spondency, and despondency too often leads shorter. Presently, with one of my happy into discontent. Why is this? Not that God's spirations, I said to her: "Mrs. Dobbs, there is no dollar that does arm is shortened, or his ear heavy. The cause ODD JOBS. is in ourselves. We forget that we have still to you so much good as the one you don't spend." Sunday She looked at me a little perplexed, and This is a month in which but little can be take a long journey through a wilderness; in other words that we have a life of discipline presently she said, "Why, Doctor, I don't lone on the farm, in a general way, turther FCR SALE AT THE and training to live in a world that is not to understand you." than caring for the stock, and hauling wood So I said, "The handsomest dress is the one and logs from the forest, and is a good time to be our home. The ecstatic feelings of the attend to the doing up of little odd jobs. WESLEYAN Where there is a sugar orchard to be worked BOOK young Christian may be expressed in the you don't buy." "Ob, yes, that's true. The best dress ever had was the silk that Mrs. Largehead in the spring, preparations may now be made "Spread thy wings, my soul and fly Straight to yonder world of joy;" 125 GRANVILLE STREET, gave me when she came from Philadelphia. by putting in order the sugar houses, arches, and when he has instead to turn to " the trivial She bought it at Homer & Colloday's; it fuel, the buckets, gathering barrel and the veround, the common task." every-day life seems | couldn't have cost less than-" HALIFAX, N. S. hicle upon which it is to be drawn, spiles, etc. "Mrs. Debb's," said I, interrupting her, It is not uncommon that the best " sap weather ' eems so irksome that weariness and despondency soon overtake him. Then he finds that the handsomest and everyway the best dress comes in February, and every maple sugar s the one you don't have." maker knows that success in that business de the pleasures and comforts of earthly lifeare no 4 Barth's Stories, Old Testament 5 Barth's Stories, New Testament She was more puzzled than ever, and I was pends largely upon being in full readiness to No. 9-10 vols.-\$1.75. longer sufficient to satisfy him. He is thirsty, forced to explain. secure and save the best " runs." LEICH RICHMOND LIBRARY. but the waters that look so sparkling and so "Mrs. Dobbs," said I, " all the dresses you The China Cup While the sled can be used is a good time The Young Cottager Dairyman's Daughter inviting prove to be bitter to his taste. And then he murmurs. His faith has fai'ed, and he ever bought have worn out, haven't they ?" 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A Fitzallan fully troubles of the Christian life. Let them not Helen of the Glen single nail or screw driven to day may save a Kind Words "But," said I, "the dress that you don't The Persecuted Family The Mother Dove expect all : mooth sailing." Let them be fairly More Kind Word buy has no faults; you are never tired of it; day's work and dollars of expense for next Kindness to Animals Little Violet Mackere! Will t never grows old; never fades; never wears Hannah's Home week. "The path of sorrow, and that path a'one, Leads to the land where sorrow is unknow out; or if you want to change, how easily the Ralph Gemmell Lilly Douglas The selection of seeds and the preparing the Midshipman in China Missionary Book My Brother Ben same for spring sowing is another paying emchange is made !" Yet let them also know how to sweeten the "Why, yes," said, Mrs. Dobbs: "I never ployment for this season of the year. If par-N. 20-10 vols.-\$3.00 bitter waters. Do we know how ourselves? 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"OUR OWN."

"If I had known in the morning How wearily all the day The words unkind Would trouble my mind I said when you went away, I had been more careful, darling, Nor given you needless pain But we vex 'our own With look and tone, We might never bring back again.

words.

falls again into sin.

warned that

For though in the quiet evening You may give me the kiss of peace. Yet it might be That never for me The pain of the heart should cease How many go forth in the morning That never come home at night And hearts have broken For harsh words spoken. That sorrow can ne'er set right

We have careful thoughts for the stranger, And smiles for the sometime guest ; But oft for ' our own The bitter tone, Though we love 'our own the best. Ah ! lips with the curve impatient ; Ah ! brow with that look of scorn ; "Twere a cruel fate, Were the night too late To undo the work of morn,"

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BEREAN NOTES

LESSON X. BITTER WATERS SWEETENED. Exod. xv. 22-27. Topic: Water for the thirsty. Golden Text: "And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."-Rev. xxii. 2.

I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

Upon the overthrow of the Egyptians the Lepoir the overthrow of the Egyptians the Hebraws sing songs of triumph. (Exodus xv. 1-21.) and then pursue their journey. After three days of thirst they come to the bitter waters of Marah. B. C. 1491.

II. NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

Musa, (Moses' wells), two hours from Suez. but the objectionable predominates. Here and WILDERNESS. In Num. xxxiii. 8, " wilderness there we meet with a respectable song; now of Etham." this being the south-west part of the and then we come across a valuable sentiment, great desert of Shur. Shur Literally, a well- or encounter a noble and useful strain; but a reterring to the wail like mountains Er Rahab very considerable portion of the verse, probaand et Teh, which border on this deser: plain. bly as high as the bishop estimates it, is the 2.) Fearful thirst. WENT. It is about thirty- sorriest of trash, the veriest nonsense, penned three miles between the points indicated. Re- by fifth-rate rhymsters, faulty in rhetoric and along this route and FOUND NO WATER

rots. So God sees that many a man, it he had his bark upon him, it he had the wealth of the substituted for Scriptural "spiritual songs;" world about him, a penny in his purse, and a rilliness is mistaken for simplicity; prose, gar-triend at court, it would rot him, corrupt him, nished with rhymes and capitals, passes for and make him worse; therefore God is fain to bark him and peet him, and keep him naked tnd bare and poor, that his soul may prospe abe better; for indeed, many times it so falls out, and a man shall find it so, that his soul pros pers best when his body prospers worse. Spenger.

2. BITTER WATER, verses 23-24, 1.) Did appointment. MARAH, bitter ...ess. Doubiless i entical with Avun Musa. The modern same

How now. Professor, do you mean to give in the advice to prune in winter, in spring, in us a lecture?

summer, in tall after the growth ceases, to Not to-day, for Dr. Beetle, I see, claims prune very beavily or not at all, there is great that. But I was thinking of a boy who always error somewhere. We want a theory and found time to do everything. "Why, you practice that avoids excessive prunning, and ee." said the little fellow, "I pick up the couts the impracticable idea o minutes, and they are first-rate pickings." So It is impossible to select 100 trees of any 10 they are. There was a little errand-boy in varieties and grow a healthy orchard without London Nutcrackers, who learned Greek while pruning side branches will overgrow, and get waiting for parcels, and continued to make the ascendancy over the top. Some varieties such good use of the minutes he saved, that he will so multiply limbs that they become a tanbecame a learned man. Pick up the minutes gled mass. Storms of wind and rain will break and then use them well. a lin b here and open a tork there that will ul-And it is very true, remarks quiet Mr. Civil, timately rot and destroy the trees unless that no one else can pick them up for us. The pruned away. The thousands of orchards all Professor has reminded me of a little story over the country where the trees have been grown with several bodies instead of one, and " GO " AND " COME!"

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signifies a small pool, the water of which sinks into the soil little by little, leaving the residue unfit to drink; a description eminently applicable to the spring in question." Desert of the Exodus: 2) Murmuring-AGAINST MOSES. Only three days before, their shouts of praise to God doubtless equalled the roaring of the sea; now they already torget God and his wondrous deliverances. How weak their faith ; how mighty the taith of Moses, and yet both leaders and people suffered equally.

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3. SWEET WATER, vers. 25-26. 1) Prayer for help. CRIED UNTO THE LORD. God alone could help. Moses believed, (a) In God's willingness; (b) in God's Omnipotence. 2.) verses, which state that Noab, Abraham, Jacob, Divine Interposition: THE LORD SHOWED. Moses, David, Daniel, and every separate prospeedy answer. A TREE Name and Dature unknown. God chose to endow some ordinary John Wesley," went to heaven, plant with supernatural qualities. Thus the springs were sweetened by Almighty power, and in answer to prayer. (3) A Divine Ordinance. THERE. Before the miracle was forgotten. PROVED. Moses' faith stood the test all Israel failed. IF THOU WILT. They shall be 'proved,' tried; in all their journeyings they shall find tests as stern as this at Marah. Do RIGHT. Wrong doing destroyed the Egyp-TIANS. Thus have many other nations been ruined. Prov. xiv. 34. Perdition is full of the diso bedient. "To obey better than sacrifice." 1 Sam. xv. 22. HEALETH Sin brings bitterness and death. God delights to tu n all life's bitterness into sweetness, and to heal all our maladies. Psalm exivit. 3. Christ is the great Physician. Jer vini. 22; Matt ix. 12-13. He is our "BRANCH." Jer. xxiii. 5; Zech. 111 8: and "plant of renown," Ezek. xxxiv. 29. He will give us to eat of the "tree of lite.

Rev. ii. 7; xxii 2. 4. WELLS OF WATER, ver. 27. 1.) The trees. Probably Elim is identical with Wady Gharandel, which contains palm-trees in great numbers, and a perennial stream. 2) Rest by the fountains. No trials at Elim ; no desert, no bitterness. On the way to the heavenly Canaan the pilgrim finds many an Elim. Believ ers in Jesus draw from ' wells of salvation,' Isa. xii. 3; they have 'living waters' abundantly bestowed, John 4. 12, 14; 7. 38; and they historico-biographical source, that the benevoshall dwell forever by the " river of water of lent inventor of Sunday-schools, the " Robert, life." Rev. 22. 1.

ENGLISH TEACHER'S NOTES.

In this short passage we have a striking con- represented in the second, by " walking out " trast. The first two verses tells us of the tri- personally for the purpose of inspecting the umphant songs and joyous dances in which Is- wretched purlieus of the Gloucester pin-factorael celebrated their great deliverance; and in ries. " The state of the streets, he was lold, the next three we see the same Israel disap- was always worst on the Sunday. This slight pointed and discontented. It is a picture of poetic variation from the literal fact will, That you're always in spirits and I'm always another place in the experiences of the spiritual doubtless, shock those who have made a mania for the exact truth, like conscientious Sam pilgrimage.

the morning that followed the Passover night, shudder at discovering how near neighbors it was surpassed by their exultation when they fact and fiction may be to each other in the donot only found themselves with the Red Sea main of verse designed for the religious instrucbetween them and the land of their captivity, tion of the young in Sunday-schools .- Dr. but also saw their relentless foes dead upon Wentworth in the Ladies' Repository.

the saa-shore. And great as is the sinner's joy when he teels that the blood of the Lamb has been sprinkled on his heart, and his guilt been put away, it is exceeded by the indescri-

We have to calculate pretty close at our bable sense of freedom when he finds that he house, you know; and the whole family are is no longer under the dominion of sin. His called into council when any important expenis no longer under the *dominion* of sin. It is besetting faults pursued him, (see preceding hote,) but simply trusting in his 'Strong De-liverer,' he has gone straight on in the right path, and to his amazement, has found that those pursuing sinful habits, those fierce and those pursuing sinful habits, those fierce and Now, like the Psalmist, he can ' walk at liber- parlor, and a new hat for our (at present un-

ty.' Now, like the Ethiopian sunuch, he goes married daughter, besides a great many other on his way reioicing."

things, with which I will not occupy your vala-'on his way rejoicing.' 2. But it is a matter of common experience that this happy and buoyant condition rarely lasts. Almost every Christian man can look back and remember the reaction that followed in his case. Exultation is succeeded by de-

Here is a specimen of emplicity boiled down " In olden times, when boys were wild. On English soil arose a child-His name was Robert, true and mid, So loving, loving and good."

Another from the same author :

"O, chorus of fire, That will burst from God's choir !

And sweep with hosannas the jasper-lit sea."

In this precious bit of dogger el-and we do not know a richer gem in the entire range of Sunday-school song literature-there is a rousing chorus at the end of every four lines, which has far less connection with the verse than a re-

frain which may be heard at any colored campmeeting, which runs as tollows: called. "John saw the holy number.

Sitting on the golden altar After which come a score or two of improvised

phet and every apostle, down to "good old larmer for twenty years. About the end of

'Sitting on the golden altar."

The historic verses before us are interrupted by the vocilerous chorus, intimating that the prised. impatient youngsters can't stay to hear the story out, they are in such tearing haste te get to Sanday-school! Like steeds barsting from the barriers at a race-course, or spurred by riders burning for battle, the boys charge in, as impatient of delay as was Coleridge's ." Wedding years to purchase it ? Guest " when button-holed by the "Ancient

Mariner " "Away ! away ! our cause is growing stronger ! Away ! away to the Sunday school Away ! away ! we can't wait any longer ! Away to the Sunday-school !"

siness." When the chorus has spent its breath, the bad bargain. poet resumes (rather milk-and-waterishly):

"As Robert Raikes walked out one day, 1 o see if children were at play, Some boys were seen on Sabbath-day, A-playing,-playing-ah me!"

Again the chorus comes in, like the surt at "Once a Sabbath-school teacher remarked palm grove. ELIM-literally trees, perhaps palm rator treats the juveniles to another batch of Long Branch, in lively swell; and then the narthat he who buys the truth makes a good barhard facts, sugared with melody by Bradbury gain, and inquired if any scholar recollected an instance in Scripture of a bad bargain. and rendered singularly piquant by original

that

of pottage."

pronounciation and peculiar grammar: "In seventeen hundred eighty-one, Across the sea in Glous'ter [Glos'ter] town,

The glorious Sunday-school begun [gan] : Its [it's] coming ! coming ! along !"

We are pleased to learn, from a veritable silver. true and mild," of the first verse, did not

break the Sabbath and set a bad example, as

Said 'I can't' to 'I can,' 'What's the reason,' I pray. out;

1. Great as was the joy of the Isralites on Johnson; and mislikers of romance may well

Instead of "I wish," say in future "I will;" THE DOLLAR WE DON'T SPEND. If I say you'll be twice what you are. ""

> WHAT BOYS KNOW .- A stolid old farmer talks thus about his boys: from 16 to 20 they

How TO BE GREAT .- " Mother," said a lit- Of course, the cost is trifling, but waste, in a

are continually splitting to pieces under a full "An indolent gentleman had an estate crop of fruit, and dying out after every hard which became involved in debt. So he sold winter, are a standing condemnation of this half and let the remainder to an industrous doctrine.

My advice summed up would be this :- In setting a tree, trim to the desired height, and the term the farmer called to pay his rent, and leave only three limbs to form the base of the asked the owner if he would sell his farm.

" Will you buy it ? ' asked the owner, surtop From June 1 to 15, for three or four years thereafter, cut out limbs that are likely "Yus, if we can agree about the price.' to be too near each other on the stem when " That is exceedingly strange,' said the the tree becomes mature. Cut out the forks gentleman. ' Pray tell me how it happens that and cut back to vigorous side branches, after

while I would not live on twice as much land, which but little trimming will be necessary. for which I paid no rent, you are regularly Don't trim in March or April, because paying me for your farm, and are able in a tew will add the shock of pruning to the in jury by severe freezing. The sap, in circulating "'The reason is plain,' said the farmer; through the tree, has become vitiated, and Na-

you sat still and said, Go; I got up and said, ture has not had time to restore the injury. Come. You lay in bed and enjoyed your es- Prune from June 1 to 15. because wounds betate; I rose in the morning and minded my bu- come so hard that they will not decay. The sap has become thick and will not ooze out.

The man must have felt that laziness was a A large part of the cut will heal over the first searon, and the loss of unnecessary wood Probably he did, interrupts Mr. Civil. But growth will be saved to tree and truit, and be can tell the children of worse bargains than cause, for every tree injured by pruging at this

season, 100 will be worse injured by pruning at any other season. -C. G. PATTEN. - Globe.

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"A third boy observed, 'Our Lord tells up dresses and expensive equipages, and thus livthat he makes a bad bargain, who, to gain the whole world, loses his own soul." "-Methodist.

ther half. ly, but the fault is not so much in having good 'I can't, met 'I can' out a walking one day; are many articles which, with proper care, will

last a lifetime, and though their first cost may be considerable, if properly cared for and used for many years, they do not prove as expensive as cheape r articles that have to be often re-

That always you succeed in what you set about, placed. While I can't do a thing that I wish ?'

"When I was in England, I saw a very nice Said 'I can't to 'I can't.' with a smile in his carriage that had been in use in a farmer's family for more than seventy years. I know farmers in this country who get a new buggy In asking your question you hint the reply; nearly every half dozen years: and it all the "I can" tor "I can't" and you'll not take it machinery and tools of a farm require to be replaced frequently for want of care, of course

the farmer adds greatly to his expenses.

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