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THE SECRET OF VICTORY.

## A CHILDREN'S PASTIME CLUB.

Dropping in one after another, the mothers and aunties who composed the Neighbors' Club found themselves assembled around a friendly lamp. Mrs. Miniver opened the discussion. The subject was children's

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"You cannot expect girls to succeed in school," said Mrs. Jameson; "if they are all the time having their attention diverted. I do not believe in late hours or late suppers for school girls."

"The trouble is," said Mrs. McKenzie, "that girls between fifteen and eighteen feel as if there were no standing ground for them. They are not little children, and they resent being treated as though they were still in the nursery. They are not grown up, and they cannot go into society as their clder sisters do. We have a bevy of very young people—girls and boys both—in our little community, and my sympathies go very warmly to them when they are at 'the awkward age,' as some term it."

"What vould you propose?" said Miss Du Pressens. "Are you in favor of these dreadful chi'dren's parties, which ruin children's health, and rob them of their beautiful simplicity before they have had time to learn anything of life?"

"Rachel, Rachel," said Aunt Betsey, "let Mrs. McKenzie speak. She has something on her mind—that is plain."

"Yes," said that lady, "I have. The social element would not be so strongly implanted in our natures, if it were to be repressed. We have no right to restrain our growing girls and boys from all companionship with each other. If we do, we incur the danger of making them deceifful. Of course, study is their chief business in their later years of going to school; but recreation they ought to have, as well. Now, why couldenot we neighbors arrange a children's pastime club, to hold meetings at our houses, under our encouragement, during the winter? It might include our own children and a few of their young friends; and my plan to conduct it, if you will pardon me for putting myself in the foreground, would be something like his—shall I tell you?" Every lady said yes, or bowed acquiescence. Aunt Betsey knitted serenely on; and thry. Every lady said yes, or bowed acquiescence.

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sometimes."
"Or a candy-pull," said kind Aunt Betsey.
"That would please them."
"A candy-pull, certainly, once in a while, provided a lady could be found to surrender her kitchen to a band of giddy young peo-

her kitchen to a band of giddy young people for the purpose."

"As we are Christian mothers," said Mrs. McKenzie, "I do not see why, once a month, we could not let this Pastime Club of ours be a missionary meeting. Just in what way to conduct it, on that evening, we would have to talk of hereafter; but if our homes are to be genuine training schools for Christian workers, we ought not to go our own prayer-meetings and missionary. nomes are to be genume training schools for Christian workers, we ought not to go to our own prayer-meetings and ense our children out. I think that our religion, the comfort and the true joy of it, should be woven in with everything in life; and so I always wish to see my children remembering that they are children of the covenant. I would never like one of these happy little meetings to dissolve, no matter how gay the hour may have been, without a song of praise. Children's voices are never so sweet, as when they are lifted in hymns."

"I have a pretty illustration, or confirmation; of that in my memory," said Mrs. Jameson. "One morning last week I had been to the city on business, and was returning to my house rather weavy. As I took my seat in the open car a half dozen children under twelve, entered and were seated behind me. They had lunch-basket's and were going to the park for an afternoon's picnic. Presently they began to sing:

"God loves the world of sinners lost."

'God loves the world of sinners lost And ruined by the fall.'

"God loves the world of sinners lost
Abd ruined by the fall."
"You should have seen how everybody,
after one breathless look at the youthful
singers, just settled into their places and
enjoyed the sweet hymn and others, warbled
forth by the children who were singing for
very gladness of heart."
"This little club of yours, Mrs. McKenzie,"
said Mrs. Miniver, "implies a good deal of
trouble for somebody. The mothers would
have the responsibility of it."
"Octatinly, mothers, aunties and elder
sisters would have to take their share of a
little trouble. Still, it need not be so very
much. The whole up-bringing and education of children implies trouble and responsibility; but, if faithfully undertaken, it is
full of reward."—Christian Intelligencer.

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3. The sight of Jesus as he is will convict

4. We are converted when we say to Jesus from the heart, "Lord what wilt thou have

5. Both divine and human agencies are

5. Both divine and human agencies are employed in converting men.
6. The enquirer can get much help from the experiences of others.
7. The two great needs of every convert are—more light, and the abiding power of the Holy Spirit.
8. God has some special work for each converted person to do.
9. Let there be cordial welcome to new converts in the Church.
SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

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As in the last lesson, we studied the conversion of one who entered easily and naturally upon the Christian life, so to-day we study a sudden and marvellous conversion. (1) Before conversion, vers. 1, 2. Saul's history, education, and character comes naturally under this head. (2) A sudden conversion vers. 3-9, showing especially the change that was wrought in Saul, and that which should be wrought in Sul, and that which should be wrought in us. God converts in many different ways, but the essential change is the same. (3) Increasing light: (a) from the experience of older Christians; (b) from the Holy Spirit; (c) confession of Christ in baptism.

## "I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR." (Rev. iii. 8.)

Thou hast prayed, and prayed in vain. Brother, why dost thou remain Knocking at an open door ? Rise and enter—knock no more! Not by prayer, God's Gospel saith: Not by prayer, God's truspes Men are justified by faith; With God's welcome in thy hand, Wherefore on the threshold stand? WM. LUFF.

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PUZZLES.

A POETICAL EXERCISE.

Then skipping by, came Lou and —,
And Kittie, Minnie, Jack, and all:
And "Do," they cried and pleaded —,
With checks and lips like stars aglow.
Then Molly, laughing, answered —,
"There's Uncle Jim, with bell and book,
And by his frown I fear we —
Expect to coast some other day,
Since some of us with little —
Must coast through fractions, if you please."
At this they hade her go to ——.

Must coast through fractions, if you please." At this they bade her go to—
But said they could not be so dull.
Fill each blank space with a word that
rhymes with the final word of the preceding
line in the first part, and the following line
in the second. The initial letters of the
supplied words spell the names of two
American poets. American poets.

The diagonals, beginning from the top, spell the name of a famous writer.

Cross-words: 1. Always. 2. Part of a prayer. 3. A vegetable growth. 4. At hand. 5. Repose. 6. A part of the body. 7. A

NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

refuge for songsters

(54 letters.) My 46, 6, 48, 21, 11, 51, 26, 19, 2 is a hermit. My 53, 42, 15, 29, 8, 35, 13, 23 is a square column. My 10, 16, 49, 45, 41, 1, 34, 14, 32 is a stupid

person. My 5, 25, 45, 31, 54, 48, 36, 18, 40, 43 is an

My 5, 25, 45, 31, 54, 48, 36, 18, 40, 43 is an armorial sign.

My 26, 39, 30, 52, 43, 45, 38, 42, 11, 47 is a command.

My 4, 9, 50, 7, 22, 33, 3, 27, 18, 32 is many-

colored. My 20, 37, 6, 44, 15, 13 is a complication. My, 32, 7, 28, 48, 40, 12, 24, 50, 17 is a first

sight.

My whole is a quotation from Shakespeare's
Henry VIII.

RIDDLE.

The calf, the goose, the bee, The world is ruled by these three. HIDDEN MONARCHS.

1. Victor, I am in hopes that you will re-

turn.

2. Bring me the nutmeg, Bertha,

3. The franc is a silver coin of France.

4. The earl seeing the blow aimed at his monarch's head, which was bared, warded it off.

CHARADE.

My first is a carriage of world wide renown.
My second a pleasure in city and town,
My shole is a comfort in every house used.
In some greatly cared for, in others abused.
LILLIAN GREENE.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.

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COMBINATION PUZZLE—1. Than, tan. 2. Tcc, 3. Never, ever. 4. Good, god, 5. Birds, bids, diminated letters—Honor.