

BIBLE READINGS.

1. I Kings viii, 54-62.
2. Psalm xx.
3. Luke xi, 5-13.
4. Isaiah lxiii, 7-16.
5. Matthew viii, 23-27.
6. Psalm xxvii, 1-7.
7. II Kings vi, 1-23.
8. I Timothy ii, 1-8.
9. Matthew ix, 33-38.
10. Psalm lxxii.
11. Isaiah xliii, 1-7.
12. Ruth Iii, 1-12.
13. Ruth ii, 15-20.
14. Genesis ix, 8-17; x, 22.
15. Phil. iv, 4-9.
16. Deut. xxiv, 19-22.
17. Psalm civ, 1-14.
18. Matthew xii, 46-50.
19. I Peter v, 5-11.
20. I Chronicles xi, 15-19.
21. I Chronicles xvi, 23-36.
22. II Chronicles xx, 20-24, 26-30.

ERRORS IN PRONUNCIATION.

A class of fifty pupils, having had their attention called to frequent errors in pronunciation, decided to keep a careful record for one week of words mispronounced by themselves and their teacher. The result was that five hundred words were listed before the end of the week.

What would be the result of such an effort in your class? Try it.

The following words appeared in the list of five hundred: picture, asphalt, geometry, usually, deaf, engine, been, surprised, easily, difference, separate, ruse, elastic, listening, length, drowned; library, peculiarity, address, suite, were, barrel, illustrate, blouse, encore, accurate, dew, perspire, kettle, pudding, aunt, clerk, calm, towards, perfume, progress, tremendous, ask, mischievous, arctic, resin, duke, government, education, chimney, poem, business, pulpit, suggest, popular, recipe, tomato, says, recognize, hospital, primary, service, peerless, evil, catch, notice, electric, problem, assume, history, Canadian, clothes, collegiate, children, February, often, geography, interest, pupil, literature, elementary, figure, advertisement, eleven, piano, probably, violin, slough, counterfeit.

DIPPING THE FLAG.

ONE OF THE OLDEST OF ALL METHODS OF MARINE GREETING.

The salutation given when a vessel lowers or "dips" its flag is one of the oldest and most honorable of all forms of marine greeting.

This form of salute has always been demanded by English speaking seamen, and its exaction has burned the hearts and the powder of generations of naval commanders.

In the old days, for a foreign ship, whether merchant or naval, to enter an English port without veiling top-sails or dipping its national flag was to run the risk of war, although the profoundest peace existed.

Without warning or argument the shore defenses or a man of war would send a round shot across the bows or between the masts of the foreigner, and if the offending flag did not instantly come down the insolent intruder was brought to her senses by being raked through and through.

Such was the reception accorded by Sir John Hawkins in the sixteenth century to the Spanish admiral who, in time of peace, sailed into Portsmouth Sound without veiling his topsails or lowering his flag.

Salutes are essential matters of naval etiquette and are exchanged on an elaborate code fixed by the maritime powers. The number of guns to be fired under all circumstances is minutely stipulated.—*Harper's Weekly*.

WORK MEANS EFFORT.

The likings of children are many; their duty is, after all, only one. It is not the task of the school to entertain the children; the true task of the school is to teach them to do their best. Thousandfold is the material which different men have to master if they are to fulfil their life tasks and yet all this will be learned swiftly and gladly as soon as school has taught them the one great common lesson, that the best of life is work, and that work means effort. Nowadays too many leave the school with a smattering of rainbow-colored information; and yet they have not learned what they most need for their true life.