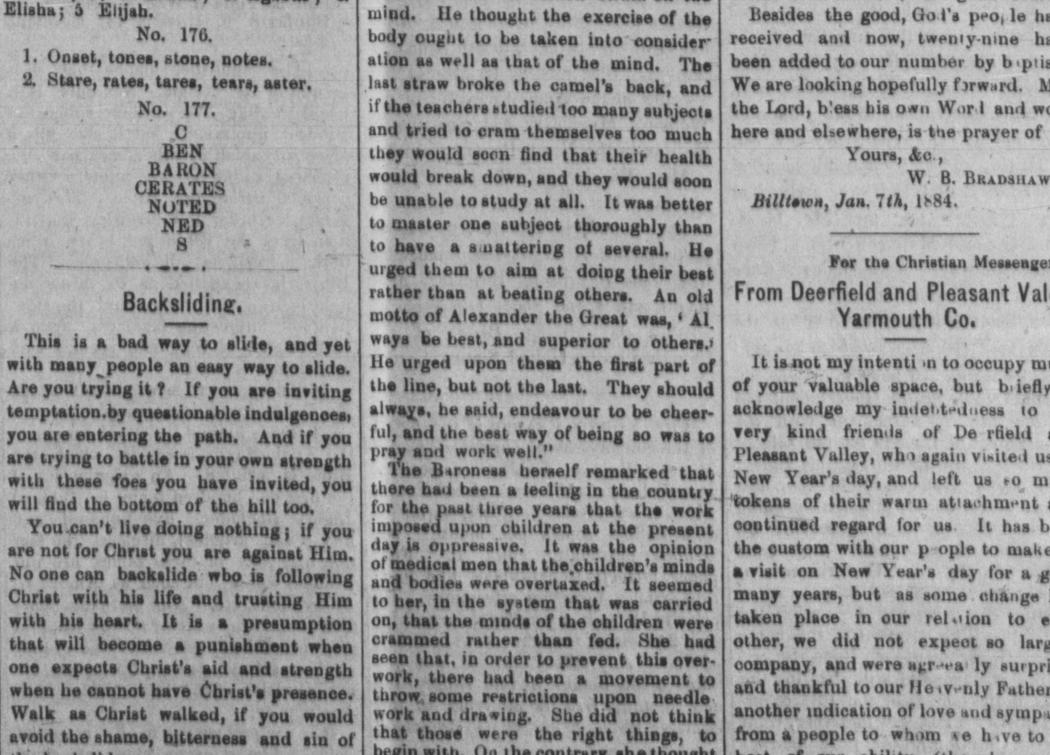
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Backsliding.

This is a bad way to slide, and yet with many people an easy way to slide. Are you trying it ? If you are inviting temptation.by questionable indulgences, you are entering the path. And if you are trying to battle in your own strength with these foes you have invited, you will find the bottom of the hill too.

You can't live doing nothing; if you are not for Christ you are against Him. that will become a punishment when avoid the shame, bitterness and sin of the backslider.

Whoever has a good work to do must ing, writing, arithmetic, needlework, and -- Luther.



primary steps to education.

these were fine things, and ought to be the fundamental subjects-English read

Billtown, Jan. 7th, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger. From Deerfield and Pleasant Valey. Yarmouth Co.

of your valuable space, but bliefly to acknowledge my indebtedness to my people will die, a great cyclone will delvery kind friends of De rfield and Pleasant Valley, who again visited us on New Year's day, and left us so many tokens of their warm attachment and continued regard for us. It has been the custom with our p ople to make us a visit on New Year's day for a good many years, but as some change had Mohammedans, it is not to be wondertaken place in our relation to each ed at that many are alarmed at the crammed rather than fed. She had other, we did not expect so large a near prospect of such terrible events. company, and were agreea ly surprised and thankful to our Heavenly Father for another indication of love and sympathy Our life is but a winter's day, from a people to whom we have to the Some only breakfast and away; begin with. On the contrary, she thought best of our ability, (though we are Others to dinner stay and are well fed,

from continuing to send reinforcements to Tonquin.

The Indian Witness states that there is some agitation in Mohammedan circles in Calcutta just now, growing out of a report published in the Amir ul Akhbar to the effect that Mohamet had appeared to the guardian of his tomb at Mecca, and announced that from the date of the commencement of the next Mohurrum, which will complete the fourteenth century since the Hijra, the It is not my intention to occupy much | sun will begin to rise in the west, confusion will break out in the world, many uge the land; the printing in every Koran will be effaced, and the final end of all things be ushered in. It is added that as the terms in which these predictions are stated are such as challenge the devout respect of all orthodox

aware in weakness) preach d the gospel The oldest man but sups and goes to bed; of Jesus Christ for over thirty years and Large is his debt who lingers out the day let the devil's tongue run as it pleases. drawing. The three first she called the mingled with them in their joys and Who goes the soonest has the least to sorrows. The timely aid and warm pay.