

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SEPTEMBER 7.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

PSALM 27: 1-14.

NOTES.

The author of this psalm was probably King David. Some think that it belongs to the time of the captivity, others that it was composed on the occasion when David was rescued from the hands of a Philistine giant.

EXPLANATIONS.

My light, this is the only time in the Old Testament that God is called the light, John 1: 4. Enemies and foes, probably referring to the various foes from whom the Lord had delivered him in the past as Goliath, 1 Sam 17: 38-49; Saul, 1 Sam. 19: 10; 24: 1, etc., and others.

One thing, to serve the Lord in his sanctuary, where he appeared in visible presence, was to David the best thing in life. Ps. 84: 1-4. Devotion, abiding, beauty, both of the ornaments of worship and the internal beauty of holiness and spiritual communion with God.

When thou saidst is not in the Hebrew. Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, then the heart would be represented as repeating God's words, holding them up to God, then declaring that it would seek his face indeed, upon which then the Psalmist bases his prayer. Face means presence. Hide not, etc., because thou saidst I should seek thee, and I promised I would, therefore hide not thy face now that I am seeking it.

QUESTIONS FOR THE HEART.

- 1. Is the Lord your light, salvation and strength?
2. Of whom shall I be afraid and of whom not?
3. Do you prefer the Lord's house and his service to your books, the words, to everything?
4. If you do not, why not?
5. When you do sing, is it really in praise of the Lord?
6. In how far do you wait on the Lord?—Condensed from Scholar's Handbook.

GROWING PANSIES.

This is one of the most beautiful flowers, and though it is popular and to be found in most gardens, comparatively few people understand its proper cultivation with a view of obtaining the finest flowers. They go into the grounds of the florist and express amazement at the great size and beauty of the pansies they see there, will forthwith purchase a supply for their own planting and will be charmed with them, and be determined to grow the same on their own premises, though their previous efforts had so signally failed.

have fine, large flowers, the idea was jumped at. And yet that is the way to get them. Every August the seed of the largest and most desirable should be sown and the old ones dug up and thrown away.

PREVENTION OF NOISE.

To those who carry on any operations requiring much hammering or pounding, a simple means of deadening the noise of their work is a great relief. Several methods have been suggested but the best are probably these: 1. Rubber cushions under the legs of the work bench.

USEFUL HINTS.

Housewives will find the drippings from ice excellent for the final rinsing of clothes, especially white goods, giving them a white and clean appearance.

A putrid carcass polluting the air of a pasture will spoil not only the milk of the cows running there, but also the entire contents of the vat in which the tainted milk is poured at the factory.

If you have no scrap box establish one for bits of velvet, silk and woollen scraps. The prettiest cushion I ever saw came from such a scrap box, the result of eight years' economy.

Avoid purgatives and strong physics, as they not only do good, but are positively hurtful. Pills may relieve for the time, but they seldom cure. Stomach bitters are a snare, and only create a desire for stimulants.

Turpentine, according to the American Outfitter, has so strong an odor that it will prevent depredations of most insects, and on a small scale, is one of the best applications that can be made.

Physicians and dealers in dyes of London are trying to drive aniline colors out of use and restore vegetable dyes. They assert that aniline dyes produce painful and dangerous eruptions of the skin.

It may be useful to know that one or two good copies of fine writing on glazed paper may be obtained without the aid of a press or water, if the writing is done with a solution of three parts of good jet black ink and one of gelatine.

The Aztecs, before the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards, recognized the value of trees for the maintenance of moisture and the promotion of irrigation. Prescott tells us that their law contained severe penalties against the destruction of forests.

A fine horse was lately alarmed by flashes of lightning during a storm in the valley of Kings Co., and rushing against the barbed fence was gashed in one hundred places. Nearly fifty stitches had to be made in different parts of the skin. He recovered all right.

Tomato pie can be made by peeling and slicing green tomatoes; to this allow four tablespoonsful of vinegar, one of butter and three and a half of sugar; flavor with nutmeg and bake very slowly with two crusts. If the tomatoes are first stewed there is then no danger of the pie being too juicy.

In no case should mothers be persuaded to give their children soothing syrup to make them sleep. A healthy child does not need it, for it sleeps naturally. If the child is sick, find out the cause of the sickness and remove this. We have just received a letter from a mother who gave all her children soothing syrup to keep them quiet, and the result has been she has not one healthy child. She trusted to medicine, not to hygiene.—Herald of Health.

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