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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. SEPTEMBER 21.

> A SONG OF PRAISE. PSALM 130: 1-22. NOTES.

The author was probably Davtd. in the later years of his life, though some think it was composed at the close of the captivity. Nothing is known as to the time or the occasion of the psalm. Possibly it was composed, like many of the other Psalms of Praise, for use in the temple wor ship. Moses, son of Amram, a Levite, and his wite Jochebed, Ex. 6: 20; had a brother Aaron, and a sister named Miriam; was born in Agypt; being hid in the bulrushes of the Nile when an infant, he was saved from death and brought up in the palace of a royal princess of Egypt, Ex. 2: 1-10. where he was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, Acts 7: 22. He slew an Egyptian and had to flee into Midian, Ex. 2: 11-15. There he received the divine appointment to deliver the Israelites from the tyrant of Egypt and bring them into Canaan, Ex. 1: 3, etc. This he did: and to him God deliver. ed the tables of the law on Mt. Sinai; but Moses died on Mt. Nebo, after seeing the promised land from afar without entering it at the age of 120 years, Deut. 34: 2-8. Children of Israel, the twelve tribes descended from Jacob or Israel and his sons; the Hebrew nation.

Within me, every faculty of mind. heart, will and conscience. Forget not, to forget God's tavors is ingra. titude. Thine iniquities, the Psalmist is addressing his own soul, or self. Diseases, sicknesses of the body; without God's gracious will no human physician can heal them. Destruction, includes here spiritual and bodily death. Crowneth, etc., he not only "forgiveth" sin, restoring the soul, "healeth" the body, restoring to health, and "redeemeth" thy whole life and being from destruc. tion, but also bestows upon it as his crowning gift a new nature out of his love and mercy, John 3: 5-8; Gal. 5:22, 23. Good things, God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. of which Christ is the best. Renewed like the eagle's, the allusion may be to the annual moulting of the eagle and other birds when they shed their old feathers and receive new ones. The Psalmist, having recounted

the divine favor to the church and to all. Executeth, etc., is certain to carry out justice. Made known, at the burning bush at Sinai, etc. Hide, will not always be contending with us, cf. Isa. 57: 16; mercy will triumph over judgment. Keep his anger, utterly does God's forgiveness re- to milk. move our sins from us. Fear him, as children, fear, reverence and trust their parents. Knoweth our frame, our naupon him our nature, Heb. 2: 17, 18; 4: 15. Dust, perishable material, Gen. 2: 7. Grass, frail, existing only for a season, in itself worthless; cf. Ps. 90: 5, 6; Isa. 50: 6-8; Job 14: 2. The wind, the bot wind from the desert that blasts all vegetation; so pestilence and epidemics sweep over mankind. Know it no more, Job 7: 10; man is soon forgotten after he is dead. But, etc., in contrast with man's transitoriness and frailty is the everlasting quality of God's lovingkindness and righteousness. His promises were for all time, as their fulfilment in Christ is forever, Acts 2: 39. Remember...to do, it is not enough to know his precepts, we must do them His angels, living spiritual beings who are ever ministering on God, Dan. 8:10; Ps. 104: 4; Matt. 25: 31. Excel in strength, "mighty in strength." Do his commandments, as messengers of God also carrying out his gracious will towards man, Heb. 1: 14. His hosts, ministers of his, also refers to the angels, perhaps to different classes of them, of which we know nothing.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

1. We must praise God by our thoughts, words and deeds. 2. Forgetting God's mercies is sinful and leads to other sins.

3. Whatever good thing we have comes from God. 4. His best gift is Jesus our Saviour. 5. Our weakness is our greatest

plea for God's mercy. 5. Our part of the covenant is simply to believe.

7. God's part is to save. -Abridged from Scholars's Hand-

#### PRESERVING BERRIES.

Cover them with a little water in a stewing-kettle; boil for a few up a pound of glue, put it in two galminutes, being careful not to have lons of cold water for twenty-four them burned; fill the jar with them while boiling hot; wipe the edges of the jars clean; screw down the top tight, and put them in a cool place. Do not let a draught of cold air strike them or they may break. The jar for receiving the fruit should be clean and hot. A convenient method of heating it is to place it sidewise into hot water, (being careful that the water enters the inside the moment it touches the outside, or the vessel may crack), give it a whirl, lift it out, and let the water them turn it over a hot fire of coals; run out, set it in a pan over the they will drop into the fire, and you stove or in a warm place, and fill | can reset the plate for another catch. immediately. When stone jars are A few repetitions will clean them employed for canning, place them out.

on the stove, with a little cold water in them, sometime before commencing to cook the fruit. When the water in them is heated nearly to the boiling point, they may be emptied and filled with the hot fruit. The cork should fit closely, and be covered with cement. This may be made of sealing-wax and bees-wax, or of resin and bees-wax, the proportions of sealing wax and beeswax should be such that the cement when cold will be neither sticky nor brittle. The cement should be melted and poured over the corks instantly after they are applied to the jars. The jars should be watched until cold, and if any air-bubbles appear in the cement, prick them and add more cement.

PRINCIPLES IN FARMING.

In my observation of farming, I find, to a large extent, that the good land has to pay for the farm, carrying the poor land with it, which, instead of being a help, is a burden, not unfrequently causing the loss of the farm. This has been the case especially in the older parts of the country, and it still holds to a considerable extent. Either there must be some means for bringing up the poor land, or a less number of acres worked, for only the best farming stands a chance in this age of rapid progress and close competition, when and is high and profits are small. There must be intelligence, experience, acquaintance with the land and climate, and the crops best adapted. This knowledge is indispensable, and practice must go with it; not only is the trade to be learned so as to know how to work and plan to advantage, but the soil also must be understood in all its varieties. Actual experience in understandingly working the soil for years in succession is imperatively demanded if the best results would be obtained.— Correspondent Country Gentlemen.

#### USEPUL HINTS.

Do not tack your bed-room carpet down, but take up and shake often. Let sunshine in all rooms; it is bet-

ter than medicine. Try taking cod liver oil in tomato catsup if you want to make it pala-

For damp closets or cellars, put shallow dishes of unslacked lime, personal blessings, now speaks of and change often.

> One thousand shingles will cover one hundred square feet of surface, laid tour inches to the weather; for the above about five pounds of nails will be required.

An authority on butter making says cherish a grudge. As far ... so far, that if the crown of the turnip be cut etc, the east and west can never meet, off and only the bottom of the bulb be are always opposite to each other, so given there will be no turnip flavor

Lemon fritters are specially delicious after this receipt :- Take one ture with all its weakness and temp- cup of flour, one egg, half a tabletations; for this end God's Son took spoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of sugar, one cup of sweet milk and the juice and grated pulp of one lemon. The grated yellow rind may be added to the sauce.

Lime slacked with a solution of salt in water, and then properly thin. ned with skim milk from which all the cream has been taken, makes a permanent whitewash for out-door work, and, it is said, renders the wood incombustible. It is an excellent wash for preserving wood, and for all farm purposes.

A few dozen maples, singly or in clusters, along the hillside pasture where cattle can lie in the shade and feel the breeze, will add very much to the beauty of the farm, to the value of the pasture and the comfort of the stock, and will in a few years yield an income in the sirup which can be made from them.

In feeding potatoes or roots to stock t should be borne in mind that such food is not perfect. Although adding bulk, which is necessary, something more concentrated, such as meal, bran and oil cake should be given. For cows hay should also be allowed plentifully. Root crops are used more for dietary purposes than for their actual feeding value.

It seems nearly impossible to induce some plant lovers to desist from trying to grow all their plants in a marsh. Few plants can endure standing in a soil constantly drenched or in saucers of water. A good rule is to thoroughly drench the soil once in two days, using water but little warmer than the temperature of the room. Geraniums especially revolt from superfluous water.

To kill the lime on walls that are to be papered, a coating of glue size must be given. To make this, break hours until it has swollen; than heat it until it is melted; put it on hot and give two coats. Then put on the paper in the usual way with rye flour

The American Cultivator advises IRON. greasing a plate with lard, and setting it where the ants congregate. Place a few bits of wood so that the ants can climb on the plate easily; they will forsake any food for lard. When the plate is well covered with

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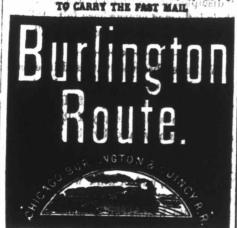
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