

FEED MY LAMBS.

Mark! the gentle Shepherd speaking,
Sweet and clear his accents fall,
Gentle as the day-dawn breaking,
At the early morning's call.

"See my lambs for food are crying;
Bear them in your arms away
From the fields where wolves are lying,
Lurking round to tear and slay!"

Kindly feed them, Salem's daughters!
In the pastures fresh and green;
Lead them to the living waters,
Zion's sons, where ye have been.

Feeble are their steps and weary,
Bid them in the field abide;
For the wilderness is dreary
And beset on every side.

Guide their footsteps (prone to wander)
In the good and narrow way;
Lead them to the covert yonder,
To the cooling shade by day.

Let the love-notes ever charming,
Soft in lucid numbers flow,
Every painful fear disarming,
Let them naught of terror know.

Guide them gently, they are precious
Children of a Saviour's love;
Keep them till the Shepherd Jesus
Calls them to his fold above.

Kindly feed them, Salem's daughters!
In the pastures fresh and green;
Lead them to the living waters,
Zion's sons, where ye have been.

PRIDE.

How proud we are—how pleased to show
Our clothes, and call them rich and new,
When the poor sheep, or silk-worm wore
That very clothing, long before!

The tulip and the butterfly
Appear in gayer garb than I.
Let me be dressed fine as I will,
These worms and flowers are prettier still.

Then I will set my heart to find
Such things as beautify the mind—
Obedience, wisdom, truth, and love,
Are things which God and man approve.

MENTAL RECREATIONS.

SOLUTIONS OF QUESTIONS IN LAST NO.

Enigma.—Earth; heart; hart; art;
rat; tear; ear; tea; eat.

Charade.—An-*tip*-odes.

Riddle.—Glass; lass

PHYSICAL BENEFITS OF SUNDAY.

The Sabbath is God's special present to the working man, and one of the chief objects is to prolong his life and preserve efficient his working tone. In the vital system it acts like a condensation bond; it replenishes the spirit the elasticity and vigor which the last six days have drained away, and supplies the force which is to fill the next six succeeding days; and in the economy of existence, it answers the same purpose as, in the economy of income, is answered by the Savings Bank. The frugal man who puts aside a pound to-day, and another pound next month, and who, in a quiet way, is always putting away his stated pound from time to time, when he grows old and frail, gets not only the same pounds back again, but a good many more besides. And the conscientious man who husbands one day of every week, who, instead of allowing the Sabbath to be trampled on, and torn in the hurry and scramble of life, treasures it devoutly up—the Lord of the Sabbath keeps it for him, and length of days and hale old age give it back with usury. The Savings Bank of human existence is the weekly Sabbath.

CURIOS PITCHER.—Prominent among the curiosities at the Hermitage, once the home of General Jackson, is a wooden pitcher, remarkable both for the artistic skill displayed, and the celebrity of the tree from which the wood was procured. It is made of wood from the elm tree under which William Penn made the celebrated Indian treaty. The pitcher was presented by the coopers of Philadelphia; and though it is not larger than a common cream jug, it contains seven hundred and fifty staves. The hoops, lid and handle are of silver; the bottom is a magnifying glass, by looking through which one is enabled to see the joints, which are invisible to the naked eye.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John, Jan. 2, 1864.—Letters from officers in General Banks' army say that the cotton held by the planters in Texas will soon come to market, amounting to 300,000 bales.

New complications are reported to have arisen about the removal of French tobacco from Richmond. It is supposed that French vessels will not be allowed to ascend James River.

Jan. 4.—The Confederates have driven in the Federal pickets at Winchester, and it is supposed the Confederate movement was only a scent, though several regiments were engaged.

Archbishop Hughes died in New York last evening.

A tremendous snow storm at West St. Louis, Chicago, Buffalo, on Thursday and Friday, accompanied by intense cold, blockading railway trains and suspending business. The thermometer in Chicago on Saturday last was 28° below zero.

Advices from New Orleans report that the Union forces are making steady progress in Texas, occupying place after place without opposition.

General Magruder has issued a proclamation, declaring that the defence of Western Texas will not be abandoned.

Evening.—Gen. Burnside has been ordered to report at Washington.

Confederates are fortifying Rome, Resaca, and Atlanta.

Union troops in winter quarters at Chattanooga, Huntsville, Lookout Valley, and along Nashville Railroad.

On Thursday night, four Confederate prisoners were frozen to death on car at Jeffersonville, Ohio.

Jan. 7.—Admiral Baily reports officially, that several expeditions on the Florida coast have destroyed valuable salt works and buildings. Entire damage, \$3,000,000.

31 contrabands obtained their freedom.

The same officer reports destruction of small Conf. steamer; also, capture of British schooner "Edwin," from Havana.

An expedition from Newbern met enemy near Washington, N. C., and routed them, and killed a number of men.

New Hampshire State Convention has nominated Lincoln for the Presidency.

A number of gentlemen belonging to the church and congregation worshipping in St. Andrew's Church in this city, waited upon their pastor, Rev. George Boyd, on the morning of New Year's Day, and presented him with a purse containing \$160, as a token of their appreciation of his services amongst them.—Reporter.

The salary of the Governor-General of India, which is the highest in the gift of the Crown, is £30,000 a-year, exclusive of allowances, which may be estimated at £10,000 more.

THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.—The only native of Great Britain who holds an important position about the French Court is a Scotchman, named Campbell, who superintends the royal studs under General Fleury. Mr. Campbell lived with the Emperor of the French when the latter resided in England, and accompanied the Emperor in the Italian wars.