

the meanest, smallest automata, showing also how much more could be done by man if he but yielded, and did not grieve away God's spirit that speaks to him.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

The teacher of a primary form in one of the up-town Public Schools on Friday evening gave a discretionary home exercise to her pupils. No particular task was assigned them, but they were permitted to follow the bent of their own inclination. The teacher, upon looking over the exercise books Monday morning, was pleased to find that the girls under her charge had given examples of their best and neatest work in the subjects of study that have engaged the attention of the form during the term, but she was almost paralyzed with astonishment when she discovered that all but two of the boys had as an exercise in drawing illustrated the decisive feature of the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight.—Toronto Globe.

PRACTICAL READING OF THE BIBLE.

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and have a talk with Job.

If you are strong headed, view Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are a policy man, read Daniel.

If you are getting sordid, spend awhile with Isaiah.

If chilly, get the beloved Disciple to put his arms around you.

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation, and get a glimpse of the promised land.

THE REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTIANITY.

A paper read by Emma Cole, at Sparta Young Friends' Association, 2nd mo. 25.

The rigid we so often draw between Sunday and the week-day, has really been a source of infinite mischief to our general conduct, as well as to our religious ideas. Some of us have actually gone so far in isolating Sunday from the week-day, that we have grown to think that it matters little how completely we forget religion during the week if we only remember it on Sunday. If we continue to worship God in this manner, it is easily to be seen that we do miss the real spirit of Christianity. What is that spirit? It is not that *one* day should be dedicated to the Lord our God, but every day, that there is no real distinction between worldly and sacred. Can a man's life be divided into sections and diversely labelled as worldly and spiritual? What does religion mean? If it means anything at all, it will mean that life in its most secret actions is lived as in the eye of God. There is no absolute difference in days, but that all pleasures and employments are either right or wrong in themselves, and must be judged accordingly. Have we satisfied the claim of God upon us when we put away the novel and newspaper on Sunday, and open our Bible and hymn book? In doing this we have in truth avowed our belief in an occasional religion, which is as useless as an occasional God. Now I hope that the listeners will not think I am forgetting that Sunday is the Lord's Day, still we should bear in mind that God is watching over us with as keen an eye during the week as on Sunday. Some might ask, "How are we to attain this spirit of Christianity?" By worshipping Him, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth; and to fail of it is to make our religion merely a mockery and a pretence.