

GENERAL READING

THE MASSACRE OF IPSARA.

It is the custom among the Albanians to build large fires and prepare a feast when victory has crowned their arms.

The day had been a splendid one for Ipsara. The omens were auspicious. The sun had gone down into a sea of glory.

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The landing of the enemy caused great consternation among the women and children. They might be seen running about in all directions, dreading the approach of the Turks, and yet unable to adopt any means of escape.

At length, when the Turks came down from the mountain, overlooking the city, and yelled forth their war-cry, "Allah! Allah!" they commenced the work of death, regardless of age, sex or condition.

FAMILY READING.

SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.

It is not enough that we try to serve one another, to serve our own generation; we must also try to serve it according to the will of God.

Now there are many who can be very good and kind in their own way, while they serve their own will; and even for this let us honor them; but their way is not always God's way.

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But if our service is sometimes marred by an indolence and love of ease which will not be at the pains of thought, at other times it is marred by an exacting self-will.

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generation according to the will of God, instead of seeking to get their own will, until they have rent the sacred unity of the Church with a thousand schisms.

CERTAINTIES OF RELIGION.

LECTURE BY REV. JOSEPH COOK.

Shaftesbury Hall was well filled on the evening of Thursday, 31st ult., by an audience gathered to hear Rev. Jos. Cook, of Boston, lecture on "Certainties in Religion."

The rev. lecturer spoke for about two hours to a deeply interested audience. The following summary will indicate the leading points of the address.

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God's hand as a screen be let down between us and it, and between his face and that black, irreversible past.

FAITHFULNESS.

We cannot be faithful to the Lord and unfaithful to each other. We are bound together by the obligations of the gospel as one family.

Prompted by the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, let us treat them with the greatest of tenderness, feed them with the most dainty food from the word of God.

as are to be found in our ranks misunderstood a case, and so make a difficulty, which even after the trouble was created, when the parties met and had an understanding.

SIN IS HARD

BY CHARLES E. WALKER.

At the Sunday evening prayer meeting in one of our churches in the Providence conference, not long since, a young man, a stranger to all present, arose.

How many a disappointed mortal has been compelled to confess that sin is hard! The way of sin has powerful fascinations, and the promptings of evil hearts make it easy to walk therein.

The drunkard finds sin hard. It was pleasant when he took the first social glass. There was exhilaration in it, and gay companions surrounded him and led him on.