

Our Young Folks.

So Kind to Everything.

Softly, softly, little sister, Touch the softly painted wings; Butterflies and moths, remember, Are not very tender things.

Long Words.

"Rob," said Tom, "which is the most dangerous word to pronounce in the English language?" "Don't know," said Rob. "unless it's a bearing word."

Be Thankful.

"I don't want any upper," said Kate. "Nothing but bread and milk, and some cake—just the same every night."

Story of an Elephant.

Elephants have a decided liking for military life. Various regiments whilst serving in the East have had such an animal, which often rendered good service to the corps to which he might be attached.

It happened that the rangers were suddenly ordered to embark for China, and there was no accommodation for taking Jock on shipboard.

threats of his mahout were of any avail. Though he had previously manifested the gentlest disposition, he now threateningly withstood all kindly advances on the part of his would-be carter, and at length, so savage did he become, that it was deemed expedient to place him in confinement.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

It is estimated that at least a million and a quarter pounds sterling are expended yearly by the English Missionary societies, outside the regular church agencies, upon foreign, colonial, and home enterprises.

There are 290,000 inhabited towns and villages in Bengal and the North-West Provinces of India alone. Calculate how long it would take to visit and preach once in each of these; how much it would cost to place one Bible in each, and how many men of earnest piety are needed to give one evangelist to each score of villages.

AT THOUGH the massacre of Protestants at Acapulco, Mexico, for the time broke up the evangelical work in that city, the Gospel is being zealously preached in a number of the neighboring towns.

LET IT be remembered that the Presbyterian Church in Canada has a large staff of missionaries engaged in this work—a work that has been of late owned of God in a very special manner.

JAPANESE PRESS ON CHRISTIANITY.—The missionary editor of the Northern Christian Advocate says: We have not noticed anything that has interested us more of late than the discussions of the native press of Japan on the subject of Christianity.

Sabbath School Teacher.

We present the Review Sheet in full, used with most satisfactory results in the Presbyterian schools of Aurora and Newmark. The work of christianizing and generalizing the instructions given in the Sabbath school has been sadly neglected.

It will be seen that the outline is from the Westminster Lesson Leaf, and includes the initials of the topics, (International), the golden texts, and questions from the Shorter Catechism, corresponding in subject with the topics.

All this costs time and toil! Be it so! You cannot do or get much without such sacrifice. Sabbath school people need to do two things constantly, and they will reap a rich reward. Pray and work, work and pray.

GOD'S MERCIES TO ISRAEL.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

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PARTING WORDS.

Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your hearts, for consider how great things He hath done for you.

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CHRIST REJECTED.

He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

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THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name.

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An Indian missionary writes.—"Strange but joyful discoveries are occasionally made in unsuspected places, of people who have by some means obtained possession of the Bible, have studied it earnestly, and shaped their life by its teachings."

There are more men ennobled by study than by nature.—Cicero. The Synod of the French Evangelical Churches, at a recent meeting held in Montreal, agreed to a proposition made to them by the French Canadian Missionary Society, to sever the connection hitherto existing between them, and to organize themselves into a separate body.

Miscellaneous.

"Boss" TWILED has escaped. LARK NAVIGATION has closed in Chicago. The PRINCE of Wales has gone from Colombo, in Ceylon.

GENERAL SMALL PAPERS have suspended in New York.

EMERSON STEAMERS are plying between New York and Mexico.

The PRINCE of Wales is on his way to Tatum, thence to Madrid.

EMIGRATION returns this year at Liverpool show a decrease of 30,374.

It is rumored that the Marquis of Bute intends to return to the Church of England.

The BISHOP of KENTUCKY preached at the Chapter House, London, Ont., on the 6th inst.

The TOWER of the new Town Hall, Peterborough, is 120 feet above the level of the street.

The SPANISH nation has pledged itself to the gradual emancipation of the slaves in Cuba.

The HEALTH of Prince Bismarck is said to be declining. The Emperor will not allow him to retire into private life.

The SEA SERPENT has been fighting a whale near Zanzibar. It raised itself sixty feet out of the water.

The ROUTE of a railway across Newfoundland from St. John to St. George's Bay, has been marked out.

Russia, Prussia and Austria are in perfect accord on the Eastern question.

VICE-PRESIDENT Wilson's funeral services took place in the Senate chamber at Washington.

COUNT VON ARMIN is to be prosecuted for treason contained in a pamphlet he has lately published.

A PIANO centenary is talked of next year: it being the hundredth anniversary of Beethoven's birth.

A BYRON club is talked of as a memorial of the Bard, instead of a marble monument in Westminster Abbey.

At THE BACK RIVER, six miles from Montreal, the Revs. Father Murphy and Lynch were burned to death on the 4th inst.

Forty LIVES are supposed to be lost by the capsizing of a schooner at the mouth of the Columbia river, on the Pacific coast.

MR. EDWIN ARNOLD is engaged in translating the beautiful Sanscrit pastorate of the "Loves of Govinda and Radha" into English verse.

WEBER, New York, offered the managers of Von Bulow \$10,000 if they would use his piano; Steinway offered \$12,000; but Chickering offered \$20,000 and secured the contract.

The MAHARANA of Odeypore, recently introduced to the Prince of Wales, shows a pedigree traced from the Solar Dynasty of primeval times, and even from the Aryan gods themselves.

The FRENCH MINISTER for Foreign Affairs states that Lord Derby says England bought the Khedive's shares in the Suez Canal solely to prevent a preponderance of foreign influence.

The SYSTEM of funeral reform has been adopted at Burton-on-Trent by Mr. Wardle, who in burying his mother used a wicker coffin, and dispensed with the usual paraphernalia.

The GERMAN budget for 1876 shows a deficiency of fifty millions of marks, while the French revenue for the year up to Nov. 1st, exceeds the estimates by 110 millions of francs.

A CONFERENCE has been held between the English and French commanding officers of the North American Naval stations; and it is hoped that all unpleasantness connected will cease.

The KHEDIVE has given a pledge that, in order to give greater security for the payment of the Turkish bondholders, he will annually send to the Bank of England part of the tribute of £700,000 which he owes to the Porte.

SOME IMPORTANT CRITICISMS on Mr. Stanley's recent exploration of Lake Victoria Nyanza, are furnished by Captain Burton in the November number of the Geographical Magazine.

Mr. Stanley had impugned the accuracy of Speke's observations, and Captain Barion, as might have been expected, takes up the cudgels on behalf of his late companion; and while pointing out that the carefulness of his work (which was already notorious) has been strikingly confirmed by Lieut. Cameron, also shows how Stanley, through want of experience in observations, has gone wrong.

He points out that the perimeter of the lake, which Mr. Stanley has set down as amounting to about 1,000 miles, is on the testimony of his own map only 550 miles or thereabouts.

After some humorous remarks on Mr. Stanley's "mangroves growing in sweet water," and his apparent credulity as regards native reports, Captain Burton puts on record his own view of Lake Victoria, which is that when carefully surveyed, it will probably turn out to contain large and wooded tracts, which in the wet season cause the lands about the eastern-head reservoir of the Nile much to resemble the parts lying near its mouth.

The Captain does full justice to the actual topographical facts obtained by Mr. Stanley in defining the limits of the Lake and exploring some of its feeders, as well as the energy and perseverance displayed by him.