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BY A. M. BARNES.

How would you like to take such a trip as this? I shouldn't think it would steady one's nerves much to look downward into an almost bottomless abyss, and know that one's safety, one's very life depended upon the next step of that tall fellow with the rather shaky-looking staff. Yet hundreds of adventurous travellers have taken just such perilous journeys across the peaks of the Andes. But so sure-footed and steady-headed are those Indian guides of South America that there have been fewer accidents than the nature of this dangerous mode of travelling would lead one to believe. In most cases, when accidents have occurred they have been owing to some foolhardiness on the part of the traveller himself or through some wilful disobedience to directions.

The Andes, the great mountain-chain of South America, are among the wonders of our continent. They are next to the highest mountain-chain in the world. The average elevation is about twelve thousand feet, and many of their peaks are constantly covered with snow. Yet among them volcanoes are numerous and earthquakes common.

Mount Chimborazo is not the highest mountain in the world, but it has been ascended, to a higher latitude than any other. An explorer by the name of Boussingault is reported to have ascended to the distance of twenty thousand feet, which was one thousand feet above the point reached by Humboldt. This monster mountain is fully four miles high.

Cotopaxi, one of the volcanoes of the Andes, when in eruption causes a noise that can be heard for hundreds of miles, and gives forth a torrent of flame which ascends for many thousands of feet.

One of the great wonders of the Andes is the Natural Bridge of Icononzo. The structure presents so perfect an appearance as to make it appear almost incredible that it could have been formed by nature and not by man. Humboldt, who visited it in 1802, pronounced it one of the most extraordinary wonders he had seen on either continent.

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR ?

A PASTOR, walking out recently, met a little girl belonging to his flock. As they walked on together, he spoke to her of her studies, and was pleased to find her manifest an interest amounting almost to enthusiasm in the cultivation of her mind. "But why, Ellie," asked the pastor, "are you so anxious to succeed in your studies? What do you mean to do with your education after it is finished?"

"Oh, sir," said the little girl, "I want

to learn that I may do good in the world. I don't want to die without ever having been of use in the world."

Noble purpose! Who of our young friends are studying and living for so noble an end?

Not Melancholy Days.

BY FRANK L. STANTON.

THESE ain't the "melancholy days," no matter what they say!
There's more good fun in all the ways than's been there many a day!
The crackin' of the teamster's whip—the shoutin' of a boy
As the apples come a-tumblin' down—that's joy for you—big joy!

These ain't the "melancholy days"—there's lots of fun in sight;
The cool an' bracin' mornin's, an' the big oak fires at night;
The hounds upon the rabbit's trail—the wild doves on the wing—
The maiden with the red lips, an' the lover with the ring!

These ain't the "melancholy days"—not much! they're full o' life,
An' you are thankful fer your sweetheart, an' you praise God fer your wife!
An' then, on general principles—in view of what he's givin'—
You shout a nallelujah for the privilege o' livin'!

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

A.D. 27.] **LESSON V.** [Nov. 4.

JESUS LORD OF THE SABBATH.

Mark 2. 23-28; 3. 1-5. Memory vers. 3-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.
—Mark 2. 28.

OUTLINE.

1. The Withered Heart, v. 23-28.
2. The Withered Hand, v. 1-5.

TIME.—A.D. 27, about a month after the events of the last lesson.

PLACES.—On the way to Galilee (2. 23-28). In Capernaum (3. 1-5).

RULERS.—Pilate in Judea; Herod in Galilee.

CONNECTING LINKS.—Christ's second pass-over, and the miracle at Bethesda.

EXPLANATIONS.

23. "Cornfields"—Corn in the Bible gen-



SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

erally means wheat. "Pluck the ears"—This they were allowed to do by Jewish law (Deut. 23. 25.) The complaint of the Pharisees was that they did it on the Sabbath.
25. "What David did"—As related in 1 Sam. 21. 1-6. "Showbread"—The loaves on the table in the holy place, which he took because it was necessary.
27. "Made for man"—That is, made not to burden men but to help them.
28. "Lord . . . of the Sabbath"—Christ, as God, had authority to make laws concerning the Sabbath.
2. "Accuse him"—Of breaking the Sabbath.
4. "To do evil . . . to kill"—As they were planning to do to him when they had the power. While he was using the Sabbath to do good, they were doing evil.
5. "Anger"—Not the evil passion, but just wrath at wrongdoing. [When the incident referred to in verse 26 occurred, Abiathar had not yet been made high priest, but it occurred "in his days."]

HOME READINGS.

- M. Jesus Lord of the Sabbath.—Mark 2. 23; 3. 5.
- Tu. The Sabbath a delight.—Isa. 58. 8-14.
- W. Another Sabbath healing.—Luke 13. 10-17
- Th. Sabbath at Bethesda.—John 5. 1-9.
- F. Objectors answered.—John 5. 10-20.
- S. Righteous judgment.—John 7. 14-24.
- Su. Narrative by Matthew.—Matt. 12. 1-8.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we taught—
1. That the Sabbath was intended for our good?
 2. That it is right to do good on the Sabbath?
 3. That a wrong heart hinders right judgment?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What did Christ speak concerning the Sabbath? "The Sabbath was made for man."
2. What did he justify his disciples in doing on the Sabbath? "Works of necessity."
3. What did he do on the Sabbath as an example for us? "Works of Mercy."
4. What is the Golden Text? "The Son of man," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Christian Sabbath.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is the law of God?
The law of God is his declared will respecting what men are to do, and what they are not to do.
Where is the law to be found?
In the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

THE reason some folks can't pray in public is that they have so little religion they are ashamed of it.

GOD commands Christians to "rejoice overmorn," but the devil manages to get a goodly number of them to murmur and complain most of the time without command or exhortation.

Come to Jesus.

YET there is room for thy small feet
Upon the narrow road;
Yet there is room on Zion's street,
So golden and so broad.

Yet there is room, heaven is not full;
The gate stands open, free.
Jesus is kind and merciful;
Yet there is room for thee.

Thousands of happy guests are there,
In garments white and pure;
Ten thousand thousand onward fare,
The blind, the maimed, the poor.

Yet there is room; and none depart
Unwelcomed, unforgiven.
While there is room in Jesus' heart
There will be room in heaven.

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