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Family Reading.

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH. We desire to call attention to one respect wherein we think a wrong method is lelt then, I am sure they would pray with such dry and flinty places." "When I pursued with the children of the Church, their children, as well as pray for them." We refer to the hard service which is too often exacted of them on Sunday by those who are most desirous of doing them good. as related by himself. His mother was The thought has not unfrequently occurred to us, when asking children in a Sunday School, to repeat the Fourth Command. can recollect that when a child, I was ment, what answer we could make if some standing at the open window, at the close precocious juvenile should say, "I don't of a lovely summer's day. The large, find Sunday a day of rest-I work as red sun was just sinking away behind the much as upon any day in the week. When western hills; the sky was gold and purple I go twice to Sunday School, and twice to commingled; the winds were sleeping; Church, and get the lessons given me, I and a soft solemn stillness seemed to hang feel more tired on Sunday than on any over the earth. I was watching the sun other day. And my teacher always seems as he sent his yellow rays through the very tired too. Please, sir, tell me how trees, and felt a kind of awe though I knew this agrees with the Fourth Command- not wherefore, Just then my mother ment?" We leave those to answer this came to me, She was raving with frenzy;

question who can. attracting attention. We may venture to up to me with wild insanity. I pointed to express the hope that the Bishop of this the glorious sun in the west, and in a Diocese will put forth, in his own words, moment she was calm. She took my the sound and judicious views expressed little hands within hers, and told me that by him on this subject, in his address at 'the great God made the sun, the stars, the Convention of the Brotherhood. A the world everything; that he it was who writer in a late number of The Methodist made her little boy, and gave him an im Protestant thus feelingly refers to his mortal spirit; that yonder sun, and the own youthful experience, and its evil green fields, and the world itself will one eff cis. How many a child has thus been day be burned up; but that the spirit of made to rejoice when Sunday had passed, her child will then be alive, for he must to dread its coming, and to g ow up with live when heaven and earth are gone; a deep-root deversion to that wisdom of that he must pray to the great God, and which it should be true, " her ways are love and serve him forever.' ways of pleasantness!

church to dinner, from dinner to Sunday good in thy sight." in which the lambs are to be fed? Would least abated. you leed your child physically in this way? Would you cram down his unwilling throat pound after pound of meat, and then start with indignation because his jaded stomach rejected your load of unsu table nutriment? And yet this is the sort of spiritual training which children get from many consci-

sense of duty." This writer, however, utters complaints without suggesting any proper remedy. greatly struck my own mind. I was en-Some remedy can be found. Let it not be that which is too often applied. Because it is too much to ask children to go England formed a principal subject, of the prayers, and much of the catechism twice to church and twice to Sunday school passing events having drawn our attention by heart, . . . After much intercourse, on t not the former service be sacrificed to the latter. This we know is done. And Court. With childish interest, but grave children who have been worn out in the attention, she listened to the details of service of the school room, are allowed to pass the open doors of the sanctuary, and "the Queen" lived,—her beautiful dresses, to forego the worship of Almighty God, her numerous attendants, her regal gran. because they have been already worked to deur,—and all those glittering courtly apexhaustion on the Lord's Day.

The best remedy, we submit for this evil s to be found in proper Parish and Church schools, where religious instruction may be a daily exercise, and not all crammed into one day, and that the day man's remark : " vanity of vanities, all is of holy rest, so that it becomes intolerable drudgery to teacher and scholar. Then well completed my description :-with one attendance upon the Sunday school, engaging simplicity she put this solemn whose teachings were entirely confined to religious instruction, would answer upon

INFLUENCE OF MOTHERS.

agency in the formation of his own char. an answer to such a question. How acter, and on one occasion wrote of his tender the age which prompted the thought mother, "How often have I blessed the that possibly the Queen might escape the memory of those divine passages of experi- general doom: how worthy of "the mental divinity which I have heard from ancients," the wise and solemn inference, her mouth! What day did she pass with. that if such splendour must have an end, out a large task of private devotion- then monarchs, as well as their various whence she would still come forth with a subjects, must "prepare to meet their God." countenance of undissembled mortifica- How forcible the example of this little one. tion? Never any lips have read to me in an age when "children of a larger such feeling lectures of picty; neither have growth" are labouring only for riches and

lowing tribute to his mother: "It is due heedless of his own emphatic demand, to gratuude and nature that I should ac. "What is a man profited if he shall gain been, whatever it was, such as I am, what or what shall a man give in exchange for ever it is, and such as I hope to be in all his soul?" futurity, must be ascribed, under Provimother?

made on my mind. house is now occupied by my brother. The furniture remains just the same as thoughts would not let me sleep. I was ring substance."-Churchman's Penny thinking how God had led me through the Magazine. journey of life. At last the light of the morning darted through the little window, and then my eye caught a sight of the spot

and I will go to prayer.' I burst into tears, and arose from my bed, " which could not well be adjusted for the

and fell upon my knees just on the spot where my mother kneeled, and thanked God that I had once a praying mother. And O, if every parent could feel what I

Equally to the point and touching is the

following incident in the life of Dr. Todd,

deprived of her reason when he was a child; and referring to this, he says, "1 for reason had long since left its throne, We are glad to see that this subject is and her a victim of madness. She came

" She let go my hands-madness re-"I well remember my own childhood jurned-she hurried away. I stood with -low Sund y, the day of rest, the day of my eyes filled with tears, and my little joy, was made to me the dreariest and bosom heaving with em tions which I could dullest and most intolerant of the seven; not have described; but I can never forget and that too, with the best intentions, with the impressions which that conversation the kindest, but I must say, the most inju- of my poor mother left upon me. O, what dicious interest in my welfare. I can a blessing would it have been, had the inrecollect how, as that day approached, I scrutable providence of God given me a dreaded its coming, how the weight of mother who would have repeated these ordinances croshed me when it did come. instructions, accompanied by her prayers, I was marched from breakfast to Sunday through all the days of my childhood! school, from Sunday school to church, from But 'even so, Father; for so it seemeth

school, from Sunday school to church, The influence of Cowper's mother upon from church to supper, and from supper his character may be learned from the back to church again, and lest I should following expression of filial affection have some breathing time for the restless which he wrote to Lody flesketh on the temperament of a child to relieve itself in, receipt of his mother's picture: "I had the few small breaks in this dreary chain rather possess my mother's picture than were carefully filled in with bible lessons, the richest jewel in the British crown; until the word of G d become as distaste. for I loved her with an affection that her ful to me as his day. Is this the mode death, fifty years since, has not in the

NAME OF TAXABLE SERIOUS QUESTION OF A CHILD.

A few years ago I was visiting at a ifend's house, where an interesting hule girl was also a guest. She was very young, and had not enjoyed any peculiar entious parents, who do it all in pure love, ceived, on the occasion to which I am and from an abiding and overwhelming going to refer, any suggestion calculated to awaken serious thought; nevertheless, she evinced reflection in a manner which deavouring one evening to amuse her by conversation, in which "the Queen" of struck him forcibly; and he learned many royal magnificence. The state in which pendages which usually captivate the natural heart. I must confess that the picture which I drew entirely related to earthly things, it remained for my little infant teacher to write underneath the wise vanity." But this she did before I had question to me, " Will the Queen DIE ?"

Any reflecting mind must surely have the Lord's Day. - Banner of the Cross. been struck with the singular union thus exhibited of childish ignorance and sagelike wisdom, when in so artless and con-Bishop Hall acknowledged maternal fiding a manner she looked up to me for I known any soul that more accurately honours; while many are storing their practised them than her own." honours; while many are storing their minds with every kind of knowledge but John Quincy Adams once paid the fol- that of "Christ, and him crucified;"-all knowledge and avow that, such as I have the whole world and lose his own soul?

Memory often recalls that evening on dence, to the precepts and example of my which I drew my infant auditor's attention to the perishable honours of a fleeting The following very interesting testimony world, and her only inquiry in return, of Rev. Richard Knill is quoted at length: 'Are they transitory?' "Will the Queen "I have a vivid recollection of the effect die?" Careless reader! remember the of maternal influence. My honoured wisdom of this little child; you know, in a mother was a religious woman, and she manner, that she knew not that "the watched over and instructed me as pious fashion of this world passeth away;" you mothers are accustomed to do. Alas! know that "it is appointed unto all men I often forgot her admonitions; but in my once to die;" you know that "every one most thoughtless days I never lost the im. | must give account of himself unto God;' pressions which her holy example had and that to all "the time is short." Will you spend all your labour for that which "After spending a large portion of my satisfieth not, and then have nothing left, life in foreign lands, I returned again to but to lie down in sorrow? Christian visit my native village. Both my parents reader! remember that "where your died while I was in Russia, and their treasure is, there should your heart be also." To you death will give an unfading "crown of glory." "Set, then, your when I was a boy; and at night I was ac. affections" more and more "on things commodated with the same bed in which above," for you "know in yourselves that I had often slept before; but my busy you have in heaven a better and an endu-

SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS

Job xxix. 6, 7 .- " When I washed my where my sainted mother, forty years steps with butter." When butter was before, took me by the hand and said, made in very large quantities, it was usual Come, my dear, kneel down with me for men to tread on skins of cream in harge, induce them still to hold out the same order to separate it from the more watery "This completely overcame me. I part. "And the rock poured me out I recollected some of her expressions; and all," says Maundrell, speaking of Juden, Rev. Dr. Let, once a week, in the school.

production of corn, might yet serve for the plantation of vines and olive trees, which delight to extract, the one its fatness, the other its sprightly juice, chiefly out of prepared my seat in the street." It is a tom in eastern countries for persons not to go into the shops, which are mostly small, but there are seats on the outside where they sit down, and people of quality have cushions and carpets sent before them to be placed on these seats, or wherever they lke, in order to repose upon them It is therefore very probable that Job sent his servant to lay cushions upon these public seats, that he might there receive the respect, and hold the intercourse with the aged and the young, of which he

Isniah xlix. 16 .- " I have graven thee on the pulms of my hands " This alludes to the custom of tracing out on the hands, in an indelible manner, not merely the rames but the sketches of eminent cities and places. The process is thus described by Maundrell:- The text morning nothing extraordinary passed, which gave the pilgrims leisure to have their arms marked with the usual ensigns of Jerusalem .-The artists who undertake the operation, do it in this manner: they have stamps in wood of any figure that you desire, which they first print off upon your arm with powder of charcoal; then taking two very fine needles tied close together, and dipping them often, like a pen, in certain ink, com pourded, as I was informed, of gunpowder and ox gal, they make with them small punctures all along the lines of the figure they have printed, and then washing the part in wine, conclude the work. These punctures they make with great quickness Drawing- Figure and dexterity, and with scarce any smart seldom piercing so deep as to draw blood

Mark ix 50. - Have salt in yourselves, Harmony and Musical Composiand have peace one with another." Sal was the emblem of uncorrupt friendship and lasting fidelity, and therefore was used in all sacrifices and covenants. (See Lev. ii. 13; Num. xviii. 19; 2 Curon. xii, 5.) Baron Du Tott, speaking of one who was desirous of his acquaintance, says upon his departure, "he promised in a short time to return. I had already attended him half way down the staircase, when stopping and turning briskly to one of my domestics, 'Bring me directly,' said he, 'some bread and salt.' What he requested was brought, when taking a little salt between his fingers, and putting it with a mysterious air upon a bit of bread, he eat it with a devout gravity, assuring

me that I might now rely on him." BAPTISM OF A BRAHMIN. Let me tell you of the baptism of a Brahmin, at Benares, on Wednesday last, when I was down there, which will gratify you much. He came to me in September last, as I wrote to some of you; he had before been seeking after truth; and a pious merchant at Benares had given him a Book of Common Payer: this was the chief instrument of his conversion. The two anand our duty towards our neighbour" Puesday last I asked him, "Are you willing to be baptized?" Answered, "Yes, I have no other Lord, no other Saviour, but Jesus Christ : He is God, and my God. I went to Juggernaut and here to Benares, and here and there (mentioning other places) to poojth (worship); but I was still very bad, very great sinner. When I found no good among Mindoos' worships, I went to Mussulmans,' to Lucknow (mentioning a great Mohammedan religion; but all bad, very bad. Then I met with the ten commandments, and those two, my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour; this my heart say good, very good: this is Jesus Christ's word, and I pray to Him for his grace, and He gave me understanding; now I know the true God; my heart love his word, and I no more love sin, or bad way: therefore 1 know Jesus Carist is God," and more to the same effect. . . . At the time of administering the sacrament of bantism he made the responses from the Book of Common Prayer with much feeling; when addressed in the service, he showed the most lively attention, and was very earnest in the prayers; after the service, he shook hands with all present, expressed with tears his thankfulness to God for his mercy to so great a sinner; and said ha would serve Him for ever, and devote all his time in learning His word more perfectly that he might instruct others. Memoir of BISHOP CORRIE.

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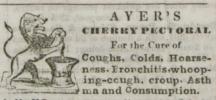
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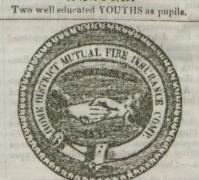
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