The family.

NOT IN VAIN.

"I have labored in vain," a teacher said, And her brow was marked with care : "I have labored in vain." She bowed her head, And bitter and sad were the tears she shed In that moment of dark despair.

"I am weary and worn, and my hands are weak, And my courage is well-nigh gone, And in vain for a promise of fruit I seek Where the seed of the word is sown.

And again with a sorrowful heart she wept, For her spirit with grief was stirred, Till the night grew dark, and at last she slept, And a silent calm o'er her spirit crept And a whisper of "Peace" was heard.

And she thought, in her dreams, that her soul took

To a blest and bright abode; She saw a throne of dazzling light, And harps were ringing, and robes were white-Made white in a Saviour's blood.

As she never had seen before; Their brows with jewels of light were crowned, And sorrow and sighing no place had found, For the troubles of time were o'er.

Then a white-robed maiden came forth and said : "Joy! joy! for thy trials are past! I am one that thy gentle words have led In the narrow pa hway of life to tread; I welcome thee home at last !"

And the teacher gazed on the maiden's face ; She had seen that face on earth, When, with anxious heart, in her wonted place She had told her charge of a Saviour's grace, And their need of a second birth.

Then the teacher smiled; and an angel said: Go forth to the work again : It is not in vain that the seed is spread If only one soul to the cross it led The labor is not in vain."

At last she woke, and her knees she bent In grateful, child-like prayer; And she prayed till an answer of Peace was sent, And Faith and Hope, as a rainbow, blent O'er the clouds of her earthly care.

And she rose in joy, and her eye was bright-Her sorrew and grief had fled-And her soul was calm and her heart was light, For her hands were strong in a Saviour's might, As forth to her work she sped.

Then rise, fellow-teacher, t labor go ! Wide scatter the precious grain; Though the fruit may never be seen below. Be sure that the seed of the word shall grow; Toil on in faith, and thou soon shalt know "Thy labor is not in vain."

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BEREAN NOTES.

BY REV. G. H. WHITNEY, D.D. I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

Abib or Nisan, B. C. 1491. The death of "all the first-born in the land of Egypt" is quickly followed by Pharaoh's permission Israel's departure. Exod. 12. 29-31.

II. NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS. 1. THE PILGRIMAGE COMMENCED, vers. 17-20. 1.) God their leader. Many looked upon good man are ordered (margin, established) by said: the Lord." Psa. 37. 23. 2.) Prepared for the journey. HARNESSED. Provided with garments, flocks, herds, silver and gold. Exod. 12. 35, 38; Psa. 105. 37. The margin reads "five in a rank." Methodically organized by the skill of Moses (under divine instruction) into five great divisions, with competent officers. 3) The pilgrims. The number of men, women, and children was doubtless not far from 2,400,000. A great crowd-" mixture," " rab ble"-went with them, some Egyptians, some foreigners, of the lower grades of society. Exod. 12. 37; Num. 11. 4; Deut. 29. 11. 4.) The starting place. "From Rameses." Exod. 12. 37. A city of Goshen where the Hebrews doubtless convened in great numbers in expectation of the pilgrimage. Thence to SUCCOTH, (booths.) memorable as the first halting-place. still Fred; there, pussy, there! don't be scar- I have noticed that in order to be a reason Num. 33. 5. This was probably not a city, but ed, he sha'n't hurt you." And so he brought able creature it is necessary at times to be down a mere station for caravans.

A tather with his little son is journeying pitches his tent in some pleasant valley, the child is charmed with the spot, and begs his father to rear a house and remain there; and he begins to make a little tence about the tent, and digs up the wild flowers, and plants them within the inclosure. But the father says, No, my son. Our home is far distant. Let these things go, for to-morrow we must depart."
Now, God is taking us, his children, as pilgrims and strangers, homeward: but we desire before we can learn to seek "the city that hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God."

2. God's WAY THE BEST, vers. 17, 18, 20. dow? 1.) The short route. NEAR The caravan road from Egypt to Canaan was about two hundred eyes." miles long, leading through the LAND OF THE PHILISTINES. Israel would gladly have chosen still more light, you'd have asked some one to of all. this. 2.) War in the path. Philistines are close the blinds also; wouldn't you?" warriors; Hebrews were men of peace hitherto. 3.) God's leadership sometimes dark. LED ABOUT. Back toward Egypt, not toward Canaan. From Succoth to ETHAM, IN THE . . WILDERNESS. The worse possible route to one to help you." human sense is always best if God leads. Duties are ours, events are God's. This re-

nials. Hold on; hold tast; hold out. -Buffon.
In approaching the Notch of the White Mountains from one direction, the traveler finds himself in the midst of conical hills which seem to torbid further progress. He can see his way but a short distance, and begins to think of turning back his horse. As he advances he finds that the road curves around the other and still other straits, from which he finds see, pussy has them, and so has Humpty Dumpescape simply by advancing .- Foster.

3. THE HONORED DEAD, ver. 19. Joseph's hundred and forty years. Gen. 50, 24-26. Doubtless, also, each tribe had preserved the rectly. Now look at my eye closely. Do you bones of its patriarchs. Acts 7. 15, 16. Chris- see a round black spot in it?" tianity renders specially sacred the remains of our loved ones. As these "honored dead" were conveyed to the "Land of Promise" so part I look through." also shall the "dead in Christ" be brought into the heavenly Canaan; and they shall "ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4, 14-17.

God is as truly present in the wilderness as in with my hands. Do you see anything?" the tabernacie or the temple. THE LORD. Doubtless Je. us, the Angel of the Covenant. Johnny. 1 Cor. 10 9; Exod. 14. 19; Psa. 99. 7; Isa. 63. 9. PILLAR. Visible symbol of the divine Presence and strength. CLOUD. Moving with when you looked to the light." majestic measure along the trackless wilderness, 10. 1, 2; Psa. 105. 39; Isa. 4. 5. Fire. To "I didn't mean that. Look again." light up the vast encampment by night. Clouds, fire, all things are but God's ministers keeps changing?" to serve his people. Took NOT . . CLOUD

doubtless there was but one) attended Israel again when I look away?"

as long as a mariculous guide was neededprobably to the end of their journey, or to the anks of the Jordan. So God attends and thing like it there?"

The sailor on the midnight sea, if he would behold the star that, alone [would guide him across the trackless deep, must look not on the dark, troubled waves, but at the clear blue heavens. If the sky was overcast, and the star is vailed by clouds, he must turn to his compass, and its needle, ever true to the pole, will point to the star, though it be hidden from his vision. So we toward on many a hillow will point to the star, though it be nidden from his vision. So we, tossed on many a billow, if we would see heaven's guiding light, must look, not on the waves of temptation that dash and break around, but above, to God. Should

-Sunday Teachers' Treasury. FEED-THOUGHTS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS. 1. For what reason at last did Pharaoh let he people go?

2. When right is done from wrong motives what results? 3. Could not God have defended Israel in war with the Philistines on their nearest route don't know how I do it."

to Canaan ? 4. Does God impose on us any more trial and danger than is necessary and useful to us? 5. How were these people now particularly disqualified for war?

6. What had been the effect upon them their long and severe bondage? 7. What disadvantages do we suffer, in reli-

gious efforts, from ignorance and degradation? 8. If, in the journey of these 600,000 men, they needed to be harnessed, or officered in companies, what is thereby suggested of Church order and discipline?

9. Why did Joseph wish his bones to be carried up out of Egypt?

10. Were the bones of others, besides Joseph's, carried to Canaan? Acts 7, 15, 16. 11. What are the great lessons taught the Christian Church by the pillar of cloud and

12. How many purposes did they serve Chap. 14, 19, 20. 13. Shall we in like manner depend on mir

aculous guidance? 14. To what extent does God always pro vide for the emergencies of his people?

JOHNNY MAKES DISCOVERIES IN

BY ADAM STWIN

"Do you know," said Johnny, the other day little too large for him, "Do you know . .

tight . . . when they're wide open ?" o answer his question directly, so I said:

"You mean that pussy winks, don't you?" "No, not that," said Johnny positively. Puger winks : but this is inside the winking : and its different."

" How different ?"

gether. I'll get pussy and show you. Humpty Dumpty, his little mischievous-loving

Skye terrier. were hurrying through to another part of the and ever, for Jesus' sake. Amen. house. "I shall want Humpty in a minute or

Fred opened the door, and Johnny came in with the kitten, crying, as the dog came to well watched. 'way; you frightened pussy. Make him be as well as pounds. her to me, stroking her back and smoothing right mad. ber ruffled tail to quiet ber. "Maybe she overland to California; and when at night he won't do it now," he said, "she's so scared, but she did it ever so many times to-day. She money. looked right at me and shut her eyes tight,

without winking a bit." "Turn her face to the window," I suggested when Johnny began to despair of making me see what he had noticed.

"There, there!" he fairly shouted as the kitten faced the light. "See, she does it now! What makes her?"

"What made you draw the curtain a little while ago when you were playing by the win-"Why, the sun was so bright it hurt my

"And if it had been necessary to shut out sire, the covetous man's ambition, and the idol

"I suppose so," said Johnay, wo what that had to do with pussy's eyes. " I think I've seen you do something of that sort yourself," I said, without calling on any

"Have you?" asked Johnny, doubtfully, "When?" "Every day. Look toward the sun." I continued, raising the curtain a little. What makes you scowl and blink so? "It's so bright," said Johnny," it hurts

"So you close the shutters a little," I sug-Johnny put his hands to his eyes, winked, felt the eyelids move two or three timess, then exclaimed, "I never noticed that before! They're real shutters aren't they?" "That's part of their use," I said.

"But that isn't what I meant " said Johnny bones had now been preserved more than one earnestly. "It was pussy's inside winking." "I know," said I "We'll come to that di-

"Yes." said Johnny.

"That's the window of my eye- that's the

" Is it?" said Johnny. "Yes," I repeated. "That's the real window of the eye. Now watch it while I turn my 4. TAE PILLAR OF GUIDANCE, vers. 21, 22. face to the light; then when I shade my eyes

> What tiny little sashes there are !" exclaimed "Yes," said Johnny, "I could see the "Oh no," said I. "That's just the reflec-

to the whole multitude. It was a guide by day ed him how the window was reflected in my which they stand should be a foot above the It your colts are hard to get into the barn and a covering or shade from the sun. 1 Cor. eye-glass when I held it toward a dark place. floor. The gutter in rear is eighteen inches or alter their daily exercise, let them find a few "Do you mean the little black spot

"Yes," said Johnvy. " Now look at pussy's eyes. Is there any-

guides all his children still to the very gates of "The dark spot doesn't grow smaller; it heaven. Psa. 17. 8; 73. 24; 119. 105; Heb. shuts up like a book," said Johnsy. "That's what I asked you about." "Pussy has a different way of drawing her

ging his tail, as much as to say he'd like to an-

try, anyhow, if there was any fun in it. turn to the Bible, and it will point to Him who shines beyond the clouds in unchanging glory. "Humpty's eyes are just like yours," he

> "Yours are the same, too." I said. "Are they? And Fred's?" "Look and see." Johnny looked at Fred's eyes, then at his

went on, "and not a bit like pussy's."

"But you see it is done whether you understand it or not. Too much light hurts the eye, so there's a number of little servants called nerves and muscles stationed there who draw there are in different kinds of eyes."

ed Johnny. "One more, at least," said I. "It it's plea-

we'll have another talk about them."

HARRY'S SLEIGH BELL.

aisle it made a noise at every step.

see what made the noise. Harry soon got tired of sitting so still, and most of the moisture has been squeezed." tried to think what he should do, for he was in

great trouble. After a little while he put his hand into his with that troubled look on his face which he pocket and took the bell out slowly, holding it First look at the color; if it is white, with a always wears when wrestling with an idea a tightly, so it couldn't sattle, and looking up to slightly yellowish or straw colored tint, buy it: his mother with a guilty face, asked her to take If it is very white, with a bluish cast, or with that pussy can . . . shut her eyes it: but she smiled and shook her head, as white specks in it, refuse it. Second-Exammuch as to say, No, you must take care of it ine its adhesiveness; wet and kneed a little of Johnny has just been made happy by the yourself, for punishment. So Harry had to it between your fingers; if it works soft and gift of a pretty black and white kitten, whose keep very quiet till the service was done. Then sticky it is poor. Third-Throw a little lump playful tricks and cat-like ways are something be drew a long breath, and said to himself, "I of dry flour against a dry, smooth, perpindicunew to him. It was plain enough what he don't believe I shall ever hear the last of this lar surface; if it falls like powder, it is bad. wanted to make out; but I thought it best not bell." And he was right, for he hasn't yet .- | Fourth-Squeeze some of the flour in your Congregationalist.

> A NEGRO'S PRAYER FOR HIS TEACHER.

O Lord bress de teacher who came so far to Johnny was puzzled. He sat awile knitting 'struct us in de way to heaven. Rock ber in his brows with the hard work his little brain the cradle of love! Backen de work of power hire, and many stars in her crown in de great "This is different. It isn't up and down gettin' up mornin' when de general roll like winking, but the other way, - like the called. And when all de battles is over, may parlor doors, you know, when they slide to- she fall all quivered with victory, be buried wid the honors of war, and rise to wear de long While Johnny was away huating for the kit- white robe in glory, and walk de shinin ten, his brother Fred came in, followed by streets in silver slippers, down by de golden sunrise, close to de great white throne; and dere may she strike glad hands wid all her "Wait a moment, Fred," I said as the two dear scholars, and praise you, O Lord, forever

> WHAT AN OLD MAN HAS NOTICED. I have noticed that all men are honest when

meet him: "Go 'way Humpty! Humpty! Go I have noticed that purses will hold pennies

I have noticed that silks, broadcloths, and jewels are often bought with other people's

I have noticed that whatever is is right, with a few exceptions—the left eve, the left leg, and the left side of a plum pudding. I have noticed that the prayer of the selfish

man is, "Forgive us our debts," while he makes every body who owes him pay to the utmost farthing. I have noticed that he who thinks every man

a rogue is very certain to see one when he shaves himself, and he ought, in mercy to his neighbor, to surrender the rascal to justice. I have noticed that money is the fool's wisdom, the knave's reputation, the poor man's de-

men's virtues when they are dead, and that pay for making the shelter, letting alone the tombstones are marked with the epitaphs of the good and virtuous. Is there any particular be used for a covering. cemetery where the bad are buried.

BURDENS AND SURFERINGS. - God pledges himself that there will not be one redundant they have gained in summer. They not only thorn in the believer's chaplet of suffering. No burden too heavy will be laid on him, and no lowed to get poor, but lose that and all they sacrifice too great exacted from him. "He have gained in summer besides. It stock are will temper the wind to the shorn lamb." always kept thriving, in winter or summer, Whenever the "need be" has accomplished they are daily becoming more valuable, and its end, then the rod is removed, the chastise what is fed to them is value received for ment suspended, the furnace quenched.—Mac- There is a gain instead of a loss. Every day Duff.

A LEGITIMATE CONCLUSION .- " What makes your bair so white, grandpa?" inquired a little maiden, "I am very old, my dear; I was in the ark," says grandpa with a laugh. "O," the child rejoiced, "are you Noah?"
'No, I am not Noah." "Are you Shem, then ?" " No, I am not Shem." " Are you Ham?" " No not even Ham." " Then you must be Japet," in patiently said the child, and shovels that should be ready without a 'No. I'm not Japhet." Then, grandpa, you're

house and farm.

STANCHEONS FOR COWS.

Wm. V. S. Beekman, a noted dairyman of

the stancheons for a year past. I have experi- sale? mented with various kinds of stalls, but find It seems reasonable that a laboring hors stancheons keep them in a more cleanly condi- should have room to lie in at night, where he making the way plain not only to Moses, but tion of the window sash, like this," and I show tion than loose stalls. The platform upon can turn over and shift about. more wide and about two inches below the oats in the manger after coming in, and that that floor. I think such a gutter better than very trouble is over. keeps changing?"

narrow and deep ones. The rear of the plat"The very thing," said I. "Do you see form is in line, but the stancheous are regulated at nights is, the girt hurts him. Have it padded

fed on succulent food, yet, by using a libera supply of straw for bedding, they have kept perfectly clean.

Of winter feed the same gentleman says :-"My bill of fare for winter is twenty pounds clover hay, one peck roots, and four quarts of fine corn meal. That will be the average; if any cow wishes more she shall have it. A good cow always pays for what she eats. Last win-ter I cut and steamed the food with a Prindle WESLEYAN steamer, but am not prepared to say whether I got paid for the extra pains. There is a great deal of labour about it, especially when you do it yourself. I am certain it pays to cook the swer the question if he only understood it; he'd meal when the weather is too cold to sour it. Cows are very fond of steamed tood, and will "Let's see those pretty brown eyes of yours," eat a great deal of it. I cannot see any saving enthusiastic over the great saving of hay by cooking it. In fact, so potent is their machi nery, that with it the farmer can (so they say) transform refuse straw and dusty hay into a product superior to the best bay uncooked. What a mess to place before a well-bred Jersey own in a glass, and said: "How queer! I cow, whose very name is suggestive of delicious cream and golden butter.

HOW TO KEEP CANARY BIRDS.

A great many persons have difficulty in keepthe curtain without waiting for any orders from ing their canary birds in good health. One you. By and by, when you are older, you'll who is experienced in their care says :-- "Place learn all about them. At present, it is enough the bird so that no draft of air can strike the for you to study the different sorts of curtains bird; give nothing to healthy ones but canary and :ape seed, mixed with water, cuttlefish bone "Are there more kinds than I've seen?" ask- and gravel on the floor of the cage; also, occasionally, a little water for bathing; the room should not be overheated; when moulting sant to-morrow, perhaps Fred will take you to (shedding feathers), avoid drafts of air; give Central Park where you can see for yourself. plenty of rape seed, slightly moistened; a little If you go, you must remember and tell me the hard boiled egg and a cracker grated fine is exnames of all the animals that have eyes like cellent. By observing these simple directions pussy's, and any other kind you may see. Then birds may be kept in fine condition for years. Bad seed kill most of the birds that die; to which might have been added, that canaries are not only very fond of but benefitted by having often a leaf of cabbage, pieces of apple or Harry Fairchild carried a little sleigh bell to other green food, which serves to keep down church one Sunday, and when he walked up the the tendency to fever and prevent constipation. Our birds generally bathe each day as regularly When he was seated in the pew he couldn't as any one washes the face, and with apparent move without making it rattle, so that some benefit too. When birds are sick, and inclined lolks heard it, and one man looked round to not to eat well, remove all the food for a day, and then only give soaked bread, from which

HOW TO SELECT FLOUR

hand; it it retains the shape given by the pressure, that, too, is a bad sign. Flour that will stand all these tests is sate to buy. These medes are given by our flour dealers, and they pertain to a matter that concerns every body. namely, the staff of life.

SHELTER FOR STOCK.

It is an old saying that shelter is teed. While it is true that good shelter will save a large amount of food that stock would be compelled otherwise to consume to save life, yet t will not do to furnish only shelther, they must haveRfood besides. But it we wish to save one-half or one-third of the food that would be required to keep them in a certain condition, we can do so by providing shelter. That is to say, an animal exposed to the coid, storms, winds and weather, and compelled to sleep on the cold, frozen, or wet ground, will require at least one-third more food to keep it in good condition than it would require to keep it in the same condition as if in a warm, dry shed or stable, where no such exposure was experienced. As our crops have been cut short by the drought this year, and it is necessary to

save all we can, the advisability of making helter of some kind must be apparent to all. Every tarmer has the material at hand to make cheap shelter. If he has not boards or planks, he can go to the woods and cut posts nd poles, and make a covering of straw or cheap hay. He can put up wind brakes about his yard or sheds, and make comtortable quarters for his stock. He can thus save food and save the gnawings of conscience, for conscience must reprove the owner when his stock stands shivering in the tence corners exposed to the pitiless storms. The cows retuse to give milk, the cattle and horses lose their flesh and spirit, their bones daily become more visible, and if the graveyard is not made a recipient of their carcases it is a wonder. From such farming as this deliver us. It is unchristian, inhuman No one has a moral right to keep more stock than he can keep comfortably. But on the peint of economy it will pay to make shelter. The food that will be thus saved will more than

humanitarian question entirely. Cornstock can It is not profitable to keep stock unless it is kept thriving. It is the werst economy that a man can use to let the stock lose in winter all they lose in flesh the farmer loses. Every day they gain the farmer's pocket gains.—N. B.

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linseed oil, they will work easier and last lon-New York, says :- " My cows have been in ger. Why don't manufacturers do it by whole

. NOR FIRE. This miraculous pillar (for it grow small when I look to the light, then big to suit the length of each cow. Though my and looser, and fasten the blankst partly under cows have been stabled nights all summer and the breast, and by a crupper.

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