Poetru.

"ROCK OF AGES."

Rock of Ages, cleft for me," Thoughtessly the maiden snng. Fell the words unconsciously From her girlish, gleeful tongue; Sang as little children sing; Sang as sing the birds of June: fell the words like light leaves down On the current of the tune-Rock of Ages, cleft for me, et me hide myself in Thee.

Let me hide myself in Thee," Felt her soul no need to hide; sweet the song as song could be-And she had no thought beside. all the words unheedingly

Fell from lips untouched by care, Dreaming not that each might be On some other lips a prayer-Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee."

Rock of Ages cleft for me "-Twas a woman sung them now. leadingly and prayerfully Every word her heart did know. ose the song as storm tossed bird Beats with weary wing the air; Every note with sorrow stirred, Every syllable a prayer-Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Rock of Ages, eleft for me. Lips grown aged sung the hymn rustingly and tenderly-Voice grown weak and eyes grow dim: Let me hide myself in Thee.' Trembling through the voice and low, Rang the sweet strain peacefully, Like the river in its flow.

sung as only they can sing Who behold the promised rest-Rock of Ages, cleft for me, et me hide myself in Thee."

Rock of Ages, cleft for me," Sung above a coffin-lid; nderneath, all restfully, All life's joys and sorrows hid, evermore, O storm-tossed soul! Nevermore from wind or tide, evermore from billow's roll, Wilt thou need thyself to hide. ould the sightless; sunken eyes. Closed beneath the soft gray hair. ould the mute and stiffened lips Move again in pleading prayer, till, aye, still, the words would be, Let me hide myself in Thee."

[From the Christian Helper].

sabbath School Department.

International Bible Lessons THE TRIUMPHS OF FAITH

Ост. 19.-Нев. хі: 1-10

GOLDEN TEXT.

For he endured as seeing him who is invisible.-

NOTE. The chapter from which our lesson is aken is/one of the most staring in the Bible. Having spoken of the life giving power of faith, the writer gives a popular definition of t, and then shows its efficacy and its reward in various cases, particularly Abel, Enoch, Noah Abraham and the early patriarchs, whose pilgrim state was a life of faith: Moses and others. and finally a number too large to be specified, the had also lived and died in faith. And all these he gathers as witnesses around his Christian brethren, to incite them to perseverance, presenting finally as the great exemplar, the ord Jesus, who was sustained through shame and death by this Divine principle, (chap xii. -7), and exhorting them to bear all suffering fatherly chastisement adapted for their good."-Par. Bible.

(1) Now FAPTH—the writer had just been urging Jewish Christians to steadfastness in the aith, and now proceeds to give a definition of Is THE SUESTANCE, or the confidence. Faith said to be the practical conviction of the eality of the invisible and of the certainity of the future. It has always been the foundation of all pure religion, as the Apostle proceeds at length to illustrate, and is most illustriously seer in the Lord himself. Heb. xii. 2 (2) The material to illustrate. (3) Through faith—

ILDER—the patriarchs. (3) Through faith—

In the word of God—Ps. xxxiii. 6, Not then, by selection, but by creative power, the worlds exist. (5) Testifying—or approving. And say, "I never found so much relief as from the use of Vegetine," which is composed exclusively of Barks, Roots and Herbs.

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"Vegetine," says a Boston physicians, "has no le Divine vindication of a true man even after death. (5) TRANSLATED—see Gen. v. 24. (7) Not seen as ver—vs. 1. With fear—that is an holy believing one. See Gen. vi. 9. (9) Tab-RNACLE—or frail shifting tents. (10) HE OKED FOR A CUTY-of which the earthly anaan with its metropolis might be called the pe-for "the New Jerusalem, the mother of at off drw Delongers surper nough

See Abraham sitting in his tent door! God ells him to take his son to a mountain in the and of Moriah, and there give him for a burnt ever did me any good until I commenced using the ever did me any good until I commenced using the ever did me any good until I commenced using the ever did me any good until I commenced using the veer did me any good until I commenced using the vegeting. Without conferring with flesh and blood, he prepares for the journey and the awful acrifice; and, on the morning of the third day, see him on the top of the mountain, with the litar built, fire kindled, Isaac bound and knife ILLUSTRATION, and lo sun & ar built, fire kindled, Isaac bound and knife sed to strike the blow. What, now, Abraham? It thou slay thy son, and make the promise God of no effect? Has not God said, "In c shall thy seed be called?" "Yes, I know at is the promise; but now God has cominded me to offer Isaac for a burnt offering; ad I will do it for God will raise him from the d."-"Did'st thou ever see one rise from dead that had been cut in pieces, and burnt ashes?"—" No, but the same God who made

the promise has given the commandment, and the command cannot make war on the promise." How the patriarch's faith carries him above the dust raised by human reason! Abraham knew that God's promise would march right toward fulfilment. -R. W. Lawrence.

TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK.

A Swiss colporteur entered a three story house, in which, according to the custom of the country, three dfferent families lived. He began with the highest story, and sold copies of the Scriptures in this and the next. On enquiring about the family on the ground-floor, he was warned not to enter, but he did enter. He found both the man and his wife at home. 63 KING STREET. He offered his Bibles; his offer was replied to with abuse, and a positive order to leave the house instantaneously; he, however, stayed, urging them to buy and read God's holy word. The man then rose in a violent rage and struck him a severe blow on the cheek. Up to this moment the colporteur stood quietly with his knapsack on his back. He now deliberately unstrapped it, laid it on the table, and turned up the sleeve of his right arm, all the while steadily looking his opponent in the face. The colporteur was a very strong man. Addressing his opponent, he said: "Look at my hands, its furrows shows that I have worked; feel my muscles, they show that I am fit for work. Look at me straight in the face; do I quail before you? Judge then for yourself if it is fear that moves me to do what I am about to do. In this book my Master says: 'When they smite you on one cheek, turn to them the other also.' You have smitten me on one cheek, here is the other! Smite! I will not return the blow." The The man was thunderstruck. He did not smite; but bought the book, which, under the influence of God's Spirit, works marvels in the human

THE VALUE OF A FIXED HEART.

If any of you are so wise that you know all the objections to Christianity, all the dark places which faith must encounter all the dark sayings and perplexing mysteries of the gospel, remember that is nothing to your credit. A wrecker who lives upon the goods of foundered vessels and shipwrecked crews knows where all the dangerous rocks are along the coast, and he is always hovering about them. But the shipmaster knows more about the channel than about the reefs. A calm self-possessed captain of a vessel was asked, "Captain. I suppose you you know where every rock and shoal is along the coast, do you not?" "I know where they the coast, do you not?" "I know where they are not," was his reply, which is the more important thing. Admirable answer. If your faith is fixed on God and your heart is wedded to his service, you will know where the dangers and difficulties and mysterious and contradictions are not. Riding peacefully upon the great deeps of his love, your greatest joy will be that you no longer live by doubts, but by

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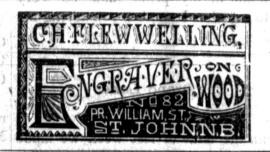
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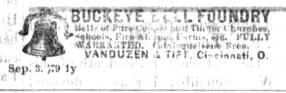
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