Our Story.

LOSING HER HOLD.

THE school master and his wife, after morning meeting was over, took their way as usual down Prout's Lane, and across the hill homeward. The path was narrow; the dominie walked first. He made a remark at long intervals to had come out of town into this village, his wife behind him, but without look-

lumbago's worse?"

with him. I suppose his daughter has come for the summer."

"I reckon she has." There was a long silence after that, broken only by the buzz of the bees in the Jack, poor fellow! She saw him the red clover and the ch-k-k of the plainly in the crowd. A gay, affectiongrass-hoppers through the hot grass. The old man stopped as he always did on Sunday, to see how much the corn in the lower field had grown during the lower field had week, and to gaze meditatively at the both adrift. pigsinthe pen. But Mrs. Holmes had no breast, almost forgetting to hold up the Danell." skirt of her Sunday merino out of the grass. There had been a strange he did it was with a strained, annoyed preacher that day—an old man with a voice. quick, sharp, tone, like the call of a horn to wandering sheep-very different from Father Langley's prolonged drowsy hum. One or two of his sent-ences rang in Ann Holmes' ears;

"While you live, live! You wrap vourselves in selfishness and fat content as in grave clothes before you are dead. The world is full of your brothers, straving, cold, ignorant. Go to them! You owe them service to the last breath of your life."

Mr. Holmes had asked the doctor's wife anxiously what she thought of the sermon, as they came out of the church-

yard. Mrs. Perry shook her head comtemp-

tuously. "He's one of these half-cracket, sensation preachers. What has Amity township got to do with the starving poor? We keep up our almshouse well. Let the big towns see to their own paupers i"

Ann was confounded for the moment. but she remained uneasy. That hint about the grave clothes seemed a personal hit at herself. Could the man an outing to Philadelphia.

know-2 She hurried past the schoolmaster when they reached their own gate, gosmooth! There was no such garden in Been buried in the country, I supsmooth 1 Incre was no such garden in the village; no kitchen was so exquisitely neat, no parlour so speckless and prim. Surely, her conscience told her, she was a good Christian woman, fulfilling was lean and stooped. Such as the plagues of the Red Sea, would include only those in the same this musty leather?" grumbled the the giving of the Law, the conquest of the condition other lad, who was lean and stooped. Canasan of Can was a good Unristian woman, fulfilling other lad, who was lean and stooped, her duty, and had no cause for the with an ugly cough.

Westminster Battalion. 3. The brigade his descendents, as the English say includes the whole organization. felt just now.

She went up the stairs to her own chamber, laid off her bonnet carefully, eawer in the press. woollen shroud. She had put in every stitch in them. Could the man have known?

in Boston would delight in her old Satsums or her Corot. The Amity people gloried in their new cemetery. The Holmeses had their lot like the rest a narrow one, for there were only two to be buried in it. Ann had her choicest roses set out there. She had directed in her will every detail of the trimming on her coffin.

She thrust her hand under the shroud now, and pulled out a little bag of gold coin. They were the savings of years; pennies scrimped out of clothes, milk,

While you live-live !"

She dropped the bag as if some one had spoken at her back, locked the

sense of spiritual well-being. No wo-man made such crust in Amity. No woman was more faithful at meeting, at Sunday-school, at missionary society.

well finished but she was used to speak of herself as in the sacred parlour, unrebuked. life, she held, was finished for her and Albert! He's another boy! He's a Daniel. They had paid for the farm, born farmer. That library was killing (vs. 1829).—How did God's goodness so that when one died the other was him." so that when one died the other was him." sure of a maintenance, the farm and house of libraries," do you find in these verses for which house were in perfect order, the ceme- tery lot was bought. The money for the monument was a kind of frilling em- hold on the world. You've got to keep broidery on this perfected life, the stop while you live."

"I'll have no abuse of libraries," do you find in these verses for which the officers, and a means of much help David gave thanks? Is what we thank twice a year. It doesn't do to lose your God most for a test of our character? Why did God do these things for tranks."—Occident.

ily, and fell asleep in his chair in the

How much of his time he spent in yawning and sleeping! Yet thirty years ago Daniel Holmes was an eager teacher, keeping well abreast with the knowledge and ideas of his time, living in the world of books, newspapers, music and pictures. She, too, had been a live woman then. But they and set themselves to scrape together money to buy this farm. What was ing back.
"Squire wasn't out. Reckon his this change that had come to them? "'S likely."
"The doctor had his little grandchild ith him. I suppose his described and come to them?

Ann want to do selfishness?

she did not hear a word of Father Lang-ley's discourse. She was back in the town; long forgotten voices sounded in her ears. There was Dan's bro-

As they walked home that evening thoughts to day for the pigs or corn. She walked with her head bent on her long is it since we heard from John,

"Twenty-six years."
"I wish I and Abby could have hit it off together. I am 'fcard that it was not right to shove them off, with neither money nor religion for a staff,"

Daniel made no reply, but Ann understood his silence as a more bitter reproach than words.

The next morning she brought to him a small canvas bag.

"There is some money I have saved for buryin' expenses, Danell," she said. "I'd like to take it instead for us to spend a week in Philadelphia." "What tomfoolery's that?"

"There's no poor folk in Amity, 'n maybe we might see some there as we could give-advice to. And you could look up the libraries and museums." " Nonsense I"

But his eye paused, attentive. "And maybe we might meet John."

"Here, put the money away; I'll bank it," he growled.

But four days later Amity was shaken to its centre by the news that the schoolmaster and his wife had gone for

"There's a queer customer," whispered one of the attendants in the old ing up the spotless board walk with beds one of the attendants in the one of the attendants in the one of geraniums and roses on either side, Franklin Library to another, a week then went king David in. to the tabto the door. She could not resist a afterwards. "He comes every day, and ernacle. And sat. probably upon his teen years, though we have said twelve to the door. She could not resist a goes from shelf to shelf, breathless, as heels, in the oriental method of reversion and solution includes a weed; the brown earth sifted fine and the country. I sum that solution in a given town or distance at those beds.

where art and science were taught with-

out charge to the poorest.

"As for the libraries, whole conti-Every matron in Amity had her mentsotknowledgenave because the suit and share instance while I was dezing and snoring in a funeral suit provided. It was a Amity," he exclaimed.

Amity," he exclaimed. nents of knowledge have been discovered

asylums, the hospitals for children, the the ark at Jerusalem? free classes, the creches. Her cold gray eyes were dim and wet.

"And I could find nothing to do but to verses of this chapter. make fine my shroud and gravestone ! But have you got any trace of John or Abby, Danell?

got her hold upon the world again, her of a palace? (v. 2; v. 11) In what officer and 2,781 boys were in line.

boy supports them, and he is that con- desires for the kingdom of God? gave us one!"

the neatest in Amity. The chubby In what had she come short? her little girl of fourteen who helps her in starved soul demanded of its Maker, the kitchen leaves her work and school Every duty, great and small, had been books here and there, and the baby who is not best for us? (Eph. 111. 20.)

As she sat pouring out the tea, think- for Abby to understand, and after that (v. 23.) Name some of the great things God has ing these things over, her husband "reck- she is going to make some flannel petti- are some of the great things God has without long struggle none did e'et attain. The downward look from quiet's blessed. As she sat pouring out the tea, think for Abby to understand, and after that (v. 23.) Name some of them. What oried" again that the squire's lumbago coats for baby before cold weather done for us? For what did David was bad, and that the doctor's daughter comes. They are cut out and folded pray?

was at home. Then he yawned drear neatly in her basket, and the drawer upstairs which held her fine shroud is was the promise suffilled in reference empty.—Congregationalist. empty. - Congregationalist.

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS. Lesson iii. October 20, 1889.

DAVID'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

> 2 Sam. vii. 18-29. COMMIT VERSES 28-29.

GOLDEN TEXT — In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.—I Thess v.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God's wonderful goodness calls for thankfulness and praise.

DAILY READINGS.

M. 2 Sam. vii. 1-17. Tu. 2 Sam. vii. 18-29. W. r Chron. xvii. 1 15. Th. 1 Chron. xvii. 16-27. F. Ps. ii. 1-12. Sa.Ps. lxxII. 1-20. Su. Luke 1. 32, 33, 68-79.

TIME.-Probably not long after B.C. 1042, the date of our last lesson. PLACE .- Jerusalem, the city of David,

the religious capital of the nation. DAVID .- Aged 44, in the fourteenth year of his reign.

PROPHETS -Nathan, now first mentioned; and Gad, the prophet of the

PSALMS.—The Messianic Psalms, such as 11, xv1, xx11, xlv, cx, cxviii.

PARALLEL ACCOUNT.- 1 Chron. xvii

DAVID'S DESIRE .- David, when set-

Besides, David was a man of war, but boys and fitted to teach them "habits God's house must be a temple of peace of obedience, reverence, discipline and (1 Chron. xxii, 8; xxviii. 3). Hence self-respect—habits which would form God promised him that his son should the best foundation on which to build build the temple, and that the king- up a healthy Christian manhood." dom should remain in his family for. In the organization there are three ever. David was also permitted to distinct units: 1. The company is the dom should remain in his family for-

make great preparations for the temple detachment connected with each church (t Chron. xxviii. and xxix. 1-9). This or school. Its members are members promise was fulfilled in the kingdom of of the school, and it is under the con-Christ, "David's greater son" (Luke trol of the church officers. Its local i. 32, 33; Acts ii. 28-31).

He went up to Daniel, however, and "the house of Tudor."

city. Daniel came back to it at night promised instead .- God's answersoften consisted of cap and belt. She did not need to lift the white towels. She knew perfectly well what was pinned up in them. The underclothing of researches. He had visited kinderup in them. The underciothing of gartens, industrial schools and museums, fulfilled.—Thankfulness.—The things Bible class or prayer-meeting throughfor which David gave thanks .- The out the year. Of course it will be seen everlasting kingdom.

OUESTIONS.

Ann had made her rounds among the our last lesson? Why did David want felt.

hungry, and the other half are working place. Where else is this lesson reto warm and feed them," she said. corded? Have you read the previous public meetings. The headquarters of

MERCIES.

meat. They were to pay for the handsome granite monument, "Erected to
the memory of Daniel Holmes and Ann
his wife."

got her hold upon the world again, her
search became more energetic. One
day she came in at noon red with excitement.
his wife."

got her hold upon the world again, her
kind of a place was the ark? (v. 2,
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thind of a place was the ark? (v. 2,
the great aim of the Brigade is
to make manly Christian boys. Its
desire to do? Ought our churches to
object is thus stated in its constitution:
be better than our private houses?

"I've found them, Danell! That is
Why? Was this desire of David's advancement of Christ's Kingdom

III. THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER David? (v. 21.) Does God love to broidery on this perfected life, the step while you live."

handsome flourish to the signature which closed the deed.

"Yes," Ann replies, absently. She give us good things? What had God which closed the deed.

is looking out a hymn simple enough done for David's people in the past?

IV. NEW TESTAMENT LIGHT.-How glorious than any temporal kingdom? Was this answer to David's prayer a great deal better than any temple or prosperity David could have had in his lifetime? What texts speak of Christ as a great king? (Eph. i. 20 22, Phil. ii. 9-11; Rev. xix. 16.) Where is his kingdom? Repeat some exhortations to thanksgivings. (Eph. v. 20; Phil. iv. 6; Col. iii. 15-17; 1 Thess. v. 18;

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. We should desire the interests of God's kingdom beyond all other things. II. God sometimes answers our prayers in a better way than we ex-

III God's promises are very rich and wonderful. 1V. We should be full of gratitude

to God for his mercies. V. God loves to give us great things. VI. True prayer is founded on God's promises.

VII God's kingdom is everlasting.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

THE first company was organized October 4th, 1883, in the Sunday school of the Free College church, Glasgow. It consisted of twenty-eight boys and three teachers. What led to its organization? Chiefly, the fact alluded to in my previous article, that boys at fifteen become "too big" as they think for the school, and also that DAVID'S DESIRE.—David, when set-tled in his kingdom in peace, desired to build a temple for God's worship (vii. and without much reverence for God and man. To remedy these evils, if God's Promise.—But God knew possible, the first company of the Boys' that it was not best for David to do this. Other work must be done first.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES .- 18. the order of formation. The age of

helped him in his explorations.

Our country pilgrims put up at an oldfashioned inn in the lower part of the
city. Daniel came back to it at night that there is room for great development in plans and methods. Many of the companies have boys' reading rooms, REVIEW .- What great event in athletic clubs, etc., but these are not David's kingdom was the subject of necessary and come only as the need is

The Brigade has had a remarkable ce classes, the creches. Her cold gray INTRODUCTION. — How long had growth and is being rapidly extended. It has attracted the attention of distinguished men, lay and clerical, and rethe Brigade are in Glasgow, where last SUBJECT THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S January they reported ninety-four companies, 315 officers and 4,300 boys. At the annual inspection in 1888 of the "No; I doubt it's no use, Ann."

I. THE DESIRE OF THE HEART.— Glasgow Batallion, Major General GilBut as Ann woke day by day, and Where did David live? In what kind dea, of the British army, was inspecting

to say, John and Abby are dead; but Why? Was this desire of David's advancement of Christ's Kingdom they left three children. The oldest right? Should we have like earnest among boys, and the promotion of habits of reverence, self-respect and all The "piece" was spread as usual on Sunday noons; flaky bread, clover scented honey, delicious pies. Ann, as she cut the pie, was comforted by a gave us one!"

Sunday noons; flaky bread, clover scented honey, delicious pies. Ann, as she cut the pie, was comforted by a gave us one!"

II. The Promise of God.—Who that tends towards a true Christian revealed God's Word to David? (v. 4.) manhood." In the words of its Secretary: "We make a point of acknow-things of the Lord never before 13.) Why not? (I Chron. xxviii. 3.) ledging God in everything, of putting gave us one!" him instead? ((1) v. 11; (2) vs. 12; trying to do it in such a way that a boy

Mrs. Ann Holmes' house is no longer

he nectest in Amiry. The chulby better than what David had asked for? ment in the work is a pleasure and not Does God often answer our prayers a bore." And again: "The ultimate thus, when we sincerely ask for what success of the Boys' Brigade will depend on the spirit which animates the ell finished

Mrs. Holmes was fifty-five years of age, drops her greasy bread and butter even the break of her and there, and the body who tugs after Ann from morning until night parations did David make for it? (to of the movement being kept persistently to the break of her and there and there are used to small of her and the break of the same was fifty-five years of age, drops her greasy bread and butter even the break of the same was fifty-five years of age, drops her greasy bread and butter even the break of the same was fifty-five years of age, drops her greasy bread and butter even the break of the same was fifty-five years of age, drops her greasy bread and butter even the break of the same was fifty-five years of age. Chron. xxix. 1-9.) Was the temple in view. If a company be officered by "What's a clean floor compared with thus much more magnificent than it men who are thoroughly in earnest hair n a wisp, and wore the scuttle bonnets proper to old age. The work of she asked, triumphantly, "Look at
life she held was finished for her and Allerth (Triumphantly, "Look at when he proposed to? who are prepared to make any personal sacrifice for the sake of the boys—it can hardly fail to succeed and to become a

> BRAUTY and truth, and all that these contain, Drop not like ripened fruit about our feet; We climb to them through years of sweat and

of every use and taste.

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Others Discount the dot is the provide the means of doing everything quickly, easily, cheaply, well—in a word—it has what the people want and sells as they Heb. xui. 15, James i. 9.) Why should we give thanks? Will a thankful spirit make us happy? maker, use experts in every sort of goods, provide the people want and sells as they want to buy.

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