"I didn't begin sunlight.

this time she did not say, as she ne before

do just right to-morrow." hesitated now. She knew there it one thing in the wide world ould make her happy, and that e love of the Saviour in her heart. had been well taught. She knew the right path lay, and that she ever found it. She knew, too, e service of Christ called for a effort, sacrifice, and self denial, she was unwilling to give. She d full the cost of accepting Christ, shrank from it; but had she the cost of rejecting him? no use," she said miserably.

t shut my eyes and go on any I know what I ought to do, not ready to do it yet. Odear!" Hester who walked slowly into ery house that night was very it from the one who left it so that morning.

e in her room, the same thoughts d ber.

ish somebody would tell me what Not that, either, for I know: p me make up my mind. I sk anybody to talk to me; but I wish I could."

opportunity Hester longed for During the forenoon-recess next e was standing apart from the of girls, just on the edge of a step down to the street pave-As some one in the game ran against her, she thoughtlessly back to avoid collison, and but other person standing near. have fallen to the ground. She up quickly and found that Abtstreiched arms had saved her. ored and made a sudden effort

ster," she said earnestly, " you nt away from me for two days, w you shall answer me. Are angry with me, Hester?" e was no reply.

in her balance, but Abbie held

ase speak to me. Shall such a ing come between us? If you ew, Hester, how I have longed ord or smile from you, you could angry any more," and Abbie's embled

er was conquered.

't say anything more about it," " I was wrong, as I always Let's be just as good friends as before; but don't mind if I'm or I don't feel very happy late-

e's quick, loving instinct told her

me and stay with me to-night, ps I can help you. I know all our trouble, dear, for I have seen

er looked into the clear, happy d answered:

come. Let me go, now, please." evening she went early to Ab-She shrank a little from the reshe must make of thoughts lings kept hitherto wholly to but she was in earnest in her find help, and she went wil-

e could be more tender in tone nner, more delicate in suggesadvice, than Abbie Harland. ed Hester dearly, and she had rs before, the same experience. talked long and earnestly of her frequent trials and as freilures to follow the right; bee had forgotten or disbelieved if not in thought, the great which underlie all successful n living; that without reliance Almighty arm we are utterly s; and that Divine strength is fect in human weakness. Bey slept that night, they knelt and Hecter took the first step ght way by seeking for herself sing which, while the world shall never be denied to any

years have passed since then; ter has never faltered in her path, nor ever ceased to be for the failures which taught st the needed lesson: that our eth from the Lord, and from

TURAL ENIGMA, NO. 21.

44 LETTERS. 2, 9, 5, was the son of Joash o deliver Israel. 17, was the father of a left-

ed man. a city built in a valley. 16, 14, was a woman of Bethle

4, 39, 30, is a place where Saul d with six hundred men. , is spoken of as the city of Judah.

4, 15, one of the plagues sent Pharaoh. 3, 16, 19, 4, what Joseph was by his brethren.
32, 25, a brook.

32, 25, a brook.
24, 26, 10, was one of the names
hip.
11, 7 and 33, 12, 17, 41, are
Christians should never know
19, forever.
ble is an exhortation given by
his captains.

THE ENIGMA OF FIFTEEN. INVENTED BY A DEAF MUTE WHO DID

NOT KNOW ITS COMMERCIAL VALUE-METROPOLIS-A CALCULATION. The puzzle consists of a square box into

which are fitted 16 wooden squares, num bered, consecutively from 1 to 16. There is room for four rows of four in a row. The absence of the sixteenth block in the box affords room for the movement of the others. The game is to disarrange the blocks and then to bring the numbers into consecutive order by shifting them into place without lifting one off the bottom of the box. The intricacies of this apparently simple exercise are startling. A mathematican who reported the result of his calculations in "The Sun" wrote that the number of possible movements is 1,307,674,308,000. There are said to be a number of combinations that are either very difficult of solution or, as some beliere impossible. One dealer solemnly assured the "Sun" reporter that two unfor tunate men in Boston who encountered these combinations are now insane and in an asylum. He says that a Mr. J. F. Rassen of 297 Pearl street offers \$100 to any one who will extricate him from the tangle in which he became involved when he found the blocks in this order.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 15 14

The same dealer says that this is the combination that most frequently causes trouble. He says that he receives great numbers of letters from persons who want to know whether this combination can be surmounted. He says he overcame it, but it was accidental, and he could not recall the previous moves. He was awakened at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning by the clerk of the hotel in which he is living. The clerk said he had solved the problem and could do it again. Three or four of the boarders set up during the rest of the night to see it done, but the clerk disap-pointed them. A broker who solved the oblem ventured a heavy wager that he could repeat the solution. He lost, became hopelessly confused, and finally went to a manufacturer of the puzzle and offered him a handsome sum for the solu-tion, saying that he could win his money back ten times over if he knew the methed. A Boston man advertises to send the solution for two three cent stamps. To those who wrote to him he replies Piok up the 15 and put it after the 14. It is said that a conductor on the Boston and Providence Railroad was seen to work out this combination, as well as another one in which the 9 follows the 10, with all the other numbers correctly placed. In overcoming the first combination be made

The members of the Academy of Science at their annual meeting on Monday, discussed the puzzle. They said that the fif-teen blocks can be placed in a trillion of combinations. "Supposing," said one,
"that the blocks be placed on a chessboard on the alternate white and black squares. If the number that should be on a black square is on a white square, the solution by placing them in regular order important eras in the history of machine is impossible, unless the misplacement is ery, and when we consider its great use s impossible, unless the misplacement is fulness and extremely low price of (\$25) black square. Changes between squares of the same color will not bring about a

By adding a sixteenth block, the game of thirty-four or the game of sixteen is produced. The object of the player is to so arrange the blocks that the sum of their numbers will be thirty-four when added horizontally, perpendicularly or diagonally. The blocks may be taken out and changed in whatever manner the player chooses. This is the solution :

8 10 11 5 13 3 1 16

This puzzle is not new. On the library ceiling in what is called the "Castle, at the Schuetzen Park on the Bergen Heights, the puzzle is in frescho. It is over the head of whoever lies on the lounge near the library window, and it is a favorite amusement with visitors there to lie and study it. Not only is the sum of 34 arrived at in all the lines diagonal as well as horizontal and perpendicular, but 34 is also the sum of each of the sets of four numbers composing the four corhers of the corner numbers themselves, and in fact, of every four numbers that form smaller squares within the main

Answers received to No. 18 (which should have appeared as No. 19.) as fol-

l-A Jew having seven sons-Sceva. 2-A plant-Anise 3-A measure-Manch

4—A prophet—Obed 5—A city where the ark was—Ekron 6-What Judas was-Traitor

7-A vegetable—Cucumber 8-A tree—Oil 9-A city-Tibbath 10-A faith-Mutual

11-A book of the Bible-Titus 12-Musical Instruments-Flute, Pipe, "Erastus abode at Corinth, but Trophimus have I left at Miletum, sick-2 Tim

From Bessie Alcorn, Spring Hill; Ellen H Harrison, Maccan, Meade P. Harrington, Liverpool; L., Guysboro'; L. B., Halifax; Mary Read (also No 17) Nap-pan; E. M., Yarmouth; L. C., Charlottetown; C. R., Moncton; E. T. Lunenburg.

Things in the Church which hinder revivals: Ingratitude, want of love to God, neglect of the Bible, unbelief, neglect of the means of grace, want of love for souls, want of care for the heathen, neglect of family duties, neglect of social duties, neglect of watch fulness, neglect of self denial, worldlys mindedness, pride, envy, slander, levity, mindedness, pride, envy, slander, levity, ad temper. Frincey, slow requestion in temper. Frincey, slow requestion in the state of the s

Faraday, the distinguished scientist, was once asked : " Have you conceived to yourself what will be your occupation Faraday answered: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him! I shall be with Christ, and that's enough!"

The professor of religion that will not pay a debt when able to do so is unworthy of a place in the Church. The professor of religion who goes in debt carelessly is little if any better. "Owe no man any thing but to love one another," is a Christian precept too little regarded by many amiable persons whose whole Christian life and influence are discounted by this one weekness. Let all such watch, pray, work, and economize.

We met a professed Christian the other day who was actually relying for future salvation upon an experience already twenty years old. At that time, he said, he gave up all. But judging from his outward life, the most of what he then gave up had since come back to him, No giving up, such as we refer to, is really effectual only as it is persisted in. You "gave up all" twenty years ago? That is excellent. But unless you have alse given up all each day since, and continue to do so each day to come, you can finally hope for but little from that twenty years old act. Consecration is not an act to be once attended to and then left forever to take care of itself. It includes all time as well as all possessions-every thing placed on the altar forever, and kept there. Do not risk your eternal possess ions by relying upon an old title-deed that may long since have become in-

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