mp hing is presented on its merits, one thing is as important as another No wonder the missionary cause and other great benevolences of the church are making such a paltry showing. Strike down the Church life, the spiritual landmarks, the voice of that strange and almost ubiquitous personage "Mr Spirit of the Times" demands the squeezing of the finances into the poz sible compass. True the reigning power desires a church. Oh yes!-the machinery must be kept in motion, but at the smallest possible cost.

Mr. Wesley's system of finance was Mr. Wesley's system of mance was
the grandest ever conceived for a
Church. His order was:—1st A loving
membership, indicated by weekly attendance on class. 2nd. Weekly contributions in the class, regulated by in-dividual ability. The two conjoined made a church having the elements of real strength, spiritually and financially. Now with a non-attending membership, we are driven to all manners of straits, even to pay current expenses. With the slaughter of systematic giving, suiting the masses who are poor. What then? It is soon answered answered by the horrid expedients which are everywhere prevalent. Fairs festivals, tableaux, negro minstrelsy, and the whole train of devices which like so many foul spirits, have been let loose upon us, tell the story. May God help us to get back to the old landmarks-the spiritual first then the temporal. - Banner of Holiness.

" AMID my vast and lofty aspirations" says Lamartine, "the penalty of a wasted youth overtook me. Adieu, then, to the dreams of genius, to the aspirations of intellectual enjoyment !" Many a gifted heart has sighed the same sad righ, many a noble nature has walked to the grave in sackcloth, for one brief dallying in the bowers of Circe, for one short sleep in the Castle of Indolence.—Bayne.

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y and How to Have Peace.—A friend once to a asked Professor Franke how it was that he maintained so constant a peace of mind. " By stirring up my mind a hundred times a day. Wherever I am, whatever I do, I say, 'Blessed Jesus! I have truly a share in thy redemption; thou hast forgiven my sins, and art guiding me by thy Spirit. Thine I am; wash me again and again.' By this constant converse with Jesus I enjoy serenity of mind and a settled peace in my soul."

I CAN'T abide to see men throw away their tools i' that way the minute the clock begins to strike, as if they took no pleasure i' their work, and was afraid of doing a stroke too much. I hate to see a man's arm drop down as if he was shot, before the clock's fairly struck, just as if he'd never a bit o' pride and delight in's work. The very grindstone ull go on appliturning a bit after you loose it .- Adam ts and

> HEROIC SELF-DENIAL -In a battle against the Spaniards, fought at Warnsfeld, in the sixteenth century, on behalf of the Dutch, Sir Philip Sydney was fatally wounded. As he lay on the field in agony, and parched with thirst, his devoted followers brought him a vessel of water procured at a distance with great difficulty during the heat of the battle. But, seeing a soldier lying near, mangled like himself and apparently expiring. Sir Philip refused the water, saying, "Give it to that poor man; his sufferings are greater than mine !"

LOOK AHEAD.-Two children crossing the Strait of Dover. The girl's face was turned to the land they had just left for ever; but the boy looked forward to the white cliffs they were approaching Lulu's eyes were filled with tears. She was leaving the land of her childhood for a home among strangers.

"O Fred!" she cried, "how fast the land recedes! I can just see a delicate purple line-soon it will be out of sight." "Yes, but never mind France, Luis.

Look ahead, and see the new home we are nearing," replied Fred, as he gazed over the tossing sea to the land. How, like Lulu, we are apt to weep to

the joys gone, and to mourn for the world we must leave. But how, like Fred, we should be looking ahead, beyond the argry waves to our new home in the dis-

KEEP THE LIGHT BURNING .- In cer tain religious festivals of the Grecian held in the evening, it was customary for young men to run races on foot, sometimes on horseback, holding in the hands torches or lamps, lit at the sacrif on the ister is cial altar of the goddess in whose home the festival was held; and only the yout who came out of the contest with his ligh unextinguished was exteemed the victor and was greeted with the loud plaudits olete in the multitude. So the Christian carr with him through this world the light of grace divine, kindled at the altar of Jesus sacrifice; and he who keeps it brights burning to the end of life's great confidents. shall be welcomed, like a conqueror, with the thundering applause of the heaven

INTERNATIONAL

### BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER:—STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B. C. 712. Lesson iv. The Coming Sav-IOUR; or The Lord's Anointed. Isa. 42. 1-10. April 27.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL.

Verse 1. Behold. The prophet repre sents the Almighty as speaking in person and introducing to mankind the Messiah. prince. My servant. This refers to Christ, though delivered four hundred years before his coming. 1. " Christ comes as a servant, but as a servant of the King of kings." Whom I uphold. Representing Jesus as under the special care of the Most High. Mine elect. Literally, " my chosen one." My soul delighteth. As if already the prophet had heard the voice which sounded from the skies at the baptism and transfiguration of Christ. "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3, 17; 17, 5. Judgment to the Gentiles. The word "judgment" here means true religion. 2. "Christ came not only to save the Jews, but the Gentiles also."

2. 3. Not cry. The translation of this verse is, "He shall not cry aloud, nor lift up his voice, nor cause it to be heard," etc., a prediction that the true Messiah, unlike all pretenders, should not be clamorous or ambitious of notociety, but calmly wait for time to attest his truth. 3. "Prophecy is proven by history. When Christ came he sought not the multitude, though the multitudes followed after him." Bruised reed. That is, those bowed down with a sense of sin find that Christ comes not to crush but to comfort. 4. "Humble hearts ever find in Jesus a friend." 5. "The mission of the Saviour is not to break down, but to build up." Smoking flax. The Oriental lamp is a flaxen wick, floating in a vessel of oil; hence the smoking flax represents a lamp with dying flame. 6. "Discouraged souls receive from Christ no quenching, but quickening to their nobler purposes." Judgment unto truth. Meaning that Christ wil establish his religion upon the only stable basis, that of truth. 7. "The cause of the Gospel makes progress, not by the violence of its adherents, but by the power of the truth which it pro-

4. He shall not fail. There is in the original a closer connection with the preceding verse than appears in the translation. It might read, paraphrased, "As the shall not make others fail so he shall not fail himseif: and as he shall not discourage, so he shall not be discouraged." 8. "Men whose lives are brief, may grow discouraged by delays, but Christ has all time for the triumph of his cause." Set judgment. Establish the true religion in the world. 9. "The difficulties in the way of the Gospel are as naught to him to whom all power is given." Matt. 28, 18. The isles. Here, as often in Scripture, meaning the land beyond the seas known to the ancients. Shall wait for his law. A prophetic picture of the world ready to receive the coming Christ. When he appeared, the old systems of religion had fallen into decay, and the nations were waiting for a new and better form of worship. So, when, early in this century, the first missionaries visited the Sandwich Islands. they found the natives had destroyed their idols six months before, and were ready to accept the Gospel.

5, 6. Thus saith God. Here commences a new period in the discourse. Before the Messiah has been spoken of now he has been spoken to. God begins by asserting his power as the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Spread forth the earth. While these words are accommodated to the ancient idea that the earth was a flat surface, they no more sanction it, or disprove inspiration, than the expression "sunrise" would show an ignorance of the true relations of the sun and the earth, That which cometh out of it. Referring to the mineral and vegetable productions of the earth. Breath. 10. "The creation of a soul is the crowning proof of Divine Omnipotence." Called thee in righteousness. For a righteous purpose. For a covenant. Christ was sent as the mediator of a new covenant between God and man. For a light. "The emblem of knowledge, instruction and true religion." -Barnes. Gentiles. 11. "The privileges of the Gospel are not the exclusive property of one nation, but the common heritage of all the world."

7, 8. Open the blind eyes. To many this was done literally, when Christ appeared among men; and spiritually it is true of every saved soul. 12 "Sin shuts out light from the soul; but Christ comes to restore it," Prisoners. 13. " Every sinner is a captive in Satan's house of bondage." 14. "Christ sets men free from by the use of your Lung Balsam that I chains of habit, from fear of the hereaft- am now alive and enjoying good health.

er, and from the penalty of sin." Sit in darkness. In ancient times nearly all prisons were dark dungeons, from which the light was almost wholly shut out. I am the Lord. " I am Jehovah," the great name by which God revealed himself to Israel-the "I am." My glory. 15. "God requires of man the honor which is his due.'

9.10. The former things. The prophet reminds his people that the past predictions have been fulfilled: a reason why the present utterances should be believed. 16. " The fulfillment in the New Testament of the prophecies found in the old is an evidence that both Old and New come from God." New things. The revelations concerning the coming, the character and the kingdom of Christ, of which these chapters in Isaiah are full. Before they spring forth. The prophet was more than a religious teacher, who could point out the hand of Providence in what had already occurred. He was a foreteller, also, of events far in the future, and which no human mind could have guessed or discovered. A new song. 17. " New blessings call for new praises." Ye that go down to the sea. Thus carrying the tidings to the distant lands.

GOLDEN TEXT: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: The Divine

The next lesson is Isa, 56, 1-12

THE BRITISH ARMY.—The total present strength of the regular army is about 200,000 of which about half are absent from Britian in India and the colonies.

The damage by the Szegedin fleod is estimated at a million and a half pounds. Two thousand farm-houses in the surrounding country have been destroyed. It is believed that the waters will not entirely subside before July.

Her Majesty is highly pleased with views of the Romantic Scenery in the Dominion, and has so strong a desire to make a visit to her daughter, that all the terrors of an Atlantic voyage have given away to her maternal affection. The Queen is expected to visit Canada this

A curious instance of the application of science to the art of war has recently been published by Professor CLAUDE BERNARD, an emment Frence physiologist. The siege of Paris by the German troops during the recent war especially affected the food supply, and the proposition to drive in some cattle surreptitously was opposed in consequence of the fear that the lowing of the animals would attract the attention of the besigers. Professor BERNARD then proposed to suppress their cries by cutting the nerve through which they were enable to emit them. this was so simple as to be practicable by an ordinary butcher. The experiment was tried, and with success, so far as to prevent the animals from making any noise, but failed for other

If the Queen of England visits Canada the New York Times thinks that as a political move it would unquestionably be sound. Nothing could give our Canadian neighbours half as much satisfaction, and it would probably do Her Majesty a great deal of good by entirely taking her out of herself, and infusing fresh ideas and interests into her mind. The voyage itself would be enjoyment to the worthy Queen of the greatest maritime people for she never knowns sea-sickness, and delights in the sea. If she should come to Canada, she would. of cours, crosse the St. Lawrence, and the only drawback we can anticipate to her visit here is the appalling display of flunkeyism it would inevitably elicit from certain classes of

Paul Boyton, whose long swim on the Mississippi has been before referred to, had a very narrow escape from bringing his swim to a sudden and terrible end. When near Louisville, last Thursday, he was caught by a swift current of the Ohio Falls and swept past the city, at which he meant to land, at lightening speed. Fortunately he was seen, and with much difficulty rescued in a bruised and almost insensible condition. He has since resumed his journey. When it is considerthat this risking of human life cannot possibly be attended with any useful results, one cannot help wondering which of the three incentives, "love money or fame," induces Paul to maintain his foolhardy exertions.

DR. LLOYD, of Ohio, surgeon in the army during the war, from exposure contracted consumption. He says in a letter addressed to Messrs J. N. Harris & Co., proprietors of ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM, I have no besitancy in stating that it was

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