

founders of the Constitution. It is alleged that by these struggles the interest of the people in public questions is kept up. It may be so; but if the questions are regarded not as national problems but as cards in the hands of two sets of players in the great national game of euchre, the interest, it is to be feared, is not worth much."

RUSSIANS AT INKERMANN.

BELOW they had mustered their thousands;
The night and the fog hid them well;
Before we could see they were on us,
With shot, and with thrust, and with yell;
They swept back our pickets, and yelling,
"Right up, boys, upon us they come;"
Fifty thousand they came to our seven,
Mad-drunk with religion and rum!

Little time, lads, they gave us for forming;
"Right forward—quick step!" was the word;
And ere well awake, we were at it
With Mimie, and bayonet, and sword;
Up they came; up the hill pressed their masses;
With shouts and with volleys we close,
Hacking on thrusting on, though we barely
Could tell, through the fog, who were foes!

But tough work it was you may know, lads;
Driven down, still they swarmed up again;
For hours they came on still, and on, lads,
Though we heaped up the hill with their slain;
'Twas a hell upon earth there that day, boys,
With oaths, and with yells, and with groans,
As we fought till our last charge was gone, boys,
And then with clubbed rifles and stones!

'Twas a sight to shake stout hearts, I tell you,
Their rush on our unarmed redoubts;
Six times there they fought their way in, boys,
Six times, boys, we tumbled them out;
But what could we do 'gainst their numbers
Surrounded and falling, how fast?
Overpowered, worn out, but still fighting,
Forced back, boys, we gave ground at last!

Back, foot by foot, fighting, they bore us,
And half all was over we feared,
When the cry rose, "The French! The French
come, boys!
The Red-caps!" then, Heavens! how we
cheered!
And on at a run came the Zouaves;
A shout, and on with them we go;
The Russians are flung from the hill-tops;
The day is our own, boys, we know!

But that was a day to remember:
And all who came safe through that strife,
Well that night might thank Heaven that
watched over
And brought them safe through it with life;
Yes; we well might thank Heaven that night,
boys,
As on the red hill-top we stood,
That, safe there, the day was our own, boys,
Though bought, lads, with Britain's best blood!

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS.

1. Do you say grace at the table?
2. Do you have family worship daily, reading the Scriptures, and praying?
3. Do you teach your children, as soon as they are teachable, to pray daily, on rising in the morning, as well as on retiring at night?
4. Do you either take or send your children to Sunday School?
5. Do you require them to go to hear the preaching of the Word?
6. Are you as careful of their spiritual and religious training as of their physical and mental?
7. In a word, are you training your children for God and eternity?
8. You ought to be able to answer "yes" to each of these questions. Will you not ask God to bless and help you to do your duty toward the souls He has committed to your care!

H. *er*y is the man who has that in his soul which acts upon the dejected as spring air upon violet roots. Gifts from her hand are silver and gold, but the heart gives that which neither silver nor gold can buy. To be full of goodness, full of sympathy, full of helpful hope, causes a man to carry blessings of which he is himself unconscious as a lamp of its own shining. "To do good forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

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