am kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint an Weiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come To the glory of his presence to the gladness of his

A weary path I've travelled, mid darkness, storm

Bearing many a burthen struggling for my life, But now the morn is breaking, my toil will soon be

Methinks I hear the voices of the blessed as they Singing in the sunshine of the sinless land, O would that I were with them, amid their shining

Mingling in their worship, joining in their song. The friends that started with me, have entered long

One by one they left me struggling with the foe, Their pilgrimage was shorter, their triumph soone How lovingly they'll hail me when my toil is done

With them the blessed angels that know no grief or

I see them by the portals prepared to let me in O Lord I wait thy pleasure, thy time and ways are But I am wasted, worn, and weary, O, Father bid

We reproduce below Eliza Cook's beautiful poets—"The Old Arm-Chair"—which will be read with pleasure by those who have received the chromo offered to its subscribers by The Methodist. THE OLD ARM-CHAIR.

I love it, I love it, and who shall dare To chide me for loving that old arm chair I"ve treasured it long as a sainted prize;

sighs,
"Tie bound by a thousand bands to my heart: Not a tie will break, not a link will start. Would ye learn the spell? A mother sat there And a sacred thing is that old arm-chair.

In childhood's honr I linger'd near The hallowed seat with listening ear; And gentle words that mother would give, To fit me to die and teach me to live. She told me shame would never betide, With truth for my creed and God for my guide She taught me to lisp my earliest prayer, As I knelt beside that old arm-cha

I sat and watched her many a day, When her eve grew dim and her locks were gray And I almost worshipped her when she smiled, And turned from her bible to bless her child. Years rolled on ; but the last one sped-My idol was shattered, my earth-star fled I learnt how much the heart can bear. When I saw her die in that old arm-chair

'Tis past, 'tis past, but I gaze on it now With quivering breath and throbbing brow; 'Twas there she nursed me, 'twas there she died, And memory flows with lava-tide. Say it is folly, and deem me weak, While the scalding tears start down my cheek; But I love it, I love it, and cannot tear My soul from a mother's old arm-chair.

BEREAN NOTES.

BY REV. G. H. WHITNEY, D. D.

Author of Hand-Book of Bible Geography," LESSON V. THE FIVE OFFERINGS. Lev. 7. 37, 38. Topic: The One All Sufficient Offering. Golden Text: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many." Heb. 9. 28 I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

B. C. 1490 Israel still encamped at Sinai. First month after the dedication of the tabernacle. The book of Leviticus, from which two of our lessons are now taken, is so called becoremonies connected with the Levitical priest-

II. EXPOSITORY NOTES.

1. BURNT-OFFERING AND CHRIST. Among the Israelites all OFFERINGS, or sacrifices. had the hand, rubbed it a moment on the carpet their fullest significance in the one great OFFER- and it was as hot as ever. ING of Christ, the "Lamb of God." Heb. 9. 28. BURNT-OFFERING. From the Hebrew signifying to ascend. The offering went up to cisely where the heat comes from,' I replie the Lord in a flame. Read Exod. 29. 38-46. Morning and evening; (b) upon the altar at the entrance of the tent, (tabernacle); (c) a 'continual' offering; (d) an acknowledgment that the life of the people beloaged to God; (e) an act of worship, (f) reminding Israel of their sins and need of atonement; (g) a voluntary sacrifice. Lev. 1. 3. (h) The entire of the wisting indicated the entire of the entire of the wisting indicated the entire of the entire of the wisting indicated the entire of the e consuming of the victim, indicated the entire dedication of the offerer. (i) Offered with replied, but there are still other sources of ing that consecration to God must manifest it- the fire.' selt in a holy lite and conversation. (j) Every victim must be "clean," "unblemished." (k)

'I didn't think of that,' said Mary.

'Do you remember the day the maso The whole burnt-offering typified Christ, whose pouring water on a pile of quicklime to make offering was "a full, perfect, and sufficient mor tar for the new house over the way? The sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins lime hissed and crackled, sending up great of the whole world." Isa. 53. 5-11; John 10. clouds of steam. I have a piece of quicklim 17, 18; Heb. 9. 14, 28. When Christ is here, and see! when I pour water on it how fully accepted, the believer is pardoned, justi- drinks up the water and grows hot. I saw fied, sanctified; and upon his entire life is wagon loaded with lime set on fire once by graven, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. See Mark 12. 33; Heb. 10. 8-10; 12. 14; Rom. 12. 1. 2.

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MEAT-OFFERING AND CHRIST. Read Lev. chaps. 2 and 6. "Meat" here signifies food OFFERING. (a) Without blood. (b) Not pre- you how even that may kindle a fire.' sented alone. (c) Accompanied the burnt offering and the peace-offering. See Lev. 23. 10-12, 17-20. (d) Consisted of flour, or cakes, prepared with salt (indicating preservation from decay) and oil (the symbol of spiritual influences) and frank incense, (typical of (e) Leaven and honey were excluded from this brought. There! offering, (Lev. 2. 11,) as these would produce fermentation-which is the symbol of sin working in the heart. (f) A type of Christ. John

4. 4. 1-35; 5. 13; 6. 24-30; Num. 15. An to tell him I could set the moon a-fire I think OFFERING from those who sinned THROUGH IG- he'd believe me! NORANCE. EVERY SIN demands ATONEMENT. The Hebrew term includes, "besides sins of few things that I can do, as you will discove that is, deliberately and presumptuously, for which no atonement was admitted."—Magee. On the Alonement. Characteristics of the SIN-OFFERING. (a) It pre-eminently indicated fering or drink-offering. (c) Betokened sintulness in the offerer. (d) Excluded the idea to set wood a-fire.' of consecration or good works. (e) Gradation of costliness in the victim—according to the 'From the blacksmith's arm, but in such a

his own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2. 24; comp. 1 John 2. 2; Rom. 6. 23.

4. TRESPASS-OFFERING AND CHRIST. Read Lev. 5. 1, 4, 14-19; 6, 1-7; 7. 1-10. The to (a) trespass against God, (b) against man, (c) against rights, property, etc., (d) the amount of injury, adding to the just claim a ling at the threshold, my hand is on "fifth part." The sinner is utterly unable to make satisfaction for sins committed against God, and he is required to do all in his power to make amends to his fellowman. To the true believer Christ does not impute past trespasses. 2 Cor. 5. 19. Christ not only forgives "sins

and "debts." but he imparts power to trespass no more. 1 John 1.9; 3.6; Pss. 32.5; Prov. 28. 13; Isa. 65. 24; John 5. 14; 8. 11. 5. Prace-offering and Christ. Read Lev. offering for blessings received after a promise that gathers at the bottom begins to smoke a had been made. (c) A voluntary-offering, little and turn black. By working long enough free range eat grass. The most successful fanwhen something was devoted to the Lord. See and fast enough I should set the dust on fire; ciers use grass cut fine and mixed with food. Lev. 22. 17-25. The Hebrew term signifies to but it is too tiresome when a match will do as complete, to make whole, and thus devotes the well, and one can buy a whole bunch of further Atracts from the above-named work.

Epb. 2. 14-19; John 16. 33; Col. 1. 2; Isa. 9. to light it. 6; 53. 5.

BY ADAM STWIN.

JOHNNY found a big brass button the other day, and set to work to make it shine by rubbing it on a piece of woolen cloth. 'Isn't it bright?' he said, after working

awhile. 'Just like gold.' 'He rubbed away again for a moment hard as he could, then-to brush off some chalk dust that clung to the button, for I had told him to chalk the cloth to make it brighten the button quicker-he put the brass to the back et his hand.

'Ow!' he cried, dropping the button. ' What's the matter ?" 'It's hot.' · Hot! echoed Mary, laying down her book.

How can it be hot ?" 'I don't know,' said Johnny, 'but it burnt Nonsense!' replied Mary, picking up the

button. 'It's as cold as anything.' 'It is cold now, may-be,' Johnny admitted But it was hot-warm, any way." What a silly boy! You just imagined it. ' I didn't,' retorted Johnny.

Seeing that they were likely to do as a great many older people have done, dispute about a matter that neither understood. I took the button and rubbed it smartly on my coat sleeve and put it to Mary's cheek.

'There!' exclaimed Johnny, as Mary-cried Oh! and put her hand to her face. 'I shouldn't have thought your arm could make it so warm,' she said.

I rubbed the button on the table cloth and placed it once mere against her cheek, saying It couldn't have been my arm that warmed 'Of course not,' observed Johnny, patroniz

What did warm it?' Mary asked. her in

terest fully awakened. That's a good puzzle for you to werk at,' 1 aid. 'Don't rub the button on the varnished

furniture or on the marble table, for it might cratch them; but you can try anything else.' They worked at the puzzle a long time and 'Maybe the heat comes from our fingers

Mary suggested at last. I thrust a stick through the eye of the bu ton so that it could be held without touching

'I guess it's just the rubbing,' said Johnny A very good guess indeed, for that is pre-' Hose it comes it is not easy to explain t Two Lambs were "burnt" daily: (a) those of your age. The simple fact that heat

"flour," "oil," and "wine," (comp. Gen. beat-our bodies, for instance. We keep 35. 14; Nam. 15. 5; Exod. 30. 9;) signify- warm when out of the sunshine and away from

'Do you remember the day the masons wer

shower of rain.' Fred told me about that, and I didn't be lieve him. Who'd expect fire from water? 'Get me a small piece of ice, and I'll show While Mary was getting the ice, I took from my cabinet a small vial with a metal bead a

'Is it lead?' asked Johnny, when I showed t to him. 'It is potassium,' 1 said,' 'and I'm going the pleasant savor of a pure offering to God.) to set a piece of it a-fire with the ice Mary has

the hottom.

'Isn't it splendid!' cried Mary, as the metal flashed into flame. 'You can do anything can't you?' said Johnny, admiringly. His confidence in my

'No, Johnny,' I replied. 'There are very ignorance, . . likewise all such as were the in time. But now, while we are talking of heat consequence of human frailty and inconsideration, whether committed knowlingly and will- things. Please fetch me a flat-iron, Mary, while Johnny brings my little hammer. Thank fully, or otherwise. It stands opposed to sins committed with a high hand, (Num. 15. 22-31,) while Johnny brings my little hammer. Inank you! Now watch me while I pound this piece of lead, and put your finger on it when I stop.

' Does the pounding heat it?" 'It does. I have seen a blacksmith take a atonement. (b) Unaccompanied by meat-of- piece of cold iron and hammer it on a cold anvil with a cold hammer until it was hot enough

'Where did the heat come from?'

degree of sin, the rank of the sinner, etc. (f) round-about way that I should only puzzle you while none of the meal be left in powder or dry, mixture loses while over the fire one portion of

ding and the sprinkling indicating full atone- our badies, from rubbing, from pounding, and ground, not on any account sticking with a ment. Christ's death demands of every sinner: from mixing things, such as quickline and smack, as when a boy throws his lump of clay

melts it. sticks together,' Fred continued.

3; 7. 11-21. The PEACE-OFFERING was (a) a That is it. See! when I plow this stick up free range need no animal food except what thank-offering for past mercies. (b) A vow- and down in the groove, the fine wood-dust they pick up. offering of one whose sins were forgiven, and matches for a penny. We get our fire by whose heart was at peace with God, and filled rubbing too, only we use something that kinwith rejoicing. Deut. 27. 7. In Christ we dies quicker than wood, so that a single scratch are "made nigh" to God; "he is our peace." on some rough surface develops heat enough

JOHNNY BURNS HIMSELF WITHOUT You rub the batton, Jonny, while I take some lars, according to locality from market. it with the button. See! It is not enough to a setting hen is of no practical value is not set the phosphorus a-fire. We might kindle made by persons who have a reputation for be lighting too easily. Then all we have to do is ducing eggs, or rearing a large brood of chick our light is ready. Did you ever hear of the clucking over and scratching for one chicken. raveler who was stopped by some barbarous Yet we frequently see it done. people who knew nothing of matches? They Every hen ought to be made to pay her own would not let him go through their country, expenses, and much more. As soon as a hen

house and farm.

THE IMPATIENT HEN.

This is the tale of a poor old hen

That sat on eggs, exactly ten:

She made a nest with pride and care,

You always found her at her post,

For patience was her daily boast.

To brag of what we haven't got

This will apply to hens and mer

The sun began to warmer grow-

Grass and leaves began to show

This queer old hen began to long

Of idle gossips—half a score—

To join once more the noisy throng

That strutted by the old barn door.

"O. dear! O. dear! here I am tied

A weary lot is mine," she sighed.

It wouries me in heart and legs

To sit so long upon these eggs;

I'm sick of plaing here at home

Your little houses, white and warm,

I've sheltered from the angry storm.

"No gleam of pleasure do I catch;

Why don't these tiresome chickens batch !

O chicks, chicks, chicks, why don't you come !

"There's Mother Dominique, next door-Her darlings number twenty-four,

And they've been out a week or more;

My yellow bills; come out and walk,

Then something rash and sad befell

This old hen pecked each brittle shell,

Her treatment, which was very rude

And now, despised by fowls and men, She lives, a broken-hearted hen.

Killed on the spot her tiny brood !

And, not so wonderful to tell,

This is the moral of my lay-

To reap success in work or play,

Why spoil whatever you've begun,

Through eagerness to have it done

Don't be impatient !- learn to wait.

should have a feed of grain.

Remember poor Dame Partlett's fate

FOOD FOR FOWLS.

Or else I'll doubt my eggs are eggs,
And think they are but lumps of chalk.'

And now she wanders at her ease,

As proud and happy as you please

So stir up your pinky little pegs,

Their twinkling green on hill and vale-

Where sweet and pleasant was the gale-

Alas! how oft it is our lot

And boys and girls.

Days passed, and when

and, while they were debating whether to kill has ceased to lay and shows that she is really him or send him back, he grew tired of waiting in earnest to incubate, a good nest is made it and thought he would take a smoke. So he a keg or half a barrel, and twelve to seventeen filled his pipe, and taking a match from his eggs, according to the size of the fowl, are plapocket struck it against his boot, lighted his ced in the nest. Every egg is marked with pipe, and thought no more about it. To his red chalk or a pencil, and the day of the month surprise, the people who were watching him is written on a card attached to the nest-box anddenly ran off, and directly there was a great so that one may know at a glance when to look ommotion in the village. After a while the for chickens. The aim is always to have two chief men came back very humbly, bringing bens commence the period of incubation as him loads of presents, and begged him to go early as may be at one time, so that one hen, his way in peace. What was the reason? They after the eggs in both nests are hatched, may had seen him draw fire from his foot, as they take care of both broods, and the other may thought, and were afraid that such a great cos- run at large, recuperate for a short time and jurer might burn them all up it they offended then commence again to lay. Every ben that him. That was a lucky match for the traveler ! is allowed to incubate, is taken, nest and all.

to the nests where others are sitting, there is often a dispute, in which the eggs are liable to be broken and the rightful occupant driven frem her legitimate employment. In this way eggs are frequently left until they are stone cold. Hence, there will be a loss of the eggs and a loss of the hen's efforts to rear a brood of chickens. If one has ao convenient apartmer for sitting birds, procure a few laths or narrow strips of boards, and make a small inclosure a one corper of some building, so that incubators may not be molested by other fowls during the

It costs less to produce a ton of poultry than a ton of beef, mutton, or pork. Hence, in fam lies where there is not a scarcity of helpers, ton of poultry may be reared at a comparatively small cost .- Observer

GREENHOUSE AND WINDOW PLANTS. March will bring with it an abundance of

PROPAGATION of bedding plants tor out of door planting. The temperature of the air in the propagating house must be considerably

none of the plants are exposed to draughts of air. Keep the plants near the glass so that

gated with tobacco smoke every week to des troy the green fly. It one smoking is not enough, give another the next evening, always taking care to thoroughly syringe the plants the next day, to remove the dead insects. FORCING.—Such plants as were forced dur ing winter should be turned out in a reserve bed

Bulbs that have finished flowering should be allowed to complete the growth of their leaves after this, cut off the leaves and store the bulbs in a dry place, where they cannot be injured

HOUSING THE FAMILY CARRIAGE.—There We have been much interested in reading repently "The Illustrated Book of Poultry," the parties who store their carriages in the same a common and very vexatious complaint from parties who actore their carriages in the same building with their horses, or in damp carriage building with their horses, or poor varnish. This will happen the same building with their horses, of poor varnish. This will happen the same success of poor varnish. This will happen the same proved and justified by years of experience is common and very vexatious complaint from ducting its operations upon principles that have been proved and justified by years of experience; is common and very vexatious complaint from ducting its operations upon principles that have been proved and justified by years of experience; is common and very vexatious complaint from one the same ducting its operations upon principles that have been proved and justified by years of experience is common and very vexatious complaint from one the same ducting its operations upon principles that have been proved and justified by years of experience is common and very vexatious complaint from one the same ducting its operations upon principles that have been proved and justified by years of experience is common and in the time.

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No fowls require more than three meals per
so that the oil is gradually removed from the day, and as a rule do better with two. The varnish, leaving the brittle gum to look like first should consist of pulpy food given early in rosin and crumble away. Therefore, a dry, the morning. If the fowls have free grass runs, clean carriage house, entirely separated from they should have nothing further until about a the stable or stable manure, is the first thing half hour before going to roost, when they required, and secondly, to have it re-varnished when it is required, which is as often as once In quantity give the fowls what they will eat a year if the carriage is in continual use.—

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mend this work. 3. Sin-offering and Christ. Read Lev. ability is something trightful. Really, if I were

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must be left. The best staple for feeding is ground oats. ground with the husks on. If this cannot be equal portions.

ment. Christ's death demands of every sinner:

(a) Personal acknowledgement of air. (*Nothing but sin have I to give." (b) Utter abandonment of "self-righteousness." ("Just as I am, without one plea." (c) Personal faith in the slain Lamb of God. "He bare our sins in his own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2. 24; Mary said, seeing Fred go through those When only a few hens are kept, say one for

motions, having just come in from out doors. each member of the family, the potatoe peelings 'I'll tell you something I noticed coming and other vegetables may be cut up and boiled across the bridge,' said Fred. 'It was freezing with sharps or middlings. Boil soft, with a ture of sin; while the TRESPASS-OFFERING refers cold, yet the snow in the sled-tracks was melt-very little salt, and in the winter time with a ed when a heavy sleigh passed leaving the little pepper. Potatoes and sharps should be may be called the debt-offering. It had respect boards bare sometimes. I couldn't think given warm. The most successful poultry raiwhat made it; was it triction?'

'Evidently. I've noticed the same thing many times. The snow 'wears out,' as the teamsters say—that is, the heat of the rubbing prefer buckwheat. Next stands good barley.

Animal food is not necessary merely to keep 'I've read of savages making fire by rubbing fowls in good condition, but must be given to penned fowls if a regular supply of eggs be de-They have several ways of doing it-or sired. Bullock's liver, well boiled, chopped up rather different savages have different ways. and slightly seasoned with salt and pepper, is One of the simplest is rub one stick in a groove the cheapest. The quantity to each hen should in another, rubbing briskly and bearing on be about one cubic inch daily. The broth obhard. There is a bit of sott pine board that tained by boiling meat should be used, as far I tried the experiment with the other day. as it goes, in mixing tood. Fowls with good

> Fowls need green food for diet. Those with We shall take occasion bereafter to make

MANAGEMENT OF SITTING HENS.

Phosphorus; I have some in this bottle. eggs, which would bring from one to two dolof it out on the point of my knife. Now touch Hence, the thoughtless remark that the time of our fires that way, but we find it more conven- ing successful poulterers. As it is somewhat ient to put the phosphorus on the end of a expensive keeping hens, every one should be stick and mix it with something to keep it from managed in such a manner that she will be proto rub the phosphorus point against anything ens. It is injudicious management to allow two rough, the friction heats it, it takes fire, and hens to spend all their time during the summer

work in this department, the chief of which will

lower than that under the benches. VENTILATION ought to be looked after carefully now that the sun is so powerful. Admit air every mild day, taking care, however, that

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a common and very vexatious complaint from

Select oats of the best quality, and have them twelve years with winter food for bees, and ground with the nusks on. If this cannot be obtained, use sharps and barley meal mixed in four parts water, reduced to two parts sugar and four parts water, reduced to two parts sugar Be careful about the mixing. Mix so that, and one part water, gives a syrup for bees as In every case the offerer must lay his hand on if I tried to describe it. You have seen that the whole will be so firm and short that a mass its water, thus reducing it to two parts sugar the victim before it was slain; the blood-shed-heat does come from fire, from the sun, from of it will break and crumble it thrown upon the

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