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Ther Easl or Sgaftesbury, E.G., 1874.-(Sos pouna)

## Whiter than suow.

TaE snow had fallen, and on the earth the bumatulate mantle was spread,
mbmatuate mante was sprean,
Coremag with thegrment of white the homes vening with: ita garment o
of the heng and dead,
When them the Windsor Cast
up oll the bedutitul serene
ittle chill, and one of the sons of Butuin's beloved Queen.

And the Frince looked merrily on the scene, and laushed with the little thild:
Buat the child was sad with the gallant Prince, and little the maiden swilpd,
Till she sweetly looked to the Prince and sald, O her voice was modest aud luy Will you Royal Highness tell me, plase,
if there's anj thing whiter than suow ""

Then the l'rince, he laughed right merrily, as he looked at the solemn face
Of the lovely child who looked at ham, and thought for a little space:
Then kisped the tiny lips that spake, and said, "I warcely know,
Yet stop again, now sure am $I$, there's nothing whiter than snow.
Ah' then the maiden looked at bim. her blue eyes moist nith dew,
As she sadly sall, " 0 Prince, 1 thought your Royal Ifighni ks knew
But since vonkay you do not know, l'll tell vou what I know-
The blood of Jests Christ can wash you whiter
than the snow!"
What wan it made the Prince turn pale, and brush the tear away ?
vision came before his eyea of the dreadful julgment day.
Where four-anditiwenty elders stand, and praise God's holy Son,
and countless hosts with robe of white, but he alone has none.
Give praise to God, 0 all yo hote! for the lispina lambs who knov
The blood of Jesun Christ can wash them whiter than the now.
xcept ye he fi
come to Me;"
Then teach us, Lord, that we may be as a little child should be.
Tononto. Feb. 28th, 1888.
T' 9 Earl of Bhaftenbury, E.G.
Nu betrer evidence can be afforded of the respect which the English people entertain for the Earl of Shattesbury, whome portrait we give, than the fact that the London Spectator, whose religious opinions are far from agreeing with those of Lord Shaftembury, and whose political inclinations have no leaning toward a Republic, remarked not long since that, if it ever became advisable to abandon the monarchy and set up a republic, Iord Bhaftesbury would run any second candidate for the presidency very hard.

Nor has Lord shafteabury won his deserved popularity among all ciassep, and especially among the workingmen, by any species of demagogism, or by any base appals to clas prejudives or cluss interests.

He is in truth a Cbristian statesman in the best sense of thut term, and his wide-spread popularity proves that riches and honour are with true wisdom now ta well as in the days of Bolomon, and that godlines han no lens to-day, than in the days of the aposties, the promise of thim life an well as the life to come.

Anthony Aehloy-Cooper, K.G., is the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, and a baronet. He is Lord-Lieutenant of Dorsethire. He was born April 28, 1801, succeeded his father in 1851 ; wan educated at Harrow and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took fistclas in clascion, and was mado D.C.I., in 1841.

A Lundred yeart ago England was a conntry chiefly of rural induntries, and, except Loadon, there were few
great towns. The immense devclopinent of cotion and other mannmetures caused a complete social revolution. Villages grew into towns, and towns into cities. The temptations of urban life, and the precarious nature of much of the employment to be found there, fostered a spirit of recklessness and improvidence which is rarely, if ever, found in agricultural communition; and the result was that a vast population grew up steeped in poverty, misery, and ignorance. Everylody in acquainted with what in familiarly termed "a rough," and the "rough" is the product of a state of society which, in its feverish desire to grow rich, has neglected to care for the bodies, and minde, and souls of those by whose labour its riches have been acquired. It is Lord Shaftesburg's great merit that his Christianity has been of a thoroughly practical type. Instead of contenting himselt with bewailing the existence of this perilous state of things, be st himself resolutely to try and effect a cure, and he has worked chiefly by two jostruments, namely, by legislative enactmenta and by society organization. With regard to the former clase of reform, he has always acted on the principle that self-interest is not a sutficient safeguard againat tyranny and oppression. Self-interoat ought to prevent the carman from beating and atarving hil horne, or the factory owner from overworking the women and childion in his employ; and so it would, if it were self-interest of a high and onlightened quality; but, unfortunatoly, with many parsons, melfinterest is only another term for the gromest melfishness. Lord Shaftesbury clearly perceived, especially in the onse of the young and the freble, that the law must intervene between the master and the servant. This principle led him, in his younger days, as Lord Ashley, to advocate the abolition of boy chimney-sweeping, as it leads him in the present session of Parlianar $t$ to endeavour to restrain the emplignent of young children by circuses and ahows in dangerous feats of agility. The rame principle induced him to support the Ten Hours' Bill, and be declined to join Sir Robert Peel's ministry in 1841, because that statesman refused to lend his aid to the measure.
But Lord Shaftesbury is still more diatinguished by the reforme which he has effected through society organizations. He saw, for example, crowds of neglected children playing about the streets. They ought to be at sohool, the moralist would say. But decently dressed children will refuse to sit on the same benches with these shabby, unkempt creatures. What was Lord Shaftesbury's practical inforence! Start Ragged Schools; and after awhile the thing was dowe. To the school honest employment was added, for these poor lade are almont all anxious to wolk, if they can get work; and, as lord Shaftesbury obnerved that all the old shoe-blacks had died out, and that no one had taken their places, he determined to organize a shoe-black brigade, and a very useful body they are.
In brief, wherever there is a worthy work to be done, a poverty-stricken, miserable clans to be raised into 00 m . fort and Christianity, Lord Shafteebury'a name and aid are aure to be given. Nor need wedwell here on the more purely religious organizationa, such an the Bible Society, the Pastoral Aid Society, and the \&ociety for the

Lord Shafterburv is prominently connected; it is sufficient to observe that the shallow reproach which blames men for ministering to the wants of futeign heathendom while neglecting home misery, is utterly inapplicable in this case, for while his hand is stretched as far as the South seas, his ear is always open to the complaints of the poor of London.

## Havelock at Lucknow.

## by hezegiah butterworth.

We read of the wonderful things that were wrought by prayer among God's ancient people. There is powet in faith now as there was then, though it may not be made manifest by the same means and in the rame way. God's promises remain unchanged, and they who rely upon his word still find it firm and unfailing.

> Put thon thy trust in God, In duty'i path po on ; Fix on his word thy steadfast So shall thy work be doue.

It was an hour of anxiety and horror in the English residency at Luck-now-the sun had gone down; the sombre shadows had gradually hid the cupolan, minarits, and palaces; the starn hung low, like flumes, in the deepening gloom of the Indian night. All through the long summer the garrimon in the Reaidency had been bosieged by the mutinous Sepoys; sickness had wasted the soldiers; famine threatened them, and if the Englinh army that had been fighting ita way into the heart of India should fail to relieve them in time, the death of every reaident was aure.
There were praying women in the Resideucy, nothers schooled in the faith of Scottish kirk, who, day by day and hour by hour, through all the montha of trial, had looked to God for help.

Summer had died out of the eky, and the burning gold of autumn cast its shadowy sheen over the airy palaces, winged zenanas, billowy domes, and fluted minarets of the central Indian city. Ferer had come with the antumn, and the stores in the Residency were insufficient for a protracted siege.

The English body of relief under Havelock-a mall body of men as compared with the enemy-was appromohing from Cawnpore. Under the feathery palma of the Ganges, over the hot mands of the Oude, threading long jungles, in every bush of which seemed to luik a murderous foe-it had fought ite way to the Alum Bagh, a position overlooking Lucknow, amid whose sharp minarets and glimmering domes the Residency was hid.

The garrison was in extreme peril When the army of relief reached the Alum Bagh, but a pious company of men, women, and children continually prayed to God, and were sustained by faith of deliverance through prayer. An officer one day said to one of these, a pious old Scottish mother, who had been sohooled in the ancient faith of the covenanters:

Fifty thoumand Sepoye are massing themselves for the defence of Lucknow. If the army of Havelock is driven back we nhall all perinh."
"I will say of the Lord," annwered the woman with sublime faith, " He is my refuge and fortreat, in Him will I truct."

Shortly after ine wam told that the
"Surely," she answered, "He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the winmome peatileuce. He shall cover thee with $\mathrm{H}_{1 s}$ trathers, and under His wings whalt thou trust."

As it became eviaent that the army of reliet intended to reinforce the Rexidency, the city became more and mote tumultuons, and the nighte wild and fearful. But in these perilous hours the old Scuttish company cheered the praying compuny with God'e strong promines:
"Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."
While prayers were continually made in the Residency for deliverance, the commander of the army of relief was as confidently relying for succean on the strength of God. He had learned to pray in boyhood, and had been accustomed to hold religiouy meetings with his intimate companions in his sleeping rooms at school. He consecrated his life to God in early manhood, while crossing the ocean to India, and had lreen brought into sweet communion with heaven, in a warm and wonderful experience. Before overy battle he called upon God, and returned thanks to God after victory. "Trust in God and pray for us," he wrote to his friends nt home, as the army began to move from Cawnjore; "the ohancer of war are heary at this orisin-thank God for my hope in the Saviour," be wrote as lie penetrated the Kingdom of Oude. Such was Havelock, the Christian soldier, as he marched on to victory, against human probabilitien of success.

What an intereating spectaclepraying garrison and a praying general marching to its relief; and between them the strong city, defended by the finest army and the most military of all the Indian races.

Huvelock determined to reinforce the Residency under the cover of the night. To do this be must lead the column of reliaf through the very streets of Lucknow, and the march would be one of fire and death.

His heart was uplifted to God in prayer, and in this confidence he gave the order to the troops to advance. From every house-top the awarming enemy prored volley after volley of shot upon them, and the palaoen, as the soldiers swept rast them, streamed fire. All the awift way was stained with blood, and was strewn with the lodies of the mangled and the dead.

Victory crowned that march of faith. The red starn died out of the watery fringes of the morning twilight, and the rising of the fine Indian sun revenled the miracle that night's work had wrought. The praying hero, nafe within the walls of the Renidency, stood amid the praying company. He looked upon the accompliahment as the Providence of Gorl. He felt that there was in it more than he himself would ever have been able to have performed, and the full experience of his heart found vent in the wordn of the ancient conqueror, whone victorien were wrought by faith, "Not unto ua, 0 Lo.d, not unto us, but unto Thy name, give glory !"-Religioue Intalligenoer.

Trachers! Strive to enliat yoar scholars in a loyal and loving support scholars in a lo
of your pustor.

## Rock of Agen.

Row of $A_{k} x$, cleft for men."
Thonghthesty the manden sung ; Foll the wom it meonse ionisly Fiour har a . lish, galele'es tongue sung ay littlac childten silng sung ay fithe as sing the linils bin'Jume; Fell the wordx ay light leavey down In the enrrent of the theneRowk of Ages, elrft tot mo, Fart me hide mywelf in Thre. Jelit het somil no nued to hide: Anil whe has no thought beside. All the words unheedingly Fell fiom lipm untonched by care, D, "aning not they earh might be On nome other lipis a prayerlock hide mymelf in Thee.

Rock of Agen, cleft for me, "Twas a woman sung thein now, Sung them slow and weasils Wan hand on her aching hrow, Ruge the song as storm-tossed bind Bents with weary wing the air
cuely note with norrow ntil red, Vevy note with norrow stilite
Every aylable a paycr-Rvery ayllable a piayer--
Romk of Ages, cleft fur mo, let me hide mynelf in Theo.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me," lips grown nged sung the hymn, Trustingly and tenderly
Voiro grown weak and eyes grown dim -
Let me hide myself in "Thee."
Trembling though, the voice and low, lan tho aweet strain pracofully Like a river in its flow.
Gung as only they can sing
Who life's thorny paths have prossed Sung as only they can sing Who behold the promised rest" Rock of Agen, cleft for me, Let me hide myaclf in Thee.

Rock of Ages, cloft for mo," Sung ahove a coffin lid,
Underneath all resthallv,
All lifo's joy and sorrow hid.
All lifo's joy and sorrow hid.
Nover more, O storm-tosed soul
Nover more, $\mathbf{O}$ storm-tossed soll!
Never more frum wind and tide,
Never more frum wind antl
Never more from billows roll
Never more from hillown roll
Wilt thon ever need to hide?
Wilt thon ever need to hide f
Could the aightless, sunken eyes,
Closed heneath the soft, white huir Closed beneath the soft, white h
Could the mute and stiffued lips Move again in plrading piayer, "till, aye, still, the words would be"Let me hide mysolf in Thee."

## A Night with Monlem Women.

As intereating account, illustrating the character of Moslem wonen it: Syrin, is given by Miss Rogers, sister of the British consul at Damancus. Travelling in Palentine with her brother, she was obliged one night near Nablous to sloep in the same room with the wives of the governor of Arrabeh.
"When I began to undress the women watched, me with curiosity; and when I put on my night gown they were exceedingly astonished and exclaimed, 'Where are yon going? Why is your drese white 1 ' They made no change for aleoping, and there they were, in their bright-ooloured clothes, ready for bed in a minute. But they stood around me till I naid good night, and then all kissed me, wishing me good dreame. Then I knelt down, and presently, without speaking to them again, got into bed, and turned my face to the wall, thinking over the strange day I had apent. 1 tried to oompose myself to sleep, though I heard the women whipering together.

When my head had rested about five minuten on the moft red-silk pillow, I felt a hand stroking my forehead, and heard a voioe saj ing very gently, 'Ya habibi,' that is, ' 0 beloved.' But I would not anawor directly, as I did not wish to bo roused unnecessarily. waited a little and my face was touched again. I falt a kise on my forehead, and voioo mid, 'Miriam, apent to

II4; spenk, Miriam, darling.' 1 could not resint any longer, mo I curned round and anw Helweh, Saleh Bok's prattient wife, leaning over me. I said, ' What is it, sweetnesp? What can I do for you, swoptness! what can I do for yon?' She answered, 'What did you do just now when you knelt down and coverd your face with your hands 1' I ant up, and anid very nolemnly, 'I spoke to God, Helweh.' 'Whint did you way to Him ?' said Hel weh. ruplienl, 'I wish to sleep. God never slecpr. I have asked Him to watch over me, and that I may fall aslerp remembering that he nevar sle ps , and wake up remembering His presence. I ani very weak. Uod is all p cful. I liave asked Him to atrengthen an with His strength.'

Hy thin time all the ladies were sitting round $m e$ on the bed, and the slaves came and atood near. I told them I did not know their lnnguage well enough to explain to them all I thought and sain. But as I had learned the Lord's Prayer by beart in Arabic, I reperted it to them sentence by sentence slowly. When I began, 'Our Father, which art in heaven,' Helweh directly naid,' 'You told me your father was in London.' I replied, 'I have troofathere, Helweh; one in London, who does not know that I am here, and who can not know till I write and tell him, and a heavenly Father, who in here now, who in with mealwayn, and who sees and hears. He is your Futher also. He teaches us to know good from evil, if we liston to 11 im and obey Him.' For a moment there was perfect silence, as if they felt they were in the presence of nome unseen power. Then Helweh said, "What more did you say ' ${ }^{\prime}$ I continued the Lord's Prayer, and when I came to the words; ' Give us this day our daily bread,' they said, 'Can not you make bread for yourselfl' The passage, 'Forgive us our trespasbes as we forgive those that trespass aguinat us, is particularly
forcible in the Arabic language; and one of the elder wonuen, who was severe and relentle ss-looking, said, 'Are you obliged to say that every day 9 ' as if she thought that sometimes it would be difficulc to do so. They said, 'Are you a Monlem 9' I said, 'I am not oalled a Moslem. But I nm your sister, made hy the same God, the God of all, my Father and your Futher.' They asked if I knew the Koran, and were surpised to hear that I had read it. Thoy huncled a ro-ary, to me, caying 'Do you know that ?' I repeated a few of the most striking and comprehensive attributes very carefully and slowly.
Then they oried out ' Mashallah, the English girl is a true boliever ;' and the impressionable A hyssinian slave.girls said with one accord, "She is indeed an angel.' Moslems-men and womenhave the name of Allah constantly on their lips; but it seems to have beoone a mere form. This may explain why they were so startled when I said, I if she had only said ' I was maying mg prayers,' or 'I was at my devotions, it would not have impressed them.
Next morning on waking, Mise Rngers found that the women from the neightourhood had come in to hear the English girl speak to God; and Helweh maid, ' Now, Miriam, darling, will
you speak to God sion, she asked them if they would may amon; and after a moment of heaitation they cried out 'Amen! Amen!' Then one maid, 'Speak again, my
danghter, speak about the bread.' So she repeated the Loid's Prayer with explanations. When she left they
crowded around uffectionately, naying. - Return again, O Miriam, beloved !' - Domestic Lije in Palestine.

## "Voices from the Primon."

Tus Sherbourne Street Methodist Church was crowded on the occasion o a lecture on "Voices from the Prison," by Rev. Dr. Starles, Chaplain of Auburn Prisom N. Y. Mr. Searles commenced his lecture by giving sta-
tistics relathg to U. S. Prisons. He tistics relathg to U. 8. Prisons, He United States. In theme prisons there were 40,000 prisoner. in an average all the time. In Step. a isons, houses of correction, and al cush institutions, there were about 400,000 , or about one for every other family in the Union. In the Auburn Prison there were now nine hundred prisoners. About five years ago there were 1,400 . He ac counted for the falling off by the iact that factory owners and other omployers were now not so prejudiced to exconvicts as formerly. The lecturer spoke of the plan in vogue in the State Primons of rewarding good conduct. By this rule a prisoner, on his good behaviour, might wave sufficient time on a ted-year sentence to get liberated at the end of six yearn and six months. This rule, it had been found, was better to reform men than all the whipping posts and other forms of punishment that could be devised. There were, he maid, three great csusen of crime-idleness, licentiousness, and intemperance. After discoursing forcibly on the first of theee causes, he briefly referred to the second, and said the third cause could only be allayed by pubtic sentiment. He did not cake any side in the Irish troubles, but he wished to state that it was not the land taxes that made Ireland poor. She only paid eleven million pounds sterling a year in taxes, and thirteen million pounds aterling every year went for liquor. At the time of the war, when the President called for 500,000 more men, it was thought a great number, but during the past twenty years nince the war the country had nent that number in:o drunkards' gravel.

## His Last Oigar.

Mr. Goodfellow is a well-known S. S. superintendentin a fourishing city in one of our prairie states. He is head und front of the temperance move ment in his town, and an uncompromising enemy of tobacco; neverthelens, within the menory of many living witnesmen, he used to love a good cigar as well as any one. He tells how he was finuily cured:
"On leaving my office one evening. in accord wich my uaual custom, I lighted a fragrant cigar, which I proposed to enjoy on my homeward way. I had adranced but a few steps, when I asw, sitting on a curb, pufing away at the stump of a villainous cigar, a youngster whom I recognized as a member of my Sunday School. A quick disgust fillod my soul, and words of reproof rose to my lipa; but how oould I uttor them with the weed between my teath I The disability was not nearly so apparent in its phytioal as ia its moral aspect. Oleurly the cigar must be gotton from sight, or my lips remain maled and the boy loft to fullow
the bent of his evil inclination, and donbitles becomo the victim of a pernicious habit. Quick an thought I whipped the cigar from my mouth and held it behind my back, while I ad ministered a merited reproof and timely warning. The boy threw away his stump and promised not, to try ano her, and I backed around the corner fearing to turn lest my owm sin should find me int, and my influence be destroyed. When fairly out of aight, I threw miy cigar into the gutter, in wardly vowing before God never again to touch the weed, and I never have."
How many fathers are ready to make like nacrifice for the sake of their sons 1 How many teachers, that they may consistently warn their pupils of evile likely to follow in the wake of this habit. How many pastore that they might present themselves undefiled in the night of the youths of their charges, pad lead them in the way of purity and true temperance:-Church and IIome.

## Take Heed How Io Boad.

Exphasizs the word how. There are wayn and ways of reading. One way may be much better than another.
For instance, the other day an intelligent girl was reading to hermelf. Her father asked hor to read aloud. She hegan where she was already engaged. It happened to be a very entertaining and instructive collection of instances in which useful inventions had been come upon by curious acxidents. When the young reader had finished ber piece, her fasher asked her to tell him what she had just read. He was not surprised that she found herself unable to do so. She had read, had, perhaps, formed the habit of reading, simply to amuse herself for the moment. She had not read to remember, much less to report. No doubt what she read would have made some impreasion on her mind. She would have retained the general idea that happy chancea were often the ocoasion of 'ruitful discoveries. She would very likely, besides, have derived the practical hint to be on the lookout for auch chancee in her own future experience. Both thene results of the reading would have been useful.
But she might just as well have added another result that in fact she missed. Sho might have read so as to furnish hermelf with material for interesting conversation on subsequent oc casions of her life. It only needed the thought in her mind: Let me notice now this incident, and to take it into my understanding and my memary that I shall be able to report it to some one when a suggestive opportunity arises. Such a habit of reading may easily be cultivated. The same habit may be extended, and should bo, to hearing and to observation. One really gets more himself when one gets to give.
Let parents see to this. Let teachers, too. A grod plan is to make the table at meal times a place for the mutual reporting of things thus learned by the varions members of the family. The art of conversation is cultivated in this way as well, perhaps, as in any other. At any rate, tank yoursolves when you read to read so as to remember and report. You will be delighted to and how eacily this habit oan be formed, nod what a source of profit and pleasure to yourmolves and to others it may be 1 made.-S. S. Jowrnah.
"She Hath Done What she Could."

## And she that turrod at home di' hed <br> the spoth

I coren ot do the watk the reapers dal. corb bt do the ank the rexpers dad,
Or bind the pohlen theaves that thuckly fell, But 1 could follow by the Master's side,
Watching the marred Face I loved so well.
Right in my path land many a mpmed ear
Which I would stoop and gather joyfully, I did not know the Muster placed the $n$ there,
"Handfuls of purpose" that He le
I could not cast the heavy fisher ner
I had not stiength or wisiom for the task, So on the sun-lit satids, with spray drops wet I sat, while earnest prajers rose chick and fast
I ploaded for the Master's blessing, wherd My bre thren toiled upon the wide world ata Or ever that I knew, lis smile so fair Shone, beaming sheet encouragement on me
I could not join the glorious anldier band, I nevor heard their thrilling battle-ery The work allotted by the Master's hand Kcit me at home, while others went to die And yel, when victory crowned the struggie long
And spoils were homeward brought, both rich and rare,
He let me help to chant the triumph song,
And bade me in the gold and jewe's share.
Oh, Master dear! the tiniest work for Theo Finds recompens3 beyond our higheat thought,
And feeble hands that workei hut tremblingly, The richest colours in Thy Fabric wrought. We are content to take what Thou shalt give, To do, or suffer, at Thy choice shall be;
To do, or suffer, a Thy choice shal be Glad in the thought that wo are pleaning Thee!

- Eves Travers Poole.


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## Whame \& Sthoul:

Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D. - Editor.

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## Misaionary Motes.

Letter from the Riv. Samusl. Snowdon, doted Flat Islands, Neuf fundland, Nov. 1 sth, 1888.
Tere following extracte from the joarnal of this brother will show the heroic character of the misuion work in Newfeundland:

Oct. 11th.-Ieft Sound Island, the wind blowing atrong breezo, which inoreamed well-nigh to agale. After getting out into the Bay we had to run with no canvas, only foresail ; at length we anchored noder aliff, and after toming about for some hours we left our ponition under the cliff, and with a reefed mainmail and jib wo got into Brewley, dreached, cold, and wet. Here wo have tivo Wealeyan familiea. I preached at 8 p.m., and hold a ahort
prayer meeting. The service savoured of a revival atmosphere.

12th.-Irft Brewley, fuir wind and a bealutiful time, which made up somewhat for the storm and roughners of yesterday. Arifed at Mount Buffett, a Church mettlement, early in the day preached at night, only two present besides the family who entertained me. Bigotry is the order of the day in this place, the Church minister using all his influence to prevent bis flock hearing the Methodist minister.

13th.-Remained at Mount Buffett. It seems that some years ago about twenty persons built a very respectable place of worship, with the understanding that. it might be used by any minister who visited Mount Buffett. Said building ham been atanding for years and never opened. I aucceeded, however, in opening the building for the worship of God. It is capable of reating 300 prople. Having preached the first sermon ever preached in the building, and to a very respectable congregation, I ended the day with "Ebenezer" inscribed upor our bannera.

## the sabrath.

Proached at Sound Island murning and night; visited the Sabbath School and gave tickets to a class. It was a day of hard work, but one of invigoration and cheer.

## "Hallolujah! what a Saviour."

1 find a great field for missionary effort. We have open doors in places we have been unable to visit, and much more time is needed in each place. Our cause is winning its widening way, and the pernecution we have to pass through is only a healthy tonic and a most excellent elixir.

Financially the Misaion is in a more deplorable state than last year. I have made every effort to raine my amomment. I have gone from house to house repeatedly, with a spring balance, and aftor unremitting toil, exposure to hardship and dangers, I bave only nucceeded in raising $\$ 110$. It in now weven years aince I raised my ascensment, and 1 feel the financial depresaion mont keenly this year. Starvation neom looming up in the distance, and I am told there are maven familien here now with abmolutely nothing. Inatead of getting our assensment, our house has been a begging resort ever aince lant November-yen, all the pant summer through-and how we are to face the winter with present gloomy surroundings I do not know. Over fifty familiem have given us nothing, and have not the barent neocssarien for the winter. The poverty of the Itsland in aomething fearful in the face of a long winter, and any ayitation of mind concerning the consequences increasen. Food and clothing wo have given, and I can moe no pumibility to endure the atrain of anocher winter. I hope to hear from you soon; in the meantime I would inscribe upon our bannere, "Faint, yet furnuing."

From Battle River, N. W. T., the Rov. E. B. Glase writen:-"I started a sabbath-school for children, young men, and women. The cohool is atill going on, and in held in the Mission Houme. I can now explain a great many thinge to the children in their own language, which in not very diffcult to learn. The wintor oveninga I apent over Lacombo's French Diction. ary and Grammar in the Cree language.

This is an invaluable hook to us, for without it 1 could have done very little in tho absence of any one whatever to give information in Engliah. I tifed the syllabio characters invented by the devoted Evans, but though serviceable to any one who has the Clet worda upon his tongue, it is not the least guide to one studying the language.
"Next Sabbath I am to commence services in the chief's house, and hope to continue them without in interpreter. The chief, Sampron, reads in Cree, the Indians ull sing in Cree, in which I can join them, and I shall say what I can to them from time to time, trusting and praying to God, that soon I many have little trouble in talking to them freely.
"It is often more than I can do to feed myself and wife; for Edmonton is sixly miles away, and in building the house I could not get the supplies to last over a month at a time.
"Our hands are full of work,-and that of every kind for these Indiacs for their intellects, their souls, their morals, and their bodien. I feel there is no work superior to this work, no matter what notions or beliefs certain people may have about it. May we ever be as little influenced as now, by the curse which the Indian Miasions in Ontario have to fight againat-whiskey!"

From St. Clair Mission, the Rev. A. Milliken writes:-"Our Sabbath. school has prospered. The young penple as well as the children have attended well; the Sunday-echool papers have interouted them very much. We iqlieve the use of the uniform lomsons hat done our scholars good. Our teach " and his wife, with some of the young peuple, memist in our Sundaysohool work."

Lives of Illustrious Shoomakers. By William Edward WinkE. In Stand. ard Library. Price 25 centa. Funk \& Wagnalls, $10 \& 12$ Ley St., Now York. Wm. Brigge, Toronto, sole agent for the Dominion of Funk \& Wagnall's publications.
Thir in a mont interenting book, writion in a very popular atyle. Mr. Winks has writter. what everybody will love to read. The sicemakers of England have already been remarkable for two things: first, they have always been in advanor of other tradenpeople in their love for religious and political freedom. In all movements in England for progress they have atood together an one man. It in maid that when Fergus O'Connor, an Iriah M. P., presented his monater petition in 1849, in favour of Cbartiam, to the Britinh House of Commona, there was not a oobbler in Great Britain who had not signed it, although to be identifiod with the Chariata was at that time connidered both dangeroun, and diagraceful. The shoemakere of England have alvo been remarkable for their intelligence, humour, love of honenty, and their hatred of all affoctation and ahama. From their ranke have sprung, more than from any other clans of tradespeople, men of great power and influenoe. The great Wealeyan Methodiat denomination owes more to the cobblers of England than any othor clana. Mr. Winks tells womo exciting atorion of eome of

them. Of "Sarnmy" Bradburn he might have added this anecdote, which shows the humour of the unan. When "Sammy" was elected to the hightst office in the denomination, President of the Cunference, he wrote on a slip of paper, as he sat in the Chair:

- Exalted to dignity $I$, in the midat of this wonderful crew,
No longer a colbler am I, therefore I'd have you beware what you do ;
Mv lants 1 have now laid aside, no longer make or mend shoes,
And like leather I'll cut up your hides if you dare my high office abus.'

We are glad to learn that the new 12 mo serien of the Standard Library is proving very successful. The demand for the fur books has reached the following figures: Hood's "Life of Cromwoll," 25,000; Williams" "Science in Bhort 'Ohspters," 20,000; Haweis' "American Humourists," 20,000 ; und for Wink'm "Lives of Illustrious Shcemalkers," our advance ordere were over 15,000 .

The demand for the library proves. that other booke may be made as pop. ular with the massen as works of fiction.

## Eook-8winging in India

The Hindoos, like other beathen people, have devised various means by which they expect to obtain the favour of their gods Some swing on great hookn, which are paswod through the tender parts of their backa. Sometimen they wwing for half an hour or more. The longer they cun bear the torture of swinging, the more acceptablo they suppose it will bo to their god or goddeas, espreially to Kali, who dolights in witnesoing painful acta and the shedding of blood. It oconsionally huppens that the flesh in which the hooks are fastened gives way, in which oaso the poor crenture is dashed to the ground. Should wo not try to enlighten the darknem of theme poor heathen, and show them a more excel lent was of warving God?

Whateves other lemen a moholar may slight, he is mure to study olosely the character and apirit of his tencher A temchor tesohes lo by what he says than by what he is. As a preacher recently expremed this truth ooncorning the power of the lifo, rathor than the letter: "The liven of good men, and not the librarien of theologiams, are the convincing power in this world."S. S. Times.

and I've got a new one, a clean one, in its place," replied the young man ournestly.

The foreman flushed, frowned, and departed.

Zake wiped the sweat from his brow and turned to his work. It was no easy tank for him to acknowledge his penitence for the past and his strivings for the right, but he was glad that he had done it.
"Look here, Zeke," naid "old Tom," a fel-low-workman, "there's some grind, some joke in this. You bain't really turned pious, have yer 1 I mean, honest pious, you know."
"I have certainly, Tom, as far us really meaning it goem. 1 am trying with all my might to be a Christian."
"I'll bet a case of lager that you will swear before night, and will be chewing inside of an week," was the old man's comment.
"O, I bope not!" excluimed Zeke, an almont despairing look coming over his face.
"Hope not! Why don't you say: 'It
shan't be mof'" maid his companion.

## Indian Frakirn.

The Falcirs are a sort of Indian monks-they take vow of poverty, perform severe penances, and are often extremely filthy, never washing their bodies. Thus they are supposed by the common people to become very holy, and live in the odour of sanctity-an odour, however, very offensive to civilized nostrils. There are over a million Fukirs in India, a set of idle vagabonds, living upon the alms of the people. Some go quite unciothed, others wear very little clothing. Some of their penancen are very severe. "Some remain bent forward in the form of a right angle until they grow permanently into that shape. Othere lay fire on their heads till their scalps are burned to the boase. Sometimes a Fukir ties his wrists to his ankles, has his back plastered with filth, and then maken a journey of hundreds of miles, rolling along like a cart-wheel, and stopping at the villagea for rest and food." The old fellow in the picture han worn for yearn the iron collar which you see, which prevents him from ever lying down.

## Frot Anhamed of It.

by henty clemens peabmon.
"ZeEx, why don't you swear $q$ " inquired the foreman an ha paused a moment before the table of the "handy man" of the mill.
"Well," replied Zeke, "to toll the truth, I've given up awearing."
"Where is your tobacco-bux ${ }^{\text {" }}$ "
"I've given up chewing," continued the other in the aame tone.
"Anything elso that you've given up!" was the laughing iuquiry.
"Yea, sir, l've given up a heart os black and minstained as over man had,
oompany, if you don't olject," said Ton wistfully. "I ain't much on such thinge, but I've longed for somethin' of thin sort for many a year."
As they shook hands in parting the foreman mail?, -
"Now, boys, let's always be honemt about this let folks know that we have to atruggle, that we liave to fight to hold our own, and that we are not ashamed of it."

## Overcomoth.

To him that overcometh,
O word divinely stong
Tho grand imniortal song.
And his the hidden manna,
Within whose whiteness shinen the name Revealed to him nlone.

## To him that overcometh,- <br> Ah, what of bitter strife

Before he win the battle's gage
And snatch the crown of hife!
What gleam of flashing oyes, What atern debate with haughty foos, Must be before the prize.

To him that overcometh, Shall trials, aye, befall, The World, the Flesh, the Dovil, Sweet sirons of temptation May lure with silvern strain, And sope he must with subtle foon, And blanch 'neath fiery pain.

To him that overcometh, A mighty help is pledged, He wields a sword of purest mould, By use of cycles edgod. And prophetn and confessora, A matchless valiant band. Have vanquished earth, and stormed [skis, With that triumphant brand.

To him that overcometh,
The Lord himself who died for him Will evermore be near.
Here, dust upon his garments,
There, robes thist royal be, For, "On my throne," the King [said, "Mine own thall ait with me."
To him that overcometh,
0 word divincly strong!
It weares itself through weary hours Like some rejoicing song.
For his the hidden manna,
And hin the name unknown,
Which Christ tho Lord one day of day: Will tell to him alone.
-Margaret E. Sangster, in S. S. Times.

## The Home in the Churoh.

To very many of our young Christian peoplo and Sunday-mehool pupila the Church must furniah home.like affeotion and entertainment. If the pastor and Sunday-achool teacher were to inquire into the home opportunitien of their scholars, thay would be surprised to find how fow of them enjoy theee advantagen ; how few have pleasant parlore, good light, good booke, good paporm, good companionohip, rational ontortainment for an hour in the ovening. These eloment lacking in the place they call home, whether thoy are housen thoir parenta live in, or board-ing-houses in which they eat or sleep, it is imperative that the church, which would guard and cultivato young Christiang, ehould provide momething whioh shall be a substitute for the bent bome advantages.

The church ehould have a room, or ruoms, devoted to mocial and literary purponem. Thie room should be lighted up overy sight. It ahould be committod to the cure of nome divareet pernon, tho would azecute the lavi enacted by Who nould executs the lavisenacted by the truateen for prewerving onder and
insuring propriety of deportment. The leading roligious papers and the beat
secular papers of the day ahould be there on tile. The bent roagazines, religious and literary, should he acceasible. The heat and latest books should find place on the ahelven of such a houre library. Conversation may at a given hour be encouraged, and young peopia be made to feel that when the parlor of their boarding-bouse is already pre occupied by card-players, lond talkers, and people with whom they have little nympathy, or when their bedrooms are cold and uninviting, they may find warmth, light, welcome and opportu nity under the roof of the church, which is to them home and refuge.

It may be anid that the Young Men's Christian Asmociation aims to do this very work. The Y. M. C. A. is, in many placen, doing noble wervice in behalf of $\alpha$ large number of young people who are houselem, homeless, and churchless. But each church should itnelf, for its own, make these provisions. No Y.M. C. A. can accommodate a tithe of all the people in a entomunity who need such ministries. Persons attracted to the Y. M. C. A. room are to that extent alienated frum their own church, and if we would conserve a wholesome and increasing loyalty to the Church on the part of our young converta, we must make such provisions as theme for them.-S. S. Journal.

## "Those Little Ones.'

The missionary spirit is spreading, and one of the most hopeful " aigns of the times" is the marked growth of interest among the children of the Church. We mentioned some time ago what had been done by four little girls in Cobourg, and now we hear of a similur movement in Orillia. The Rev. S. P. Rose writes an follows:
"Four or five little girls, belonging to our congiegnition here, touched by the story of the need for the "Croshy Home," which they heard from Mr. Crosby'm lips when here, and of which they read in the Guardian and Outlook, determined to aid in the good work. They accordingly projected and carried into expcution an entertainment in the School Room, inviting their frienda to attend, and charging them a nominal admimion fee of five centr. The enclowed P. O. order for aix dollars and thirty centr, is the amount realized. The thought was their own, the work was done by them, and to them belonga the credit. I am sure the evidence of the growth of the misainnary apirit indionted by their labours will be more wolcome to you than the amount rocoived. Small as it is, permit me to amure you it in the outcome of muoh unsalfish effort on the part of our young friends, all of whom are willing to be known as little girin."

Well done, little girls ! You have mude a good beginning. When you have taken breath a little, try again, and don't forget to pray for the Indian girle jou are trying to help. Let the children organise everywhere-Out look.

Notrima is more senzelems than to ay that there in no matorial for a first clam library for the Sunday echool. There are books innumerable, that are in overy way attractive and profitable for young and old, boye and girla, pupile and teachers. By the way, it in a mintake not to have a good supply of booka specially adapted to the teachers for, if the teechers do not patronise the library, there in danger that the papils will not.

Ohriat My All.
In the hour when guilt assails me, And ny long, long sins appal, Then I liaste to the ForgiverOn His grachus name I call. There I that the heavenly fuinessChrist my righteousness, my all ' There If find diviue completenessClurıst my cleanaer, Clirist my all

In the dar when earth attracta me, When its pleasures would enthral When its loveliness would bind me, And to ereature-love recall,
Then 1 turn to brighter beautyClirist my plory, and my all ! Then I turn to fairer aplendour Christ my treasuro, and my all

In the night when sorrow clouds me, And the burning tear-drops lall, Then I look for one to wipe them On His cinngelens name I call. Then I sing the song of patience Cbriot my brother, and my all! And I reat ujon His bosom, Chriat my molace, and my all !

In the day when aickness weakens, And life's solemn shadows fall. And the deathbed curtains warn m Of my coming funeral,
Then I think of resurrection,
Then I think of resurrection,
Christ my life, my hoalth, my all Then I think of incorruption, Christ my overlating all

In the day when the immortal Shall fling of this mortal thrall, Putting on all the perfection Putting on all the perfect
Still my song, when standing yonder,
Still my song, When standing yonde
Shall he, Christ my joy, my all !
Still my song of resurrection Shall be, Chrint my all in all

In the land of promised glory, In the land of featival
Day of marriage and of triumph, In the angel-crowded hall, Chis shall ever be my burdenChrist my glory, and my all! This shall ever be my anthemChriat my bridegroon, and my all !

## Loat Boya.

Ale the world has heard of the loss of little Charlie Roms, and all the world hat mympathized with the heart-broken parents in their fruitleas, and now hopelens, quest.

But, while the wealth of Charlie's family, and their ext:mordinary effortu and lavish expenditure to mecure the recovery of their wolen treasure, gave to the ouse eapecial intereat and unusual publicity, it wal prewontly discovered that a great many other boyn were lott, benides the little Philadelphia lad. And, an one after another of theme waifs were discovered, poor Mr. Rows wal fairly deluged with tantalixing despatches from all parts of the continent, desiring his premence with a riow to the identificution of his boy, if haply some one of this multitude of uncluimed boys might prove to be the very one he had loat. Noboaiy ever suapected before how many boys there were astray.

In oldon times, in country towns, when a boy was lost, the town crier, with bell in hand, and much ado walked up and down the atreets, and though and through the town, and made public proclamation of the fact. And now, in ous great citios, when a like oalamity occurs, the tidings are flushed to every police ntation; and all the foroe il charged to make diligent inquisition for that hoy.
Not long ago at a Sundey-school memion at which the writer wat prement, the superintendent gravely announced that about a dosen hoyn had been "lont ovor ainee our pionic." They had come in junt before the pienic; they went with the sochool upon the pienio ; but
sight or a sound of them. They were new boys, and not much acquainted, and, perhaps, had get lost upon that account. Whether they had beent hit on the pienie grounds; or been drowned all in a bunch, while out on a boating excursion that day ; or whether, leing bad boys, as divers other boys alleged hisey were, some she-bears had come ont If the woods and levouted them-nobudy seemed to know or care. The supeintendent made proclamation of the matter, and proposed a search. It was a little late, to be sure, for a month had elapsed since their loss ; but still we hope that they may yut be found, somer here, alive and well, and brought back to the fold from which they have strayed.

It is exceedingly sad to think how many boys are lost, this way, without awakening solicitude. If in any one of our large city schools, expecially, there were a list made out of tho who, within five years, had just dropped in and dropped out-gone nobody knew, whither-and that list of "Lott Boys" were posted on the Sunday-school doors, the length and bleadth of it would be so formidable that somebody would turn pale with consciousness of neglected duty.

Let the list be speedily made out ; let all the officers and teachers be sent out ; and let all the lost boys be ferreted out. And let there be un ingathering and a reunion and a feast of joy, such as welcomed back the Prodigal, when lis futher got him home again.

Have Xou Insured Your Boys P
Tex innocent child, stricken by the lightning of the heavens in his cradle, a parent could bury with something to mitigate his grief. But what of the boy, the man, the fetid form, the helpless wretch stricken by "lightning whiskey," his very soul corrupted and
destroyed! "Ligntning whiskey "not destroyed : "Ligntning whiskey " not
only destroys the body, but it shrivels up and blasts the soul its lf-all its sweet affection, its friendship, its taste and love for the beautiful, and pure, and good.

But men are ever ready to insure against the lightning of heaven. They pay for "rods" to protect their houses, their stablen, their horses, and cattle.

They pay liberally for "policies of insurance," aud when the red bolts flash through the thick darkness of atorm and night, there is a confortable ansurance that all possible losses can in one sense be made good.

But how about the boys 1 Have you done all you can to insure them against "lightning whiskey "-that bolt that doen not mercifully kill at once, but striking successively and through the long, weary years, makes a sickening wreck and ruin, to which the sudden and swift bolt' from above would be a merciful deliverer 1

Have you insured, or striven to inuure your boys $1-$ Chicago Signal.

UP to the 8th of March, 188 Boards in the Toronto Conference have voted in favor of the basis of union; 13 roting against it, and two ties. London Conference, 200 in favor of, 21 agninst, and one tie. In the Montreal Conference, 101 of the Boards voted for, 24 againat, and three tiem. Nova Scotia Conforence, 10 Boards voted for and two against. New Branswiok Conforeace, 18 for and one gainat ; and in the Newfoundland Contorence

## The Idoal in a Boy.

Tine mest powerful of all the ele. ments in education is the ideal. It is intericr and invisib'e, but the soul constantly sets it, and that inward looking is transliguring in its power. The uleal is the silent but effectual force that ingpires, directs, and sustains effurt. It is the very lite of the artist and of the student. It is present in all long-continued effort. We find it in the young and old, the boy and girl, the husiness man, the mechanic, the hounekpepor, the aaint. Purfect realization may not be expected, but the dream will shaje the action, and conwantly in manifold ways, affect the result.
Tell us what a boy of fifteen considers his standard of dress and deportnent, and we will tell you what fashion of life will come out of his thought.

Picture his ideal, and you have the boy himself, his drens, his wall, his bookn, his convictions, his plany for the future, the maxims that influence him, the spirit that inspires him.

Does be take it for grunted that a young fellow must "sow his wild oats?" then you may be suie that he will do the sowing, and he will be sure of the reaping.

It does make a very great difference whether a boy regards affectionate and obedient deportment toward his mother as a " weak and girlinh" thing, or a noble and manlr thing!
It does make a difference whether his ideal boy winces under the charge of being "tied to his mother's apron string"

It makes a vast difference in the boy whether he regardsobedience to parents at eighteen years of age a sign ot unmanliness, or a commendable quality

It makes a difference whecher a boy considers cigar-amoking, the skeptical tone, flashy dress, late hours, the dance, the oard-table, the theatre, and all this class of things, as indications of manainess, or whether he has contempt for them, and bolds in profound respect minly sports that develop a good physical constitution, remonable hours of retiring and rising, the habit of church$g$ ring, of Bible utudy in the Sabbathschool, Sabbath observance, reapect for parents, delight in refined society, conversation at horne, and all the wholesomeaccompaniments of a truly refining and manly lifo.

Occasional and spasmodio revival methods that quicken the spiritual susceptibilities, and warm iuto excensive activity the emotional life. have a purpose to serve, but they do not impart the lofty ideals of manly chazacter. These are moulds that nust have been carefully formed through years of true teaching and correct training-the teaching of divine truth, and the training of conscienc under the guidance of the Spirit of God.

Let us, as teachers of youth, depend upon the steady forces of truth and the Spirt, and, beginning with the earliest beginnings of life, let us train our young people to high viows of a noble life, that when special seasons of religious fervour come, they may fill with ftised metal the moulds alroady long and carefully prepared.-S. S. Journal.

A New Yozere, explaining the secret of Dr. John Hull's pulpit power, said: "The peoplo feel that there in : man back of the words."

The Hand that Rooks the Cradlo.
Nonody suffers mory finm the cur-s of drink than women and childien, and nobody can do mure to putan end to this ovil than they, if they will. A few years ago the Christian women of the United States atarted a cruside againat rum. They went to the taverne, asing Christian hyman, knelt down in the bar-rooms and prayed for the liguor. sellers, and benought then with tears to give up the business. Withinatew months eight hundred rum-sellern gave up the trade, and what was far better professed faith in Chist. Twenty-five hundrod grog-shops were clerad. Two hundred and filty towns were entiofly free from rum-shops. The excitpment of all this may have nubsided, and some of the good resulte swept away, hut it shows what women can do, when they try in good earnest. The women of America have it in their power, with God's help, to put down the liquortrattic ; and down it would go, if they would only join hands and resolve it shall be done.
It was no very great mistike, after all, when it was said: "That men rule the world, and that women rule the men, and so it is ensy to see who rules the world." Womin's sweet dominion in the home, her rule in the exercise of purity, and love, and gentle ness, ought to be mighty in the tender hearts of children, and over brother, husband, and son. Every mother could try to form a temperance society in her own family when the children ver young. How often could the father be persuaded by his loving wife, and for the sake of his ohildren, to put down his name at the head, right under the temperance pledge. Then she could pat hers, and each ohild as it grew old enough, to know what this mesnt, could set down its name. There is a family Bible in a home we know of, with a list of this kind. Every name in that home is down ; the last name was that of a dear little boy seven yeare of age, whose little hand the fatior held and guided, as he, too, joined the family temperance bund. That was but a few months before he died. $\mathbf{S}$ veral others whose names are there, are gone, too, from earth, but they all died nwert Ubriatian deaths-all the sweeter and happier that they abjured the curse of drink, and lefta bleased example behind them for others to follow.

A whiskey distiller in the States, sent the Queen of England a barrel of hia best liquor as a prenent, and had the impudence to name it "Victorla Whiskey." The Queen sent it back to him in disgust. She wonld have nothing to do witt his whiskey, nor allow her pure and nuble namo to be stuck on his abominable trash.
One of the noblest things any woman has done for temperance for many a day, was the act of Mis. Hayps, the wife of a lute President of the United Stutes, who banished all intoxicmin!s liquors from the White House duivig the whole four years of her hushand's administration. It is to the credit of Cunada, too, that the wife of the piesent Prime Minister of State, is a firm teototaler. May the nollo examples of these Indies find a great many imitators in the high places of the earth l-I'he Temperance Battle-field.

Dr. Cuycre saye that the four characteristicu of a good Sabbath-school tancher are: Painstaking, Patienco, teachor are: Painstaking,
Pernoverance, and Prajer.

The Old Church Bell.
Hury on muet Salibith bell!
 has tom Iove to herar
h.n "hen thent lhey tell de "hiss, loug past nmd gone, - Whtugi heve in lopysh ghe Ew ot thy Suhbath tone
anothons deep ill me.

## home van lave gone, nad I lave strayed

 $\therefore 1$ the wobld, far, far awa Bat tha dan tober have 1 ound me phayed On woul lovely Nabhath day, What stcilhng o'r the mighty plains wind whlels in the unpeopled West, 'Fulling the welcome day of rest.[finn the Rorky Monntains' crest, II hur Cliti,tanf feet have never trod, If the d. a bomom of the West
thanght of the and worshipped God! thompht of ther antl wotshipped
a, wret bull I've come agnin "wet bell' re come agnin
thy chenshed call to prayer ;
 In thome dear tones which fill my ear.
lime un, bing on, dear bell' ring on Gare mone l've come with whitencd head To lieat the toll. The sonnds are gone Anid the this Nabbath day has sped diall lie gone, nud may no mare G1w car to thec, swect Sablanth bell! hat churh and bell, no loved of yore, Aml hiluhood's hally home, farow, ll!

## Bcene in a Foundry.

Profotndry interesting and intensuly acting luust it be to watch the onsting of come gigantic wook of art, in which the heratiful and the massive, the artistic and the mechanical, seem happily to combine, in which the solid metal low for a while its stubbornness, and siquites sall the mobility of a silver stream, under the guidame of man's master hand.
Some tive-and-thirty years ngo, the then King of Bavaria, Louis I., gave onders for the production of a colonsal statue typical of his little German kingdum. In the Edinburgh Journal the following lively description of the work appeated:-
The great artist's conception responded to the idea which had grown in the mind of the king, and in three years' time a model in olay was formed, sixty three feet in height, the size of the future bronzestatue. The colossus was then delivered over to the founder to be cast in mital. The head was the finst large portion that was executed. While the metal was prepaing for the cast a presentiment filled the master's mind that, despite lis exact reckoning. there might be insufficient materials for the woik, and 30 onit. were added to the half-liquid uuss. The result proved how fortunate had been the forethought; nothing could be more successful. And now the chest of the figure was to le cast, and the master conctived the bold idea of forming it in one piece. Those who have seen 30 cwt or 40 owt . of metal rushing into the mould below lave perhaps started back affighted at the tiery strenm. But 400 awt. Were uquisite tor this portion of the statue, and the formilable nature of the undertaking may be cullected from the fact that till now not more than 300 ewt . hall ever filled a furnace nt one time.
But, see! the mass begins slowly tw melt; huge pipces of cannon flout on the nurfaos like boats on the witer, and then graduilly dimppear. Pies anly upon the top of the mass a crust is noen to form, threatening dunger to the furnuce as well as to the model propared to reanive the fluid bronee. To pievent this crust fiou forming six men were employed day and night in stirring the loverlite mea with long pales of from,
retiring and bring replaced by others every now and then ; for the noonching heat, in sipite of wetted coverings, causen the rkin to crack like the dried iind of a tree. $S$ (ill the cauldron was being ntirred, atill the fire was gouded to new fforts, but che notul was not yet ready to be allowed to flow. Hour after hour went by; the day passed, the night came on. For tive days and four nights the firs had been kept up und urged to the utmost intensity, and still no one could tell low long this was to last. The men worked on at the tremendoun task in silence; the fearful lieat was inoreasing, and still increasing as though it would never stop. There was a terrible weight in the burning air, and it pressed upon the breasts of all. Thers was anxiety in their hearts, though they rioks not, but most of all in his who had directed this bold undertaking. For five days he had not left the epot; but, like a Columbus watching for the bourly expected land, had awaited the fintl moment. On the evening of the fifll day exhsusted nature demanded 1 epose, and he sat down to sleep. Hardly had he closed his eyes when his wife roused him with the appalling cry, "Awalce, awake! the foundry is on tire!" And it was so. Nothing could stand such terrific heat. The rafters of the building $b_{s} g a n$ to burn. To quench the tire in the ordinary way was impossible, for had any cold fluid come in contact with the liquid metal the conseguences would have been frightful ; the furnace would have been deatroyed, and the 400 cwt. of bronze lest. With wet cloths, therefore the burning rufters were covered to mother tho flames. But the walls were glowing too; the whole building was now like a vast furnace. Yet still more fuel on the fire!-the heat is not enough-the metal boils not yot 1 Though the rafters burn, and the walls glow, still feed, und gorge, and goad the firel

At last the moment comes-the whole mass is boiling. Then the metal. founder of Munioh, Miller by name, called to the men who were extinguishing the burning beams, "let them burn; the metal is ready for the cast!" And it was just midnight, when the whole of the rafters of the interior of the building were in flawes, that the plug was knocked in, and the fiery flood rushed out into the mauld below.
All breathed now more freely; there was an end of misgiving and foreboding; and the rude workmen, as if avestruck by what they had accomplished stood gaving in silence, and listening to the roar of the brazen cataract. It was not till the cast was completed that the master gave the signal for
extinguishing the burning roof. In due time the bell of the little chaprel at Neuhausen was heard summoning thither the master and his workmen to thank God for the happy completion of the work. No accident had occurred to any during its progress; not one had suffered either in life or limb.

The English Life Insuranoe Actuaries. Whome businers it in to make caloultions as to the probable length of time people are generally likely to lire, have found that mong one thoumand drinkere and one thousend who did not drink liquor, taken st 20 jears of age, the drinkers lived upon an average thirty-five yearm and six months, and the temperate people, sioty-four yeare

Destroyed Through Tobacco.
by hev. t. newitt talmage.
AN agent of an insurance company says: "Une-halt our logren come from the spank if the pipe and the cigar." One young man threw away his cigar in one of the citien, and with it he threw awny three millions of dollarn' worth of the property of others that blazed up from that apark. Harper's splendid printing estublishment years ago was deatroyed by a plumber, who, having lighted his pipe, threw the match arry and it fell into a pot of camphene. The whole building was in Himes. Five blucks went down. Two thousand employees thiown out of woik, and more than a million dollars' worth of property destroj+d. But I am rpeaking of higher valimes to-day. Better destroy a whole city of stores than irestroy one man. Oh, my youny friends! if you will excuse the idiom, I will say, Stop before you begin. Here is a serfdom which has a shackle that it is almost imposaible to break. Gigantic intel lects that cuuld overcome every other bad hubit have been flung of this and kept down. Some one was seeking to persuade a man from the habit. The reply was: "Ask me to do anything under the canopy of heaven but this. This I cannot give up, and won't give up, though it takes seven years (ff my life." Oh, my young friendi! steer clear of that dry Turtugas -From "The I'lagues Alcoholic and Narcotic."

## To Superintendente.

We can adopt as our own the following words of another:
"Some of you have second-hand libraty bouks of which you could select twenty-five, fifty, and even one hundred volumes, which would be of real service in some of our mission schools. North, West, and South there is a great demand for every thing of this kind, and our work can be substantially aided by donations of such books to the needy fields. Will you not look over your ibraries, select such as you can spare, usk the members of your school to add such as they would willingly spare from their homets, put them up in a neat package, and write me saying how lany and what kinds you have, and I will inform you where they can be sent to the best advantage? Sunduy-school singing books as well as libiary books would be acceptable. The Sunday. school Board is doing all it can to supply the new and needy sohoola of our Churuh, but when we think how large the field is. and how much it requiren to supply not only sohools but homes in the new settlements and destitute regions with wholesome and helpful literature, we onn readily understand how every help is eagerly used in the accomplishment of this great object.

Therf is in Troy, New York, a beacher who has instrucied a Bible-clara for twenty-two years. The oniginal class numbered sixteen. The sum oi all her scholars is five hundred. Oi these, three hundred beame members of the church. They are mostly pour yet her class mupports a mitive misaion ary in Burmah, a theological otudent in the South, and aide a poor ohurch in lows. The seoret of her succem is, tirut, piety; second, pernonal devotion to her scholare; third, social intuenoe. Her scholarm are her friends and asmociaten, and the in their upiritual guide.

## Puszledom

Anscers to Puzxles in Last Number.
19.-Domain.
20.-Ohio, Missouri, Red, Wabash.
21. $\quad \mathrm{B}$

NAB
NAVAL
BAVARIA
BARED
LID
22.- $\quad$ BOY YES

## NEW PUZZLES.

23.-Double Acrostic.

A wild ox; to shear; pattern; 2 spider; slothful; the canopy of a throne. Finala and primals name a country.

## 24.-Enioma.

My first is in gun, but not in aword; My second is in wade, but not in ford; My third is in shark, but not in whal? My fourth is in fin, but not in tail; My fifth is in night, but not in day ; My sixth is in kneel, but not in pray; My weventh is in less, but not in more; My eighth is in rind, but not in cort. My whole in a great man.

## 25.-Charade.

Animated; a weight. $\Delta$ statesman.

## 26 -Transpositions.

A fairy, a state of maturity; an air, a place where animala are obtained; an ornament, to keep.

## A Tomperance ©tory.

Governor St. Jobn relates in one of his speeches the following incident : " A poor woman, with a baby in her arms, came to we with a petition for the purdon of her husband, who was st ntenced to ton years in the penitentiary for homicide. After examining her papers, he said to the woman : 'I am bound by my official duty, and must not consult my personal feelinge.' The poor woman, stinding with the ohild in her arma, made the following plea: 'Hear me, and I will tell you the true atory. We were married seven yeari ago My husband was sober, induatrious, and thrifty. By great exertions and celf-denial we tinally got our home paid for, and were happy and prosperous. In an ovil hour the $S$ tato licensed a saloon between our happy home and his workshop. He was solicited to enter this saloon anci weakly yielded. Hour after hour he spent there pluying cards. One day he became embruiled in a drunken quarrel, and, fired by drink, struck $a$ man and killed him. He was tried and rent to the penitentiary for ten yeare. I had nothing to live on; and byeand-bye the Sheriff turned os out of our confortable home into a rough shanty, noither lathed nor plastered. The cold wind came in through the walle and ceiling. My oldeat boy took rick and died. Now, this babe in my arms in sick, and I havo nowhere to tuke it. The State lioensed that moon, the 8tate mordered my ohildren, and now, in God'm name, I want you to cot my hueband free.' I mid I would, and I did."

## LESSON NOTES. sECOND QUARTER.

byudies in the acts of the apostles.
A. D. 3i.] LESSON II. [April 8.
philif and the ethiotian.
Acts S. 20-40. Commit to memory verars 35.ss.

## Golden Text.

And he went on his way rejoieing.-Acts 8. 39.

## Central Truth.

God will lead step by step to the light earh carnest seeker alter Christ.
Time.-A.D. 37. Early summer. Immediately after last lesson.
Place.-Southwestern Judea, in the sparsely inhabited region betwern Jerusalem ami Giza, which hies to t
the Medterranean coast.
Circumstances. - Philip having preached in Samaria, was sent upon another mission, by which the Gospel would be carried to the distant heathen. As Simon Magus was an example of false conversion, so now we have an example of true conversion.
Helpm over Hard Places.-26. Go emoerd the sou'h-i.e., from Samaria. Unto the way - By going sonth he would strike the road Which ran south-west Iron Jerusalem to Egypt through Gaza. Whach is desert-1.e.,
the part of the roail to which he was to go. the part of the road to which he was to go.
27. E hiopia-All the Airican lands south of 27. Ehiopra-All the Aitrican lands south of
Egypt, especially Nubia, Senamr, Kordofan, Egypt, especially Nubia, Semamr, Kordofan,
and part of Abyasinia. The people wore black and large-the land was wealthy. cindace-Candace was the general name of
the queons of Ethiopia, an Plaraoh was of the wovereigns of Egypt, and Cesar of the Roman emperors. Jorisalcm to worshipHe was a native Ethiopian, who had been converted to Judaism, and hence made $a$ visit to Jerualom. 28. Real Lisaias-i.e., laaish, He probably was reading aloud. 32. The place of Seripture-lasiah b3, perhaps sug. gested by the discuasions he must have heard at Jerusalem about the Messiah. 35. Philip preached unto him Jesus-He showed how this prophecy of the Messiah wan fulfilled in Josus. 39. The Spurit ...caught away Philip. -Either miraculously bore him, or led him by a sudden mupulue to go away. 40. Azotus -Ashdod, twenty miles north-east of Gaza. Prached in all the ci'ien-On the rond along the cosst, as Kzron, Rame, Joppa, Lydda. To Cesarea-The capital of the Syrian province, seventy miles north-west of Jerusalom,
on the Mediterranean, south of Mount Car. on the
mel.
Subiects for Splcial Reports.-Philip. - Ethiopia. -The road from Jerusalem to Gaza_Isaiah's description of the Messiah as
fultilled in Jesus. The Ethiopian's faith. fultilled in Jesus.-The Ethiopiau's faith.-
Profession of Christ hy baptism.-Rejoicing Profeasion of
in believing.

## Queations.

Introductory. - What had given a new impulse to the spread of the Gospell In what country had Philip prenched ? What example of a false conversion was given in
our last iesson ! of what have we an examour hast lesson ple of what the present lesson

## Subjrct: Taf Progresm of a Soul

to Cbrist.

1. From Impinitences to Worship (vas. 26, 27).-Where was Philip :To what place was he ent! By whom? Where is Gaza! What was desort ! Would one expect to do grod in such a place 1 Do we often find our work in unlikely places 9 Whom did Philip meet there ! What was his business i Where was Bethiopin! Was this man a heathen or a Jow I Why hal he gone up to Jerusalem ! How f-- Fat it 1 Does this show his desire to know the truth and to do God's will I What are we taught here about the first dutien of any one who wants to become a Christian !

Faok Woratip to the Word (r. 28) What was the Ethiopian doing while tra.
velling ${ }^{\text {? }}$ What dooe this toach ust Will velling What doem thin taach us ${ }^{\text {Will }}$ who really want to bocome Christiana read
all all who really want to bocome Christian rema Is there any other plece where wo cald learn Is thoma any other
how to be mired

nations of the Seripture? Where was the Ethiopian reading : How could lhilip pearch Christ from this? Why should all mpurens be pointed dreetly to Chisist

Fhom Inquiay to Faith (ve. 30 37).What suggested baptism to the Ethaopan? Does thas show that he believed that Must he do before he could hee haptized What was his confession of raith anth the
dnea this belief tit one to unite withe Cheur this
Church?
5. From Fattito Confrasion of Chriat. Why did the Ethopian want to be bapitizel ? Doess "vely true Christian waint to cont som in Romans 109,10 ! What good docs happ. insmn dot What became of Philip! Why did the new convert rejoice I

## Practical Sugorstions.

1. God gives us work sometimes in most unexpected places.
2. It is winth while to go far and do much to become a Christian.
3. If we take each step as we come to $i t$, we will soon be led to Christ.
4. We should use overy opportunity for reading and meditation.
5. We should read the Bible even if we do not understand it all.
6. We should get help in our religious life.
7. Confessing Christ naturally followa beliering in Christ.
8. It is a mattor of groat rejoicing to become a Christian.
Review Exirecise. (For the whole School in Concert).
9. Where was Philip next sent! Ans. To convert an Ethiopian to Christ. 8. What was the inquirer's first step; ANs. To go to the house of God to worship. ${ }^{9}$. What wat the next step
10. What was the thir t step ! ANs. Seek. ing help of older Christians. 11. What did he theu do? Ans. He believed in Jesus Christ 12. What followed when he beChriat 12. What followed when he be-
lieved ANs. He wau baptized and went on his way rejoicing.

## A.D.87.] LESSON III. [April 16.

 saul's convension.Acta. 9. 1-18. Commit to memory es. 1-6. Golden Text.
And he received 'sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.-Acts 9. 18. Central Truth.
Jesus Christ changes the heart and life.
Ting.-Midsummer of A.D. 87. Paul 35 years old.
Place.-Near Damascus. 140 miles northeast of Jeruanalem.
Rulcas.-Caligula, emperor of Rome (1). Vitellius, governor of Syria. No governor at Jerusalem. Jonathan, ion of Annas, waa high prieat.
Saul. - (1) Parentage. His parents were pure-blooded Jews, of the tribe of Benjamin, were of good rank, and riellenists, or Greek. speaking. (2) Hirth. At Tursus, capital of Clicia, A.D. 2. (8) Namen. Saul was his He 'rew name, Paul his Roman name. (4) Education Tarsus was the seat of one of
the three great universities of the world. He the three great universities of the wornc. He
was taught there'and at home till ten years of age. Learned the trade of tent-makiag. Spoke naturally Greek and Hebrew. Went Spoke naturally Greek and Hebrew. Went
to Jerusal-m when ten or twelve years old and atudied with Gamaliel. Became a Rabbi and studied with Gamaliel. Became a Kabbi and member of the sanhodrin. Wromising young man.
Helps ovir Hard Places.-1. Breathing oul-His vital breath was threatening. High priest-Who by Roman perznisaion had authority over foreign Jews in matters of re-
ligion. 2 of his vay-Of Christ'u way of ligion. 2. Of this way-Of Christ'u way of
relighn and worshin. 8. As he journeyed relighn and worship. 8. As he journeyed-

- On horebback; it was nearly a week's journey. Damaocuo-The oldest city in the worht. It then contained so,010 Jews. $A$ light from heaven-It way midday (Actes 20 ,
18). In this light he maw Jesun hiuself ( $\mathbf{v}$. 7; ch. 22. 14). 5. K K ck ag ind the prickogoad ox-goanta. Oxen kicking agninat the So Paul in ronating the truth, and dieobey. ing conscience. 7. Shod apecehleas-They Or it may mean simply "thay remained .
no
nen
Th
the hght. In these days ho had his gicat conhlict. 11. Strat ht-Then the mann nereet

 converbion (1) made hime more tionl and num making him truly monal, (3) changell his fechugs toward Cuist: (4) bronght the for
giveness of sins ; (6) changed his lie - punpose


## Questions.

Intannuctory. - What was Philip doing in our lat lessun? What was saul doing ut the same time !

## Subjegt: A Marvillous Conversion.

1. Befohe Convelinion (va. 1, 2). Who was Suul? His palents! When was he Gorn and there? Nhat wete his names? Where was he educated' What traile did he learn I What languages dud he shakk I OI
what powerful boty was he a memher? How what powerful boly was he a meminer Wow
old was he at the tinne of thay leson? What old was he at the tume of thay lesson ? What
kind of a youmg man was he? What do ne kind of a young mani nas her What do ne
first hear of hum! ( 8 1-4). What did he atill continne to do : Moaning of "breathing out threatenius: ": What perscuting tour did he go on ? By whose anthority? What nuthority had the high prisst over Jews 11
Damascus : Give some account of Damascus.
2. A Sudden Convernion (va. 3.9).How long was the journey from derusalem to Damascus! What suddetily atopped saul in the way! What time of the day was it? (Acts 22. 6). What was the effeet of the light on the company? Whom dul Saul see in this glory : (v.7 7 ch. 8. 27). Who spoke to him; Did the otheis hear this voice ! (v. 7 ; ch. 22. 9). What did the volce asy 1 How was Sanl persecuting Jesus? Meaning of "hard to kick against the pricks"" What was Saul told to dol Why? To Whose house in the city did he go I (v. 11). What was the effect of the sudden light upion his eyea! How long did ne zemain blind? What was his state of mind during this time 1 Had the martyriom of Stephen any-
thing to do with Saul's thing to do with Saul's conversion? At what point in this account was Saul converted ? What was his character before conversion 1 (Acts 22.3 Phil. 3. 4.6). Why did such a man need conversion? What sion? Are there such marvellous conversions in our day ! Are they nny more real or powerful than the gentler conversions, as that of the Ethiopian !
3. inureasina Liget (rs. 10-18). Whom did the Lord send to Saul? How did he prepare Sanl for this visit? Is this a grod example of the workings of God's providence, What did the fact that Saul prayed show? What was the 'liffereuce between this and his former praying! Why did Ananian hesitate? Was his hesitation wrong ? What two blessAre these given to Saul through Ana may we obtain them ! How did Saul confesk Christ ! Was this an example for us ? What work had God for Saul to do I

## Pragtical Suggestions.

1. If the moral Saul needed conversion, surel) we all do.
2. God has many ways of converting men each one has his own experience.
3. Conversion is a very great changr, from self-righteousness to love, from wrong to right, from the service of self to the servire of God.
4. When we see Jesus as he is, we will be
colvicted of $\sin$. colvivited of sin.
5. The first duty in reply to Christ's invitations is to say " Lord, what wilt thoa have me to do ${ }^{\prime}$
6 We can get much help from the expe-
rience of othera rience of others.
6. Our two great needs, $\rightarrow$ more light, and the Holy Spirit.
7. God has some special work for each con verted person to do.
Keview Exercies. (For the whole School in Concert).
8. Who was Baul ! Axa. Saul, called sloo Paul, was a Jew, of the tribe of Benja. and born in Tarsus, educated at Jerualen, was he thity-five years old. 14. What Chriatians. 15. What befoll him on the way to Damascus i Axs. Joans appeared to hluat midday, in a great light. 16. What was the offect of thin A Axt, Ho wan con Ferted, and became a disciple of Jetua. 17.
Whet three thinge followed 1

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