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The Intelligencer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON V .--- Feb. 1.

(For Questions see Star Quarterlies and Lesson Papers.) PAUL AT JERUSALEM.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. -Acts 21: 15-26.

DAILY READINGS. Paul at Jerusalem. Acts 21:15-26. Paul's visit to the apostles. Gal. 1:15-24.

Preaching to Gentiles. Rom. 15:15-29.

Gentiles desire the Gospel. Acts 13:42-52.

The law of the vow. Num. 6:1-12.

Circumcision unprofitable. Gal. 5:1-6.

The apostle's decision. Acts 15:1-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.—And when they heard it they glorified Lord.—Acts 21: 20.

Topics-The Arrival The Tidings Told. The Advice Given.

TIME, A. D. 58.

TOPICAL TREATMENT. Paul's interview with the disciples at Jerusalem, in which he gave a report of his work among the stead of rather blunt and obtuse, apt to hit

certain matters. James and the elders of the church, and to make phantom sits near. done by him during the four years since he was familiar than regret to most of us. Say to your-

Such an account would naturally include many which should create thankfulness." interesting events connected with his experi- It is easy to conceive the person you or I est in danger of making shipwreck of faith. quence. At any rate, it is clear that the hearts of the brethren at Jerusalem were deeply moved by Paul's recital of his varied and thrilling ex
The children of Alice call Betram, father," at the day-dawn cometh shouting."

The shouting will be raised by the discovery of what was actually in existence all the time, you if you persevere. by Paul's recital of his varied and thrilling ex- supplanted you without delay! And you, O my and that is God's wonderful wisdom and love. periences. "When they heard it they glorisister, married or single, has it befallen you I once spent a night on the summit of Mount fied the Lord." And well they might, for influ-once and again to know the all-fascinating man, Righi, and the darkness was so dense that I ences had been put in motion which were des- whom "any of the girls would marry," evolved could not see one rod from my window. But speak to no one until you are outside. The tined to produce a complete revolution in the history of mankind from that time onward to his church is God's house, even when prayer is over. Lake Luceine spread beneath me, and the icy his soul, and he is a churchyard to him the data and the unknowable went for nothing in view touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard to him the data and the unknowable went for nothing in view touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard to him the data and the unknowable went for nothing in view touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard to him the data and the unknowable went for nothing in view touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard to him the data and the unknowable went for nothing in view touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and the unknowable went for nothing in view touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul, and he is a churchyard touch his lips and purify his soul his l the end of the world. Christianity has been happiness? Have you perceived how this or coronets of the Jungtrau and the Finsteraarhorn introduced into Europe. Its seeds had been that association forbidden would have dwarfed glittered in the rosy beams. They had been it should reach the farthest confines of civili- discouraged and baffled man or woman you A great deal of our work in this world is WM. JENNINGS, by Paul, and the vision filled his soul with emo- to shape events!

o, the feeling existing among the unchristian wisely glance at the unsheltered struggle with new truth, of every enterprise of benevolence, Jews towards Paul. They realized, in their the world to which hundreds are exposed. of every Christian reform, of almost every refullest extent, the danger attending his presence | Could I have been reasonably cheerful in such | vival, is the history of long working, waiting, in the city at that time. Patriotic pride and case? I think of that weary woman, faithless of and watching through seasons of discourage- and distinguished himself during the mutiny, religious fervor would be stimulated to their ut- God and blinded by hardship, to whom the year ment. The history of Palissy the Potter is re- was noted for his modesty and gentle manners. most manifestation, and the fickle elements of a simply appoints fresh toils and pains, and thank peated ten thousand times over. The lesson for He was a Scotch Episcopalian, but though deeply popular crowd were filling every part of the him for my kinder fate. What scores of men, every missionary, every pastor, every teacher, religious, his retiring disposition made him a city. It was important that the first general honored and useful in after time, can revive the and every sorely tried child of God is in these quiet, unobtrusive Christian, who seldom spoke knowledge of Paul's presence there should be promulgated in a way to suppress hostility and awaken confidence. Paul had come to Jerusalem at this time, when his heart was leading memory, thank God that you are not the man morning."
him towards Rome, to heal any breach which you might have been! "We have might be found among the brethren, to quiet A very evident contradiction to that common ing," was the lament of the tired, sleepy, and he sat outside of his tent to observe the strange enemies.—Bishop J. C. Peck. any fears that might be entertained in regard complaint that one has never found or has lost hungry disciples. But in the early gray of the shadows and weird gloom of the forest. His to the nature of his work among the Gentiles, his sphere, may be noted in the fact that men day-break they espy the Master on the beach; thoughts wandered over his past life, and then to prove the falsity of many wild rumors and idle stories that had been told about him and clare themselves unfitted. Perhaps the need of of the ship, and lo! it swarms with a shoal that his teachings, to give a full and detailed account careful accuracy is felt, where inclination wars breaks through the meshes! So doth God test he think of the jungle. With an aching head of all that he had taught and done, and to preach with effort, but capacity lurks in untried places. his children before he blesses them. Our pro- and limbs he sought his bed, and a day later rethe blessed tidings of the Gospel to the multi-tudes assembled in the capital city of the Jewish but how often is one permitted an unbiassed watch, and to let God have his way. That dear upon him. religion on this high festival occasion. He had election. Friends, influence, money, poverty, girl whose funeral service was attended last When the fever was at its height the surbrought with him a deputation of Gentile brethren who could speak for themselves, and give opportunity to any who might wish to expect the same of the most opportunity to any who might wish to expect the same of the most opportunity to any who might wish to expect the same of the most opportunity to any who might wish to expect the same of the most opportunity to any who might wish to expect the same of the most opportunity to any who might wish to expect the same opportunity to any opportunity to any op amine them in respect to their faith, experience, Human nature is pliable, and perhaps the toward this world and open toward the next. cer asked if he was in danger and likely to die. practices and purposes. He had, also, brought pleasant surprises of life are found in discover- The beautiful paraphrase of the dying words of On being told that there seemed to be no pro-LINDERS, DRAWERS, AND READY-MADE a practical proof of the good feeling and Chris- ing the things we can do when forced. Thus Rutherford might be applied to her: bability of his recovery, he said: tian sympathy prevailing among the Gentile the man or woman who is blessed with a fair converts, in the shape of a generous gift to those share of health and ease, who has learned to in need of assistance, in and around Jerusalem. manage the task given, and learned also the In these circumstances, he was ready and willing to do anything, not inconsistent with his late the vaguely disappointed self that things Christian profession, which would give him ac- are no worse. cess to the ears and hearts of his nation. The If you and I can trace to the divine wisdom brethren at Jerusalem believed it important the minutest affair-if we trust what we cannot that he should, at once, give some public proof understand, what our souls revolt from as sad

Will be sold Regardless of Cost. them. As the readiest way of doing this, they been had we missed the guiding light?

the spread of the Gospel. III. No sacrifice of Christian principle ought of thought and feeling.

ever to be made from motives of policy.

THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

I. The position of Christian believers in the Jewish church. II. Was the advice given to Paul good? III. Did he act wisely in following it?

THE PERSON I MIGHT HAVE BEEN. BY CHARLOTTE M. PACKARD.

This is the gust of the twlight and the firelight. The most commonplace or the most self-satisfied, not less than the imaginative and the being of high ideals, has seen the flitting of that ghost which some eyes forever behold. As life goes on its shape and aspect change to suit our changed desires. To man or woman of and we sadly play the foor it regard to his proforty sits down with the wraith of twenty. vidential dealings. As no artist is willing to once had, to the good and glory of our fore-Companionship implies more equality in age. have a judgment pronounced on painting or fathers' families! I say this repeatedly from my crepitude. It is natural, and no doubt a fitting venly Teacher bids us possess our souls in assault on newspaper people; but in honest reflection on our own failures and errors, that patience. "What I do thou knowest not now, grief of heart over the desecration of God's day

Connecting Link .- This lesson follows immediate- If I had been Martha or Deliverance with the ly after the last one, and contains an account of Vandyke nose, if I had been John or Elisha Casarea found that no entreaties would prevai! half!" whispers the average mortal. The dewith Paul, and that he was fully determined to pravity of circumstances has foiled much of the on that bed while her class had need of her in thought and act as well.—Dr. J. L. Withrow. New Brunswick Paper Company's well-known make be the Lord's will, several of them joined his block in the way of genius, of benevolence, and party and went with him to the great festival of Christian graces without end. To the hastyin that city. They seem, also, to have been actempered come stinging provocations; to the What has befallen them has befallen many of companied by one Mnason, of Cyprus, an early ease-loving natures, the stress of hard necessity; us in the past. God only lets us see his provi-

> great success that had attended them, and were of these facts. We need to pillow our discomstand to give him a warm and affectionate of these facts. We need to pillow our discomstand. God keeps his own secrets; all the answeries are strengthened by exercise, so is the prepared to give him a warm and affectionate fort on something which others may see as well swer he roughly stand. God keeps his own secrets; all the answer his arrival of us if we had no faith—if we did not beneve swer he vouchsafes to us now is, "all things where he is at Hawarden Castle he walks that there is a God who rules the world and mind by conversation. There we shake off the reception. The very next day after his arrival, as believe in. Well, poor humanity, console work together for good to them that love me." every morning in the week to the little church, as believe in the solution of the so Paul went, probably by appointment, to meet yourself in the sober twlight while the smiling Impatient and rebellious as we may be now, we where, at eight o'clock, there is held a daily to them a full statement in regard to the work I wish to suggest another consolation, less

last at Jerusalem, and the glorious results which self, "I might be a worse, a more unfortunate, had attended that work, as well as to present to unhappy, useless man or woman than this year them the contributions made by the newly confinds me. If my life is to any purpose, 1 have verted Gentile disciples for the relief of the suf- accomplished work for the good of my fellows, ferings occasioned among the poorer disciples of Judea by the unmerciful persecutions of the mental and spiritual; I have tasted pleasure Jews. As was customary they were greeted which was simple enough to have no sting, and with the kiss of brotherly affection and made if Sorrow has walked with me, her aspect may welcome in the circle of the brotherhood assem- not have startled my trust. If my life is to any purpose, it widens as it goes; I am more con-II. The Tidings Told. Paul then proceeded scious of what my neighbors suffer or enjoy, to give a particular account of his tour in Asia more interested in the sum of existence than in Strausses or Spencers, that the hardest strain on think of your own, for you are going to ask for (now called Asia Minor,) Macedonia and Greece. studying myself as a unit. Herein is gain our faith cometh. It is from dark and myster- giveness. Never stay outside; go in at once;

that they would probably seem of slight conse- "The children of Alice call Betram, father," at the day-dawn cometh shouting." planted in the chief centers of influence east of your finer being and left your soul but husks to there all through the night waiting for the un-Rome, and from them it was sure to spread until feed in hunger? Ah, picture to yourself the foldings of the day-spring from on high. zation. All this, no doubt, was clearly foreseen might have been had Providence allowed you night-work. Weary with rowing, we even get Resolve and try to live a better life."

tions too deep and thrilling for easy expression.

If our burdens have been heavy, the burdens cry out "it is a ghost!"—until he reveals himworshippers!—The Rev. George Dana Board-worshippers!—The Rev. George Dana Board-worshippers!—The Sunday-School Time. Jerusalem were fully aware of, and keenly alive shelter of a safe, happy home a woman may not afraid." The history of every discovery of

that he had not discarded the laws of Moses, and horrible and without solution here-how and did not teach the people not to observe can we fail to remember what we might have

advised that he should join a company of men | The absence of certain tastes would greatly of purification, pay the customary charges, relieved by that love of nature which is a part ance of the Bible in our homes, hands, heads, abled to live a Christian life, and for years have Exceedingly Cheap. make the usual offerings, and attend the temple of self, by sensitiveness to harmany of color and and hearts. It is as difficult to find our way to sought to govern my thoughts and my acts by worship with them. These things, publicly sound which is fed more easily than it is starved. heaven without it as for a sailor to steer his the precepts and example of the Son of God, in done, would be a complete refutation of the At Any Price. Most serious charges brought against him, and Sunset sky, "Isn't it red now?" and a man de-observing the north star. There are, indeed, ways to the probability of sudden death, and would, as they believed, allay all opposition, clares that he would rather be asleep than lis- other ways that God makes himself and our now that it is near, I am ready." and save him and them from annoyance and tening to music, or that the newspapers is all duty known to us besides the revelations of his So weak was the dying Christian soldier, that persecution. Wisely, or not, Paul acceded to the reading he wants, it matters little how finely Word. We admit it is possible for a navigator both the doctor and the chaplain were afraid to

I. It is a good thing to publish the news of sonable mortal owns that happiness is an elusive greater than his who would refuse to carry and "I would receive it reverently," he said. essence, rarely found when sought as an end. consult one? So I have been thinking that "Drink this in remembrance of that Christ, which for a moment, at least, unlock wide tracts has a voice to use it; him who has a pen to em- you and for all men," said the chaplain.

little too fine for ordinary purposes!

easily might have been .- Illus. Weekly.

WAIT AND SEE.

BY THE REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

"I never let bairns or fools see my pictures parent consequences, it is my deliberate opinion until they are done," said a Scotch artist to me that the distribution and sale and use of Sunday men. We are all but "bailed 12 God's sight, thing else to displace the Bible from that saving statue until the work is completed, so our hea- pulpit. Not in a sweeping and angry tone of we so sturdily keep faith in what we might have but thou shalt know hereafter." We must wait and neglect of his Word, which Sunday newsand see. This world is but the preparatory papers do necessarily much to increase. Al-Upon very trivial incidents the worldly pros- school, in which character is on the easel or un- though it is my wont to speak thus in public ing it, or by contrast recoils from a certain trick our faith is joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, organs of public sentiment to consider what the

> the Sunday-school-why those parents are doomed to go the rest of the journey without her laying into our lives are frightfully somber, but | American statesmen!

God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain.

ious permission of Providence that we are often- time spent inside should be precious.

frightened by the apparition of the Master, and

The sands of time were sinking, The dawn of heaven broke, The summer-morn she sighed for, The fair sweet morn awoke.

Dark, dark had been the midnight, But the day-spring was at hand, And glory, glory dwelleth In Immanuel's land, -New York Evangelist.

THE BIBLE IN HOUSEKEEPING.

their request, did as they desired and with the body may be clad, the rags of want flutter to get across the sea without a chart. Columbus raise him up, and the broken bread was given tisan. cut to every breeze!

We begin life by demanding vast material for happiness; long before middle-life the reachest the sea without a chart. Columbus takes that up, and the block that the dying man, when the chaplain was about to minister the charts, could there be any conceit and folly One may be solaced for the loss of morning to give it, to the end of getting church-going passed away. - Youth's Companion.

dreams by acknowledging that the lofty person people and professors of religion especially to go whose course they shadowed would have been a back to their Bibles! I say to go back, because it will be generally admitted that of late we "Not as though I had already attained," says have been drifting away from a reverent and Paul; but without boasting or undue price one docile reading and regard for the Word of God. may be patient with the things that are, even How many more hours of 1884 were devoted to with the faulty person I am, in view of what I the daily newspapers than to the Scriptures of truth? Sunday papers have edged into so many Christian homes that the Holy Scriptures have been nearly displaced. Without the smallest measure of animosity or contention of spirit, consulting only the facts in the case and the aponce—quoting a familiar promedit of his country- papers has done as much, if not more, than any-I stood last evening beside the silent form of ligion in the life and home, and the holy day a lovely daughter of one of my flock. For six buried as deep as it is now buried in some couna lovely daughter of one of my flock. For six months she had been in a chamber of severe suffering. The picture is completed now. One an earnest request that the incoming new year should be marked by a rehabilitation of the should be marked b elbows and talk up ropes in the house where the of the last touches was given to it last Sabbath should be marked by a rehabilitation of the host deserves hanging—then, ah, then you morning, when the dying girl murmured, on her Bible instead of the Sunday newspape:s in our Ernest ran into the next room, followed by the follows another, and then at a short interval

bitter hostility to Paul, among the Jews, and now and then utterly miss their opportunity; our stairway—why the pillow in that little the sturdy strokes of the Premier's renowned again to falter. "The whole evidence of philothe prejudices against him which, perhaps, exwhile dullness rises and mediocrity sits supreme empty crib is unpressed to-day—why that inaxe. But what interested me most was a visit sophical conclusions which I had built up for come on which so many mouths depended is to the little parish church where the great states myself, I find to have no foundation whatever sation, and conversation will be apt to run low There is much relief found in accounting to dried up—why this and that staff was broken, man worships, and where his son Stephen has nothing of it is left—it has crumbled away like without reading. Reading fills the lamp, and cerity, his zeal, his abundant labors, and the ourselves by a pleasant adjustment our poor, blind aching hearts cannot under
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where the small refer is much refer to the small refer is much refer to the small refer to the small refer is much refer to the small refer to the s cannot displace God's hand from the canvass. morning service. Although a stupendous em-There is no help for us but to wait until the pire is on his hands, he finds time to go daily picture is completed. Some of the colors he is to church and worship. What a model for

they may be only a back-ground on which faith utterly unpretentious. But the spirit of wor- strengthen this conclusion. One is a man of like a vein or silver or gold which directs to a

ences in Phrygia Galatia, in the great cities of might have been if certain dreams of early time We not only turn cowards in the dark, but, "Kneel down very humbly, and pray. Spend Philippi, Athens, Counth and Ephesus. The had come true. Do you recall, most happy like fools, we doubt whether there will ever the time that remains in prayer; remember the Philippi, Athens, Counth and Epnesus. The had come true. 130 you recall, must happy planting and growth of the large church in the last named city would occupy a prominent place whom you fell in love during your first term at labor. Souls may be converted, but he feels not look about to see who are coming in, nor for that it is in spite of him rather than through his last named city would occupy a prominent place in his narrative. Some things of an unpleasant nature would have to be told, but the wonderful manifestations of God's great mercy to the ful manifestations of God's great mercy to the parents or sisters), which quenched that flame, original Hebrew is far more forcible; it literally fasten your thoughts firmly on the holy ser-Gentiles would so overshadow all those things saved you, let us believe, a world of regret. reads, "In the night-time sorrow lodgeth, but vice. Do not miss one word; this needs a

"Remain kneeling, and pray. Be intent;

"Be careful of your talk, or the world will soon slip back into your heart. Remember where you have been and what you have done. Is there no hint in the above for American man, D. D., in the Sunday-School Time.

Colone! Dash, who had been long in India

in the jungle. One night, when the air was "We have toiled all night and caught noth- still and the tull moon shone in a cloudless sky,

"Thank you! I feel that there is danger.

I should prefer to live if it were God's will, that I might see again my dear ones in Scotland. But I have no fear of death. I wish to write a few lines to my wife; after that to see you. the chaplain and partake of the sacrament." The letter was written and then the chaplain entered the room, prepared to administer to the dying man his last communion.

Now it weighs on me that we need nothing that, when the end came, I should not fear to receive me into your arms if needful." who had taken a Nazarite's vow, and should impoverish life. I pity some people who never participate with them in the final ceremonies miss what they do not have, for irksome labor is new year as we do a fresh sense of the import
"I have prayed from my youth up to be en-

IT CRUMBLED AWAY.

means the Bible should be lost as a book of re- 1873 that light came back to her through dark- card." ness. She had just returned from her Italian I. The Arrival. When the disciples at Casarea found that no entreaties would behold my ghostly deuble, my "better half!" whispers the average mortal. The device Paul and that he was fully determined to with Paul and that he was fully determined to be the holy day to religious the property of circumstances has foiled much of the property of circumstances. The property of circumstances has foiled much of the property of circumstances has foiled much of the property of circumstances. The property of circumstances have been considered by the property of circumstances have been considered by the property of circumstances. The property of circumstances have been considered by the property of circumstances have been considered by the property of circumstances. The property of circumstances have been considered by the property of circumstances have been considered b A VISIT TO MR. GLADSTONE'S PARISH senseless and crushed. He died a few hours takes up the cry, "Come!" until the whole disciple, who lived at Jerusalem and was able to furnish lodgings for the whole party. They received a cordial welcome from the brethren souls, willing feet and tired; the unready are common for the wide party and then we only see them as souls, willing feet and tired; the unready are common for the wide party. They received a cordial welcome from the brethren foothold. She did not speak of the transformation that was going on within; but slowly, and drove out to the fastidious and dainty, contact with rough, soiling labors. The frail body tortures strong the various systems of philosophy, but found no foothold. She did not speak of the transformation that was going on within; but slowly, room in our house is turned into a hospital—

Gladstone. It is an ancient estate, beautifully thinned by the various systems of philosophy, but found no foothold. She did not speak of the transformation that was going on within; but slowly, of life freely. sounded, as it were, for the first time the depths in that verse of the Scriptures, the Spirit and

THE NECESSITY OF HOLINESS.

and submissive trust and victorious strength ship is everywhere evident. One of the shining talents, of genteel address, of popular mine. will stand out in hoes of golden glory. Let us "notices" in the porch so impressed me that I eloquence; the other, ordinary in all these respects-in all natural qualities the interior of his brother. But he is a man of God-a man "On your way to the Lord's house be of faith. His soul is tilled with love-" perfect It is not from the assaults of open infidelity, thoughtful, be silent, or say but little, and that love that casteth out fear." He moves among the people like a spirit from eternity. His re-bukes of sin fall with dreadful force upon the hearts of the wicked. His sermons, his prayers, his expostulations, his tears, all indicate the presence of an extraordinary power; and thousands are converted, sanctified and saved through

instrumentality. He wonders at the difference. He increases his exertions-elaborates his sermon with more learning and research-im-

church is God's house, even when prayer is over. the Holy Ghost. Let fire from God's altar and the unknowable went for nothing in view his genius, his learning; but they are all sanctified. With the simplicity of a child, and a heart overflowing with love, he preaches the

truth and a reformation follows. Whatever may be the seeming variations arising from the deficiency of our knowledge, we have in these particular instances scrong historic correct in yourself. indications of a general law.

What is true of individuals is true of churches also. Wherever a number of Christians have associated together, with the evident and exclusive aim of promoting purity of heart and life, they have prospered. Their creed may have included strange inconsistencies-their forms and 'ceremonies may have frequently been the offspring of conceit, and devoid o taste—they n vy have been generally uneducated and without the advantages of wealth or influential friends-but with a supreme devotion to that is evil, and that will unfit them for the experimental holiness, they have revealed an duties of good citizens. inner spiritual and powerful life, which has defied all persecution and survived the rage of

THE UNSEEN HAND.

"Thank you very much; that was such help to me," said a sick woman, as she dropped exhausted on her pillow, after her bed had been

The friend to whom she spoke looked up in surprise. She had not touched the invalid, for she had feared to give pain even by laying a hand upon her. She knew that the worn body was so racked with many pains, and had become due. God never blames us for sins confessed so tender and sensitive, that the sick woman | Keep no secrets from God. could not bear to be lifted or supported in any The most valuable history, the finest eloway. All that her friends could do was to stand quence, the most beautiful poetry, the most

to be of use, but I only stood behind without ligion are found in this volume. touching you at all; I was so afraid of hurting

if I slipped, I could not fall, and the thought fetches in strength from Christ, and when his gave me confidence. It was of no consequence that you did not touch me, and that I could Prayer leaves the heart in a good frame; as the hand, "for having given me pious parents, who taught me by precept and example so to live that, when the condessor and example so to live that, when the condessor and example so to live that, when the condessor and example so to live that, when the condessor and example so to live that when the condessor and example so to live that the condessor and example so to live that it could morning sun leaves the heart in a good frame; as the morning sun leaves a warmth in the room all that I could morning sun leaves a warmth in the room all that I could morning sun leaves a warmth in the room all that I could morning sun leaves a warmth in the room all that when the condessor and the could be co

a still brighter light on her face, she added- It is not material whose turn comes first; my mind! It is the same with my heavenly quires very little self-knowledge to convince us Friend. 'Fear not, for I will be with thee,' is that we are unequal to prosperity, and unable the promise, and, thanks be to God, I know He, to sustain it without growing careless; or atis faithful that promised. I can neither see, taching ourselves too strongly to the things hear nor touch Him with my mortal sense; but which perish, to the exclusion of things eternal, just as I knew you were behind, with loving -Grant. arm, extended, so I know that beneath me are 'the Everlasting Arms.' "-Cottager and Ar-

SPURGEON ON BROTHERHOOD.

It was in I866 that Princess Alice, at her "I was a member of the church at Newmar. own request, became acquainted with the famous ket when I first joined the church, and I was David Frederick Strauss. He lived in Darm- afterwards transferred to the church at Camstadt for four years, during which time he had bridge, one of the best in England. I attended frequent intercourse with the Princess, and read for three Lord's days at the communion, and noto her his letters on Voltaire. Much as it may body spoke to me. I determined to speak with be regretted that the influence of Strauss should a gentleman, and when I got outside I said to have been brought to bear upon her, no one can him, 'My dear friend, how are you?' He said, help admiring the courage with which she faced You have the advantage of me. I don't know the difficulties to which his teachings gave rise, you.' I said, I don't think I have. But when especially when one considers with what reluctance and distress she must have allowed his memorials of his death, I thought you were my opinions to influence her mind. In sharp brother, and I thought I would speak to you. conflict with the most sacred traditions of her I was only sixteen years old then, and he said, youth, she did not shrink from accepting the 'Sweet simplicity.' 'Oh, is it true, sir, I said, dedication of his work on Voltaire. No doubt 'is it true?' He said, "It is, but I am glad there is a non-believing attitude which is easier you did not say this to any of my deacons. to take up in the everyday life than the believing And he asked me home to tea, I said I could one. It is far less trouble, it is more flattering not come that day; and he said, 'Come the next to one's power of discernment, not to believe a Sunday, if you like.' I agreed, and for three thing than to believe it. When Stephenson years I was always in his house, and was his first prophesied before a committee of the House friend and companion; and when his wife was of Commons the rate at which steam could sick and died I was still his friend and helper, perity of a person may depend—a name given der the chisel; exhibition day will come in antiplaces, I have never yet incurred the anger of him to scorn probably felt much cleverer than ties. He naturally laughs now very much at or withheld, an aspect so like that of an honother world. God's hand lays on dark colors the press, have never been struck a blow; bethose who believed him. It was in no such the way in which I introduced myself without ored ancester that one trusts the stranger bearvery often; his chisel cuts deep. No trial of cause I believe it but needs for these intelligent spirit that Princess Alice listened to Strauss—

a card. Surely we don't want our cards when of speech, a sly twinkle of the eyes, by which an afterward it may work out the eternal weight consequences to the country would be if by any tical doubt;" and it was not until the spring of I go to see my brother I don't send in any

> below. One moment in the most vivid "Come!" The next, hearing his voice, repeats radiant life and health, the next he lay the word, "Come!" while the nearest again later in his mother's arms. In her agony she wilderness echoes with the cry, "Come!" So

each one of us?—Miss Gladstone, in Contem-porary Review. mind by conversation. There we shake off the our opinions are confirmed or corrected by the good opinions of others; points are argued doubts are resolved, difficulties cleared, direc-We affirm, then, that holiness gives power. tions given, and frequently hints started which, by and by, in the revealing light of the last day The church is a venerable little structure, A comparison of two men in the ministry will if pursuea, would lead to the most useful truths,

> LITTLE SINS .- You make light of them now, but they are not to be trifled with; they creep on so stealthily that you scarcely notice them; by-and-by you will find it impossible to turn

I think of the Indian story of the dwarf who asked the king to give him all the ground he could cover in three strides. The king seeing him so small, said, "Certainly." Whereupon the dwarf suddenly shot up into a huge giant, cevered all the land with the first stride, all the water with the second, and with the third knocked the king down and then took his throne.

An Agnostic, on learning that a distingproves their rhetoric and oratory, but all to uished and intelligent lady was a believer in the little purpose, He may increase the admiration | Holy Scriptures, professed to be surprised, and of his hearers, but he cannot subdue their hearts, asked her, "Do you believe the Bible ?" " most bring them weeping to the foot of the Cross, certainly I do," was the reply. "Why, do you and prevent them with joy as the trophies of the believe it?" he again queried. " Because I am acquainted with the Author." This was her But let him seek and obtain the baptism of testimony; and all this talk about the unknown

RANDOM READINGS.

A moment of time is a moment of mercy. Whatever you dislike in another take care to

Trust that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything.

The sufficiency of thy merit is to know that thy merit is not sufficient. No great characters are formed in this world without suffering and self-denial.

What we are afraid to do before men we should be afraid to think before God. Children who roam the streets will learn much

You can't flourish in the way of Christ, unless you make it your custom to deal regularly with God, by the word in the closet.

It is a good sign when a man who has done badly or meanly shows that he is ashamed of it.

Faith is the first stone of the building, but is is not the foundation. It is the act of cleaving to Christ, but all its value depends upon Christ, to whom you cling. Remember all unconfessed sin has power over

us. But all confessed sin God helps us to sub-

charming biography, the purest morality, the "I did nothing to help you, dear. I wished truest philosophy, the noblest doctrines of re-That the motion of a watch may go on all

"That was just it," said the invalid, with a aright, it must be wound up. Christian, wind bright smile; "I knew you were there, and that up thy heart every day by prayer. Prayer The cup of sorrow is in constant circulation-

The sufferer paused a moment, and then, with we must all drink, and some of us drink deeply. What a sweet thought this has brought to the thing is to benefit by the draught; for it re-

Events happen every hour in the day which furnish us with errands to the throne of grace. We ought, in the secret of our hearts, to be communing with our Father all the day long, Depend upon it, in the midst of all the either hearing his voice, asking his guidance, or science about the world and its ways, and all making confession, if in any of these things we II. Prejudice and ignorance often awaken But enjoyment we may daily find in trifles more than anything else it behooves him who whom you have loved and who gave himself for or woman who can say, "Thy will be done," God and ourselves, shall we have more of the with the true heart of giving up, is nearer the spirit of little children, distrusting our own ploy it; and him who has a grain of influence He touched it reverently with his lips and secret of things than the geologist or theologian. strength and putting our strength in Him.