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FUNERAL PROCESSION.

The people of Palestine and of the East can do nothing without making a great noise. Whether it is a wedding or a funeral they fill the air with tumult. At a marriage procession the throbbing of drums and droning of pipes is almost deafening. At a funeral procession the wailing of the hired mourners is still worse. This strange piercing cry is compared in Scripture to the wailing of the drugon and the crying of

the wailing of the dragon and the crying of the screech-owl. To this refer-ence is made in Mark 5 38. Jesus ence is made in Mark b 38. Jesus coming to the house or the ruler of the synagogue, "seeing the tumult, and them that wept greatly, said unto them, why make yo this ado and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." not dead, but sleepeth."

Often the whole kith and kin

of the deceased join in frantic de-monstrations of grief, tearing their clothes and hair and throwing dust upon their heads. At the funeral procession this tumult is redoubled in violence.

We saw in the great city of Cairo several processions like that represented in the cut. They were often headed by crippled, blind people, who made a most putiful manual people, who made a most putiful people who made the manual than the manua wailing as they went through the

streets.

This cut is one of the many which will illustrate a series of articles in the Methodist Magazine for 1896 on Every-day Life in Bible Lands. It will describe marriage and funeral customs, trades and industries, modes of travel, streets. rage and tuneral customs, trades and industries, modes of travel, costumes and dresses, domestic and business life and religious usages of the people. These will throw great light on many passages of Scripture, and will be of special interest to every Bible reader. Many teachers find these reader. Many teachers and these articles of great service in illustrating the lessons, and many schools have taken from two to ten copies as being cheaper and more attractive than library books.

The schools will be furnished in more attractive than horary books. The schools will be furnished in quantities of two or more at \$1.60 a year, or eighty conts for six months.

## WHITTIER'S BOYHOOD.

BY PROP. BRANDER MATTHEWS.

Ly his boyhood Whittier had scant instruction, for the district school was open only a few weeks in winter. He had but few books; there were scarcely thirty in the house. The one book he read and read again until he had it hy heart almost was the Bible; and the Bible was always the book which exerted the strongest literwhen he was fourteen a teacher But came who lent him books of travel and opened a new world to him. It was this teacher who brought

It was this teacher who brought to the Whittiers one evening a volume of Burns and road aloud some of the poems, after explaining the Scotch dialect. Whittier begged to berrow the book, which was almost the first poetry he had over read. It was this volume of Burns which set Whittier to making versus himself, serving both as the inspiration and the model of his marlier poetic efforts. The Scottish poet, with his homely pictures of life as bare and as hardy as that of New England then, first revealed to the American poet which poetry really was, and how it might be made out of the actual facts of his own that book of Burns poems had an even

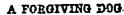
Test book of Burns' posms had an even

stronger influence on Whittier than the odd volume of the Spectator which fell into the hands of Franklin had on the American author whose boyhood is most like Whittier's. Franklin also was born in a humble and hard-working family, doing early his share of the labour, and having but a meagre education, although always longing for learning. It is true that Irving and Cooper and Bryant did not graduate from college, but they could have

ever have since, every boy, and girl too, was taught to run. And as far as we can judge by the statues they have left behind them, there were very few hollow-cheated, spindle-legged boys among the Greeks. The Persian 'oy was taught to speak the truth, run, r le, and shoot with the bow.

The Engl. is boy is encouraged to run. In fact, at some of the great English public schools, boys of thereca and fourteen years of age, like Tom Brown and East at Rugby,

By playing ball every day for hours in the open air; by exercising his arms, back, and leg muscles in throwing, batting. pack, and leg muscles in inrowing, batting, running, and sliding; by going to bed early and giving up all bad habits in preparation for the games, a boy stores up atrength, which he can draw on all his life atrength, which he can draw on all his life long—that is why every boy should be an athlete. But not every boy can play football or baseball. He may not be heavy or strong enough; he may never be able to acquire the knack of catching or batting the ball. Every hoy can become a runner.—St. Nicholas.



When the dog tax was first im posed in France, people set to work to get rid of their uncless dogs. A Frenchman had an old Newfoundland dog, which he coursed to the river side, told him to lie to the river side, told him to lie down, tied all his four feet togeth down, tied all his four feet together with a rope, and pushed him into the Seine. The dog in his struggles loosened the rope, and with great difficulty, parting for breath, acrambled up the steepbank. There stoud his master stick in hand, to drive him back. He struck out at the dog, and He struck out at the dog, and then, coming to close quarters, gare him a violent push, in don a which he someh what his own balance and himself fell into the water. His hopes of life would have been very few indeed if the dog had not been the "better man of the two." But the dog, for getting the treatment he had just received, plunged of his own accord into the river, where he had so nearly met his death, and spont his remaining strength in and so nearly met all death, and spent his remaining strength in saving his would be murderer. It was a hard struggle, but he came off conqueror, and the two waiked homo together, the one triumphant, the other, let us hope, repentant.



BLIND MEN LEADING A FUNERAL PROCESSION, CAIRO, EGYPT.

done so, had they persevered, and Emerson and Longfellow and Hawthorne did get as much of the higher education as was then possible in America. But neither was then possible in America. But neather Franklin nor Whittier ever had the chance, it was as much as they could do to pick up the merest elements of an education. - St.

## RUNNING-FOR BOYS. BY 8. SCOVILLE, JR.

EVERT boy should learn to run. In Greece, in the days when men and women took hetter care of their bodies than they

can cover six and eight miles cross-country in the great hars and hound runs. Every boy is turned out twice a week, out of doors, and made to run, and fill himself full of pure fresh air and sunshine, and gain more strength and life than any amount of weight-pulling or dumb-bell work in stuffy gymnasiums would give him. See the result—the English boys, as a whole, are a stronger set than American boys. Every English school-boy is to some extent an athlete. And that is what all boys should be. Not because football, baseball, and tennis are valuable in themselves, but for the good they do in strengthening boys' lumbas. can cover six and eight miles cross-country

## A FORGIBLE NOTICE.

SHOKERS are too apt to disregard the rights of their immediate neighbours.

George and Henry Grafton, t-fill their time during vacation and to make a little money, set up a candy and popeors store, with their parents' permission, in an unoccupied shop on the village street.
"Now," said George, "we sha!!

have a good many ladies among our customers; and it won't do to

our customers; and it would be the mon smoke in here."

"Oh, no," said Henry, "wo"!

put up a big sign, 'No Smoking Allowed."

"I guess wo'd better be a little

"I guess we'd better be a little more polite in our notice," said George, "so that we sha'n't offend any of our smoking customera."

The boys put their heads together to invent a polite "no-smoking" notice, and at last, with a pleasing sense of having done exactly the right thing, hung up the following neatly lettered inscription:

"Customers will pleas take Notis that if they wish to Smoke in Here they will pleas either extinguish their Pipes or else Go Outdoors."

WHEN a friend is in trouble don't samoy him by asking if there is anything you can do: think of something appropriate and is

#### Christmas.

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by

All seated on the ground, The angel of the Land came down, And glory shons around.

- Fear not," said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind,— "Glad tidings of great joy I bring, To you and all mankind.
- "To you, in David's town, this day
  la born, of David's Inc.
  The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
  And this shall be the sign:
- The heavenly babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in awathing bands, And in a manger laid."
- Thus spake the scraph: and forthwith Appeared a shining throng fangels, praising God on high, Who thus addressed their song.
- "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace: Good will henceforth from heaven to mea, Begin and never coase."

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A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLK. Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Editor.

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#### ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE UNION JACK

BY DAVENPORT ADAMS.

Na fine burst of eloquence, the American statesman, Daniel Webster, once referred to terest Britain as "a power which as dotted over the surface of the whole globe with her possessions and military posts, whose norming drum beat, following the sim, and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth in one continuous and unbroken strain of the in one continuous and unbroken strain of the maintainers of England. In a noble image supplies us with no unworth, illustration of the extent of our empire; but perhaps even more striking was the remark of a distinguished foreigner that wherever he went, whatever shore or sea he visited, he found the Union Jack flying there as a sign of English notice.

whatever shore or sea he visited, he found the Union Jack flying there as a sign of English power.

On the coast of Spain it waves from the heights of Gibraltar; in the Mediterraneau thoats on the wais of Malta, and at Cyprus and at Suez. It gaards the mouth of the Red Sea at Perim and Asien, it shines compleuting at the Cape of Good Hope; it is hoisted throughout the length and breadth of India; it guards the Malayan Straits; it is witness to our colonization of Australia, of Tammania, of New Zealand; cross the rolling breadths of the Pacific, and you see its shadow falling on many an isle; the Bermudas and the West Indies own its sway; and you find it at Quebec on one side of the great American continent, and at Vancouver on the other. What an empire for its children to be proud of, to defend and preserve!

WET THIS POWER?

But we are unignowing the idea that gower

in itself is a reason for pride. Is our rule, on the whole, for good or for all? It is worth while to asten to the words of a distinguished

American on this point.

"Wherever the English have once raised their flag, they have come to stay. They brought good laws and good roads, and vigarous enterprise. They have brought the Bible, and the church, and the school, and include a ence, and the press, and the electric wire. I do not condone the sins which you, in common with ourselves, have committed, and are committing, against feebler races, nevertheless I bless God for the ubiquity of the Briton. He is the true colonist. It is his matriet on the whole to bless, and not to curse. He is among the pluckiest in the work of missions as well as in war. A preceding speaker has alluded to somebody's slir against the "black coated and long-faced missionaries." I should like to ask such crities what they think of a missionary like the first Bishop Selwyn, doming his pea jacket and diving into the sea to examine the keel of a disabled ship, because there was no marine and no critizen of the port who dared attempt it. We say, give us more and more of your "stroke ours" for missionary service, till such sneers as this shall be silenced. And give us also maily and courageous Englishmen, who will not be ashamed or afraid to "do the right" in every part of their domain!"

How this wast imperial fabric has been built up, how it was gradually enlarged and American on this point.
"Wherever the English have once raised

How this vast imperial fabric has been built up, how it was gradually enlarged and consolidated, it must always be interesting to consider; and we propose, therefore, to pass over it in rapid review, following the Union Jack all round the world, and inquiring how it came to make so extended a circuit.

This noble theme, which Mr. Adams expands into a volume, will be treated by several writers in the Methodist Majazine for 1896. writers in the Methodist Majazine for 1896. Several splendidly illustrated papers will describe under the heading, "Britain's Keys of Empire," and "Round the World with the Union Jack," the important positions which, by the providence of God, Great Britain holds for the mastery of two-thirds of the world's surface and three-fourths of its population. Other papers will describe the Greater Britain of the Southern Seas, and still others, the briefstatem in England's crown. others, the brightest gem in England's crown, the Dominion of Canada, which embraces two-fifths of the entire Empire. The Methodist Magazine is only \$1.60 to schools

## A Swarm of Bees Worth Hiving.

A Swarm of Bees Worth Hiving.

B PATIENT, B prayerful, B modest, B mild, B wise as a Solon, B meek as a child, B studious, B thoughtful, B loving, B kind, B sure to make matter subservient to mind. B cautious, B prudent, B trustful, B true, B courteous to all men, B friendly with few, B temperate in argument, pleasure and wine, B careful of conduct, of money, of time, B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful, B firm, B peaceful, benevolent, willing to learn, B courageous, 1; gentle, B liberal, B just, B appring, B humble, because thou art dust. B patient, B circumpect, sound in the faith, B active, decated, B faithful till death, B honest, B holy, transparent and pure, Bdependent, B Christlike and you'll be secure.

## SUNDAY PEOPLE

THERE is a certain old lady who lives in a little old house, with very little in it to make her comfortable. She is rather deaf, and she cannot see very well, either. Hor hands and feet are all out of shape, and full of pain because of her rhoumatism. But in spite of all this, you would find her full of shine, and as cheery as a robin in June, and it would do you good to see her. I found out one day what keeps her so

'When I was a child," she said, "my mother taught me every morning, before I got out of bed, to thank God for every good thing that I could think of that he and given me—for a comfortable bed; for each art.cle of clothing; for my breakfast; for a pleasant home; for my friends; and for all my blessings, calling each by name; and so I begin every day with a heart full of praise to God for all he has done and is daying for me." doing for me."

Here is the secret, then, of a happy life this having one's heart full of praise; and whon we do as this dear little old lady does—that is, count our blessings every day, in a spirit of thanksgiving for them—we shall find many a reason why we should remise God. froff asiang

#### A LITTLE TRAVELLER

Tus New York Tribune tells this little

A pale little lad in a west-bound train glanced wistfully toward a seat where a mother and her merry children were eating lunch. The tears gathered in his eyes, though he tried to keep them back. A passenger came and stood beside him.
"What's the trouble?" he asked. "Have

"What's the trouble?" he asked. "Have you no lunch?"

"Yes, I have little left, and I am not so awful hungry."

"What is it, then? Tell me; perhaps I can help you."

"It's—it's so lonely, and there's such a lot of them over there, and—and they've got their mother."

The young man alread at the black.

got their mother."

The young man glanced at the black band on the boy's hat. "Ah," he said, gently, "and you have lost yours."

"Yes, and I'm going to my uncle; but I've never seen him. A kind lady, the doctor's wife, who put up my lunch, hung this card to my neck. She told me to show it to the ladies on the car, and they would be kind to me; but I haven't shown it to any one yet. You may read it if you like."

liko."

The young man raised the card and read the name and address of the boy. Below were the words:

And whosoever shall give drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

The reader brushed his hand across his eyes, and was silent for a moment. Then, "I'll come back very soon," he said, and made his way to the mother and her children.

children.

And presently little George felt a pair of loving arms about him, and a woman's voice, half sobbing, calling him a poor, dear little fellow, begged him to come with her to her children. And for the rest of that journey, at least, motherless Georgie had no lack of "mothering."

## DOUBLE-QUICK TIME.

A CINCINNATI man describes a novel sight he recently witnessed at a mill devoted to

he recently witnessed at a mill devoted to making paper of pine-tree pulp.

"I was invited to select a tree, which I did, and it was cut down for me in the morning. I watched it during the day undergoing the various processes of papermaking, and at six o'clock that evening the tree was paper. At midnight a portion of it was sufficiently dry to be taken to a printing-office, and a few of the copies of the next morning's paper were printed on this product. From a tree to a printed printing-cines, and a few of the copies of the next morning's paper were printed on this product. From a tree to a printed newspaper in twenty-four hours is probably the best time on record."

## DO LITTLE THINGS.

Don'r try to do a great thing. You may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity that will never come. Do the little things. To fulfil faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the uttermost the gifts of your ministry; to bear chafing annoyances and trivial irritation, as mart as bore the pillory and stake; to find the one noble trait in people who worry and molest you; to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words; to love with the love of God even the unthankiul and evil; to be content to be a fountain in the midst of a wild valley of stones, nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep, and to do this always, and not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God—this makes a great life for man, woman, or child. love of God even the unthankiul and evil

## THE GREAT BEAR.

Winter is the star season. Perhaps one reason is that the twilight falls early, and another is that they sparkle more brilliantly in the frosty air. Quite another reason why we talk more about stars this month is that this is Christmastide. It was a star—the "Star of Bothlehem"—that guided the three wise men from the Mass who winited our infant Savinur.

You probably know that wise men have counted all the stars in sight, and have counted all the stars in sight, and have made maps of them, just as other learned men have made maps of the earth and sea, and you have heard that just as the maps in your geographies are divided into continents and islands, so the maps of the heavens are divided up into many constellations or star groups. One of the best known of these star groups is the Great Bear, and the part of it which is easiest to find is the "big dipper." In Canada the dipper may be seen every night in the northern sky. The two stars farthest from the handle or the dipper are called the "pointers." Does any reader know what they point to?

## A Christmas CaroL

A STAR Was seen ! A song was heard!
A song was heard!
The angels gleam!
The shepherds feared!
While heavenly music, sweet and rare,
Thrilled all the pulsing, trembling air!

"Fear not," they sing; Glad tidings now "Glad tidings now
Behold we bring,
Of greatest joy."
And then they sang the sweet refrain
Of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

And now they say : Is born this day
A Saviour, who
Is Christ the Lord, of virgin maid,
And now in lonely manger laid!"

The shepherds heard The story told !
Their hearts were stirred;
They left the fold, And straightway went to see the sight That thrilled the angels with delight.

And as they go
The angel choir
Brake forth in song
That filled the air,
And vibrates yet, in praise of him
Who gave us Christ, the newborn King!



JUNIOR LEAGUE PRAYER-MEETING TOPIC

December 22, 1895.

No Need to FEAR. -2 Corinthians 5. 1.

The tabernacle was only for temporary use. It was the place of worship while the Israelites were in the wilderness. It could be taken to pieces and moved at pleasure, but when the people reached the Holy Land and the tem-ple was built, the tabernacle was superseded.

plo was built, the tabernacle was superseded. Our bodies are tabernacles, because they are only intended for this life, which is temporary, and will sooner or later be dissolved. The body is the present habitation for the soul, but by and-bye it will be taken to pieces and dissolved in the grave. At the resurrection, our bodies will be again reorganized, just as the tabernacle was put together after having been taken to pieces for remeral to another encampment.

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The dissolution of the body, though not a pleasant subject for contemplation, need not excite any fear to those who love God and keep his commandments, for, says the apostle, "we know that... we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." This is the believer's future home, and he feels a degree of cortainty respecting it, hence he says, "we know," there is nothing of doubt, or hesitancy, or fear, in this language. He could not have expressed himself with so much certainty, if he had not felt assured as to whom he had believed or trusted. It was the well-grounded hope, the mestness for the inheritance of the saints which he felt he had attained unto. Thus should every Christian feel. He has no need to fear. Strong faith will enable him to "rejoice in nope of the glory of God." Jesus Christ is preparing a place is heaven for all his people, and he is preparing them for sheir heavenly home, and they may adopt these words as their was.

## Christmas Bells.

Currermas bells are sounding clear. Christmas bells are sounding clear.
Over church and dwelling,
Calling ev'ry soul to hear,
What they're sweetly telling.
Ah! how silvery are their tones,
As they tell the story,
How to earth the Lord came down, Leaving heaven's glory.

Many hundred years ago, Thus to save the dying,
Christ became a little child,
In a manger lying.
No sweet bells to welcome him, O'er the hill-tops sounded, But the angels' holy song Through the night resounded.

Christmas bells, ring on, ring on,
Ev'ry passion stilling,
All our souls with peaceful thoughts,
Hopes of heaven filling;
And, as roll the long years by,
May our tones grow clearer;
May we feel, with every year,
Heaven is coming nearer.

## CHALK TALK TO JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUERS.

Delivered in Massey Hall, May 17. BY J. W. BENGOUGH.



I see a great many different patterns of boys and girls here-fat boys, lean girls, tall girls, chart boys—some shortboys—some pale, some red-cheeked and redhaired-like a wide garden of flowers, all sizes, shapes and colors

shapes and colors—but you are all alike in at least one point: You want to be happy. I'm going to try and give you some pointers along that line.

And I think the whole secret of true happiness may be growded into one word—un-

piness may be crowded into one word-un-

Here is a picture of Old Scrooge, who was so mean that he shrivelled into a small compass and dried up, and if any boy or girl wants to be truly happy, let him just study Old Scrooge, and do the opposite of what he

old Scrooge, and do the opposite did in every respect.

I think I know something of what Old Scrooge was like when he was Young Scrooge — a boy about the age of some of you.

For example, occasionally he had a

casionally he had a fine, large, luscious apple, and some playmate stood by with his teeth watering, but waited for a bite of it in vain. If, as a last resort, he "barred the core," Young Scrooge probably assured him there "wasn't goin' to be no core."

You see, the idea



You see, the idea this mistaken boy went You see, the idea this mistaken boy went on was that happiness consists in getting—whereas it consists in giving.

His sister, little Miss Scrooge, made the same mistake. She had two or three dolls, but she preferred to



but she preferred to keep them to herself rather than share her pleasure with the neighbour's little girl who hadn't any. The who hadn't any. The neighbour's little girl was a good child, and tried hard to love little

was a good child, and tried hard to love little Miss Scrooge, but it was tough work. It needs a great lot of grace to enable any-body to love a mean person.

If Master Scrooge got a picture-book he would keep it to himself, and never invite his playmates to come and look at the pictures with him; and when grandma Scrooge, who was nearly blind, asked little Miss Scrooge to read to her, that young lady would refuse, pleading that she would rather play with her doll. You see selfishness was the rule right along. Get all and give nothing, was the motto of the little Scrooge, and, I think, perhaps a correct picture of Master Scrooge might be made in this way.

Well a twig that begins

made in this way. Well, a twig that begins

to grow in that crooked way

to grow in that crooked way will, of course, become a crooked tree, and so it is likely that when Master Schooge grew up to be a young man his selfishness would still stick to him, and



he would consider he would consider his own pleasure al ways without regard to other people. He would go along the street smoking, for instance, and puff-ing his smoke in the faces of people who had no taste for tobacco, and Miss Scroge would allow an old

MORNO WHOLE

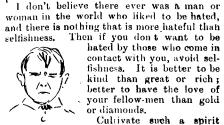
man, tired and weary, to get up and give her his seat in the street-car, without even saying "thanks" for it.

Now, if it is happiness you are after, the whole Scrooge system is a mistake. It means a continuous of a mean

whole Scrooge system is a mistake. It means a cultivation of a mean spirit, and the drying up of the soul, which is the most precious part of the man. For, as Jesus said, what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

It would profit him nothing—it would be the poorest trade he ever made.

I don't believe there ever was a man or

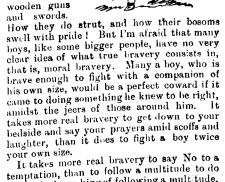


that when people greet you they will not wear an expression like this—which plainly says, "I would rather have his room than his company;" but one that will make them welcome your coming with a smile—like this.

The low or girl who is

The boy or girl who is generous, considerate and brave will always have such a welcome. Most boys worship bravery. They like to read or hear of great soldiers, and, I suppose, there

is no game which small boys enjoy more than more than
playing soldiers. You
have seen
little fellows
doing the soldier act, with wooden guns and swords.



temptation, than to follow a multitude to do evil. And speaking of following a multitude, that very expression indicates something I want to refer to, namely, the power of example. Not only do multitudes possess this power, but individuals too. Every individual,

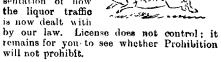


boy or girl, whether they think of it or not. I will try and put it in picture form. The influence of your example is just like a cord around some other person pulling him after you for good or evil. How important, then, that you should walk in the right path, which goes higher and higher, your every word and deed tending to make others better and nobler! For there is another path that leads downward, and although it slopes very gently

at first, it is steep and slippery a short distance from its entrance. Such a path is that of the drink habit,

Some of you boys and girls, who are just on the verge of manhood and womanhood, on the verge of manhood and womanhood, have but recently withdrawn your attention from the affairs of childhood and are only now beginning to look about you in the new, strange grown-up world. And I am sure there is one thing which catches your eye, and must perplex and puzzle your minds vastly—the legalized liquor traffic. In your thoughtful moments you must sometimes have disturbing doubts as to the sanity of your fathers and grandfathers who have had the management of things in this sphere. They have warned you most solemuly to avoid this thing drink as you would avoid a poisonous serpent; they have shown you, by a thousand horrible examples, that its bite means death and madners, and as wise and loving parents they have seen to it that with the first dawn of your intelligence you have the first dawn of your intelligence you have subscribed to the total abstinence pledge that by God's help you may not be numbered amongst its victims. All this they have done as loving Christian parents, and you have done well to heel their warning and advice. How puzzled you must be to look about, now that you have got him enough to take in that you have got big enough to take in something of the world around you, and ob-serve that these same wise guides of yours serve that these same wise guides of yours have planted saloons on almost every corner, and set traps for your feet in every street and alley! They have actually taken great pains to breed and encourage the very serpents against whose fangs they warn you! You shrink from attributing such mad wickedness to your fathers and grandfathers, and yet there is no denying it. The saloon with its deadly temptation is here; that certainty cannot be denied, and it could be exterminated to-morrow if the voting fathers of the boys and girls of Canada would just say the word at the ballot-box. And so their guilt remains. But since they haven't done it, the duty is now yours. In a few years you will have the ballot power in your hand; you will be the men and women of Canada. See to it that you act more consistently than your fathers have done. Rise in the might of your manhood and squelch the iniquity by a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sa'e of this brain po.son, and so make it impossible for any future caricaturist have planted saloons on almost every corner make it impossible for any future caricaturist

to expose your folly as I now expose your fathers' folly in this sketch, which is a representation of how LIGUOR AT STREET



## MONKEY TRICKS.

A FUNNY story is told in the Youth's A FUNNY Story is told in the rouns Companion of a pet monkey who was once given a lump of sugar in a tightly-corked glass bottle. The monkey was very fond of sugar, and the sight of this lump greatly excited him. He tried every way that he could to get at it, twisting himself around the bettle watching sluly for a long time. the bottle, watching slyly for a long time, then jumping on it suddenly, as if he thought he could catch it unawares, snapping at it through the glass, as if he must reach it, but all to no purpose. He would sit and look at it for ho rs at a time, as if he were trying to think of some way reach it, and at such times his face would express the greatest sadness, as if there was no use trying to be happy as long as that lump of sugar couldn't be had. Sometimes he would tilt the bottle up to drink out the sugar, and then make a quick spring to catch it as it fell back to the bottom. But he couldn't get it till one day a jar of bananas that stood on the table was knocked over and broken, the fruit rolling in all directions. This seemed to be just the hint the monkey needed, for almost at once he seized the teasing bottle, almost at once he seized the teasing bottle, lifted it high, and threw it to the floor with great force. Of course it broke, and of course the monkey seized the lump and munched it with great satisfaction.

THE minister was a great hand-shaker, shutting down like a vice. He shook a boy's hand as he said, "I hope you are pretty well to-day." With tears in his eyes, the boy answered: "I was till you shook hands with me.

Envy shooteth at others and woundeth

## LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER. STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 4.1 LESSON XII. [Dec. 22. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Luke 2, 8-20. Memory verses, 9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy.—Luke 2. 10.

OUTLINE.

Good Tidings, v. 8-14.
 Great Joy, v. 15-20.

TIME. - B.C. -4.

PLACE. - Bethlehem.

RULERS.—Octavius Augustus, emperor at Rome; Herod the Great, king of Judea.

#### HOME READINGS.

M. The birth of Christ. — Luke 2, 8-20, Tu. Prophecy of Christ. — Isa. 9, 1-7, W. The wise men. — Matt. 2, 1, 10

The wise men. — Matt. 2, 1-10.
 Herod thwarted. — Matt. 2, 11-18.
 Simeon's blessing. — Luke 2, 25-35.
 The Word — John 1, 1-14.
 The gift of love. — 1 John 4, 7-14.

#### QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Good Tidings, v. 8-14.

In what country did these events occur?
What night watchers were near by?
What unexpected visitor appeared unto

them?
What brightness alarmed them, and why?
What assurance calmed their fears? What assurance calmed their fears? (Golden Text.)
What was the good tidings?
What was to be the sign that this was

Who suddenly joined the angel? How many are there in God's host? Rev.

Who before had seen this host? Gen.

What was the song by the heavenly host? Whose good will did the birth of Jesus de-Whose good will clare? John 3. 16.

2. Great Joy, v. 15-20.

Where did the singers go?
Where did the shepherds propose to go. and why?

What did they find in Bethlehem! What report did they spread abroad? How were their words received?

Where did Mary treasure the story?
To whom did the shepherds give praise, To who and why?

To whom is our praise due, and for what? Eph. 5. 20.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson can we find—

1. The best news to men?

2. The sweetest song ever sung?

3. That God's glory is our highest good?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

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1. Where was Jesus Christ born? In Beth-lehem of Judea.

2. Who received the first news of his birth? Shepherds near Bethlehem.

3. By whom was the news brought? By an angel.

4. Where did the shepherds find the infant Jesus? In a manger.

5. How was the report of the shepherds received by those who heard it? With wonder.

6. What duty do we learn from this lesson? To seek Christ promptly. promptly.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION. - The incarnation. CATECHISM QUESTION.

What do the first words, or the invocation. teach us?

The invocation, "Our Father which art in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with holy confidence, because He is a Father; and with holy reverence, because is our Father in heaven."

Solitude liberates us, lets us breathe some finer air. We feel its soft waves as caressing as a swimmer feels the tides of tropic seas. But solitude is not a castle to live in; it is a summer tent. We were born into contact with our fellows, for and with when we are to a travelle. with whom we are to struggle, to sorrow, to endure, to love. There we must find the higher consecration that solitude cannot give. There is our work—our life task. To the tent we go to take off our battered armour in a losing or victorious fight, to rest and renew ourselves for another exort. There can be no permanent laying by of buckler and shield. The fight is always renewed. God is the Captain; and such as waste in ease are not his henchmen, but deserters and truents from his army. - Christian Register.



## POLAR BEAR HUNTING

It is rather a cold prospect for both hunter and hunted as shown in our picture. An icoberg in the Arctic seas is about as uncomfortable a place of residence as one can imagine; yet the polar bears seem to thrive amid these surroundings, and I suppose they enjoy life as well as the lions and tigers of the territ zone. It strikes us that it is hunting under difficulties with mittened hands and fur muflings. This cut is one of several illustrating a graphic article on Arctic Exploration in the Methodist Magazine for 1896.

## RAMBLING IN SPAIN.

A SPANISH diligence is a strange, lumber-A SPANISH diligence is a strange, lumbering looking structure. It looks like one coach put on top of another. It is drawn by half a dozen prancing, kicking mules with great cracking of the whip and shouting, and sometimes, we are sorry to say, swearing, on the part of its driver. The best place in the diligence is that under the hood above the driver. To ride in the interior is like trying to look out of the nose of a bottle.

The Spaniards have a strange mingling of pride and poverty. Sometimes even the beggars ride on horseback and address each other with very high sounding titles. The strange tales of Don Quixote don't seem so absurd when read beneath Spanish

The above picture is one of many illustrated papers on "Wanderings in Spain" in the Methodist Magazine for 1896. We borrow the cuts on this page from that periodical.

## GOUNOD'S MASTERPIECE

ONE of the mombors of Harper's Young People's "Round Table" sonds that paper an interesting item

regarding Gounod:
"I have just one little scrap about the very great composer Gouned that might, I think, amuse if not interest some musical members of the Round Table, as it shows the love he felt for little chillien a thing I like to see in gi at men, as it shows so well their character and feeling- I suppose all know how to play or at least have heard played the 'Marche funebre d'une Marionnette,' by Gounod. It is such

a lovely piece of music, not difficult; simple, and yet so uncommon.

"This great composer was paying a visit

to a lady. In the same room was her little child, playing with mariorettes. Suddenly a wail of grief interrupted their conversation. The child, who had been playing so happily some few moments past, was crying. 'What is it? What has happened?' was surely the fond mother's reply at Gaussel's anxious demands. One of the Gounod's anxious demands. One of the marionettes was broken.

"'Oh, dear! oh, deary me! What is to be done?' It seemed that the child was crying its little baby soul out, and would

crying its little baby soul out, and would never be appeared.

"'There, there!' came from the kind composer. 'Do not cry any more; we will have the funeral march.' And so saying, Gounod went up to the piano and composed that masterpiece of his. Thus the baby was consoled."

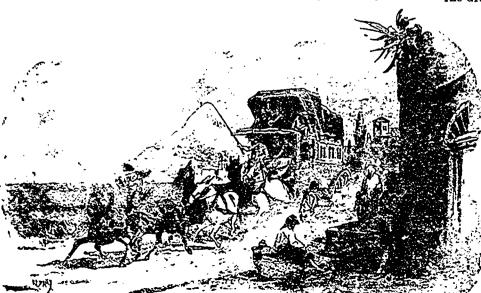
## Glad Christmas Bells.

GLAD Christmas bells, your music tells The sweet and pleasant story; How came to earth, in lowly birth, The Lord of life and glory.

No palace hall its ceiling tall
His kingly head spread over,
There only stood a stable rude
The heavenly Babe to cover.

Nor raiment gay, as there he lay, Adorn'd the infant stranger; Poor, humble child of mother mild, She laid him in a manger.

But from afar, a splendid star The wise men westward turning;
The live-long night saw pure and bright,
Above his birth-place burning.



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