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 mer and Iler made Imiration eet-facedtitude of he row us afford1 of t spent in ${ }^{\mathrm{n} \text { unre }}$ y prayer,
id to form walk in

But it soon became apparent that menta powers, wilfully wenkened in youth, may not be restored at will in mantured age, and that the drink-serpent, which drives our
Adams from their early Edens, leaves his slimy traces all along their really regen. crated lives. The injured brain refused to bear the strain which the active will at-
tempted to lay upon it ;and, after a winter of painful, nervous headaches and mental in this his bodily punishment, finding it in this his bodily punishment, finding it
not greater than he could bear, since he was till able to do good service for the Maste and His cause with fragments of time and trength and in a subordinate position.
And so the years rolled quietly and hap. pily by, till a day came when a proud and mappy father, yet in ripened vigor of midde age, and prouner, collerere in thapel to listen to the valedictory delivered by, and to see the prizes given to, the bright, talented
Erneet Adler the second. Thus far the "little professor" had more than answered all the hopes and expectations founded upot centred in him. Carefully nurture in a home where Christian common-sense moudded and reigned, his coll-ge life guarder ty the wise watchfulness of his uncle Law tence, his class-record stood fair from every study was such as to warrant the anticipa tions of a most brilliant future.
One fearful possibility shadowed thai future's brightness-an inherited appetite might lurk somewhere, ready to be devel. oped whe times of temptation came. But spiritu had never even cearned the taste of in the arms of paras and, early leal do chris ness, his feet werealread planted upon th Rock ; and, long before the period of con-
dlict came, he had truly learned.
the secret of victory
A Children's pastime club. Dropping in oneafter another,the mother and aunties who composed the Neighbors Club found themselves assembled around friendly lamp. Mrs, Miniver opened parties.
cannot expect girls to succeed i school," said Mrs, Jameson; "if they are a the time having their attention diverted. do not believe in late hours or late supper
for shool girss."

The trouble is," said Mrs. McKenzie that girls between fifteen and eighteen feel as if there were no standing ground fo them. They are not little children, and they resent being treated as though they were
still in the nursery. They are not grow up, and they camno rointo society as their elder 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 awk. warmly to them when they,
ward age, as some term in.
Du Preal "you propose ?" said Miss Du Prosens, Are you in favor of these dreadful ch idren's parties, which ruin chil ful simplicity before they have had time to learn anything of life ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
"Rachel, Rachel," said Aunt Betsey, "let Mrs, McKenzie speak.
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 represed We have no right to restrain our growin girls and boys from all companionship wit each other. If we do, we incur the danger of making them deceitful. 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 neightors arrange a chlarens pastime club to hold meetings at our houses, under our might inelude our own children and a few of their young friends ; and my plan to conduct it, if you will pardon me for put something like chis-shall I tell you ? Every lady said yes, or bowed acquiescence Aunt Betsey knitted serenely on ; and Mr. Miniver, who sat near the lamp, took a few stit
listened.
"I would let it be considered an honor to belong to this little club, and the member: orininally composing it should not have authority to add new members, withou
the express consent of their parents.
rimple afternoon dress, the ordinary home objection, I was greatly delighted, on the Toile, ought to be all that the girls should next Wednesday evening, to see him present, wear; and the boys should come in their and still more delighted when he rose and usual everyday clothing. The only thing quietly said, "I am not a Christian believer保 flould be perfect nieety as to hair and finger vails, shining shoes, and clean cuff. and collars. As the mother of boys, 1 know ow apt the best of them are to forget these
itle external matters, in their earlier years.
would have a reguiar evening once I would have a reguiar evening, once a of assembling should not be later than seven ; and the closing hour always half past nine, at the very latest. The children might meet at each other's houses in turn and the lady at whose house the Pastime met, should stay in the parlor and overse he entertainment. My notion would be o have a little programme tor each evening. The ch' dren who were learning nusic,
and the boys who study clocution, between and the boys who study clocution, between
them, might make a pleasant and brief order of exercises. For one evening, we will ny, there might the a duet by Sopphe $T$. and Ada K., a recitation by Louis B, and a h
iolin solo by Walter R. This over, I would iolin solo by Walter R. This over, I would ot the childrenspend the rest of the evening romp, only not suffering it to grow rude or smme which the children should carr out I would have some older person read teil them a story, and then let them talk it ver before their play began. A microscopic or a magic lantern exhibition might be given ometimes."
"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 surrend her kitchen to a band of giddy young peo ple for the purpose.
McK we " Clinstian mothers," said Mrs McKenzie, "I do not see why, once a month we could not let this Pastime Club of our way to conduct it, on that evening, we woy to conduct it, on herefterening, we
would to talk of hereatter ; but if our homes are to be genuine training achools or Christian workers, we ought not to go年 ourown prayer-meetings and missionary think that our religion, the comfort and the true joy of it should be woven in with
everything in life ;and so $I$ always wi-h to see my children remembering that they aie children of the covenant. I would never like one of these happy little meetings dissolve, no matter how gny the hour may
have been, without a song of praise. Chil. have been, without a song of praise. Chil.
dren's voices are never so swect, as when dren's voices are never so
"l Thavea pretty illustration, or confirma ion; of that in my memory," said Mr hmeson. One morning last weqk 1 ha urning to my house rather weary $A$ s took my seat in the open car a half doze children under twelys entered and were seated behind me. They had lunchket's and were going to the park for an afternoon's picnic. Presently they began to sing :

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You should have seen how everybod after one breathless look at the youthfu ingers, just settled into their places and enjoye by hes weetrymn and others, warbled
forth by thildren who were singing for very gladness of heart,"
This little club of yours, Mrs. McKenzie, aid Mrs, Miniver, "implies a good deal o The mothets would "Certainly mothers aut
sters would have to take theis and elder hitle trouble. Still, it need not he so very unch. The whole up-bringing avd education of children implies trouble and responsullity; but, if faithfuily undertaken, it

## TASTE AND SEE

## by s. m. campbell, d.d.

"I greatly wish I hal your faith. My belief is all unsettled, and, I assure you, the circumstance is no comfort to me. I suppose you will hardly believe me, but if I Christian, as you are
So said a somewhat sceptical gentleman of my congregation some years ago ; and nswered, " $\rho$ wish you would rise some vering in one of you wou-mectings an

## as you all k

ish I were.
Special prayer was offered for him; and as we passed out $I$ suggested to him to begin praying for himself. He answered, " "" and I said "call and see, Hod to pray promise; but a week later he appeared ngain in prayer-meeting, and had good news
tell. He had called on God at a venture : and no sooner did he call than light began nown. As he found help for himself, moreover, he wanted his family to enjoy it
with him; and so for several days he had en calling them together every mornin $r$ worship. And now, though some bhadows lingered, he was hoping that he
hould soon come into clear light. This was enty years ago ; and from that day to this has held on his way, a consistent, useful Cristian. It was not argument that saved enger.

HINTS TO TEACHERS ON THE CUR RENT LESSONS.
(From Peloubet's Select Notes.)

## April 15.-Acts $9: 1-18$.

## practicale

I. God has many ways of converting men, thers.
2. The convarion and apostleni of St Paul alone, duly considered, is of itself emoustratiou sufficient to prove Christian-
y a divine revelation.- Lord Lyttleton.
3. The sight of Jesus as he is will convic
3. The sight of Jesus as he is will conviet
ad convert.
mom to Jesus
rom the heart, "Lord what wilt thou hav
se to do.
mployed in cone and human agencies are m. The enquiter can get much help from
6. the experiences of others.

The two great needs of every convert
a. He two great needs of every convert he Holy Sprit,
8. God has some special work for each
9. Let there be cordial welcome to new onverts in the Clurch.
sugastions to teachers.
$A s$ in the last lesson, we studied the con version of one who entered casily and ve study a sudden and marvellous conver ion. (1) Before conversion,vers. 1,2. Saul history, education, and character come naturally under this head. (2) A sulden anveriont vers. $3-9$, showing especially the hange that was wrought in Saul, and that retsin man be wrought in us. God con hange is the same. (3) Increasing lipht a) fiom the experience of older Christians b) from the Holy Spirit ; (c) confession of
"I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN (Rev, iii. 8.)
Thou hast prayed, and prayed in vain. Brother, why dost thon retain
Knocking at an open door !
Rise and enter-knoek no more
Not by prayer, God's Gospel saith
Men are justified by faithy
With Goa's welcome in thy hand,
Wherefore on the threshold stand
He was Wounded by our Transgre
ross,-A little girl in a mission school so on the front seat, and, when the superio endent was telling about how Jesus wi ailed to the Cross, he tears came to eyes and she had to get up and go out. he afternoon she came back smiling
did you po this morning "" She said "ot
did you "o this morning "" she said, "Oh,
acher, lesus being nailed on the Cross ; for I felt just as if thelped to pound the nails in atd I went off a little way from the chool, and got down on my knees, and told esus that ny sins helped to hang Him on the Cross ; and I asked Him to be pleasel to told Him that L wasing to kill Him; and told Him that I was so sorry.
e feel so happy.-N. $Y$. Witness.

PUZZLES. 4 portical exerctse.

Stood little Molly by the gate Ter cousin Arther cried, "Please There's coasting by the river-bank ; Let's go for Bexsie, Jean, and
anid Molly, "If the ice is thin, aid Molly, "If the ice is thin,
There's danger leat we tumble There's danger lest we tumble - .
It really makes me creep and shake, The thought of colds we all would Oh, little, coz," said Arthur, " why
The snow ections do you -?
The snow is firm, the air is nice,
and glitters brilliantly the
And cn my word you may depend That soon our winter sports will And hurry, dear : here come the -

Then skipping by, came Lou and And Kittie, Minnie, Jack, and all ; And "Do," they cried and preaded Thith cheeks and lips like stars aylow., 'There's Uncle Jim, with bell and book And by his frown I fear we Expect to coast some other day, Must coast through fractions, if you please But said they could not be so dull.
Fill each blank space with a word that Fill each blank space with a word that
thymes with the final word of the preceding ine in the first part, and the following line apliel the names of two American poets.

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The diagonals, beginning from the top, ell the name of a famous writer Cruss words: 1. Always 2. Part of a
rayer. 3. A vegetable growth. 4. At hand. refuge for songeter
nemertal extoma.
3y $46,6,44,21,41,51,26,19,2$ is a hermit. iy $53,42,15,29,8,35,13,23$ is a square column.
Iy $10,16,4$.
Iy $10,16,49,45,41,1,34,14,32$ is a stupid person.
5, 25, 45, 31, $54,48,36,18,40,43$ is an armorial sigh.
Yy $26,39,30,52,43,45,38,42,11,47$ is a
[y $4,9,50,7$,
colored.
My $20,37,6,44,15,13$ is a complication.
y, $32,7,28,48,40,12,24,50,17$ is a first sight. Henry VIlI.
uddLe.
The calf, the goose the bee
The world is ruled by these three hidden monarchs.
Victor, I am in hopes that you will re-
2. Bring me the nutmeg, Bertha,
3. The franc is a silver coin of France. 4. The earl seeing the blow aimed at his nonarch's head, which was bared, warded it off.
charade.
My first is a carriage of world wide renown.
hy second a pleasure in city and town,
hy sholeis a comfort in every hase
My Mholeis a comfort in every house used.

