

Sunday Reading.

Sing Praises—Sing Praises.

Singing is a part of Divine worship.—Hence, it is a matter of the utmost importance that we know how to sing acceptably. St. Paul teaches us that it must be done with the spirit. In all our service God requires the whole heart. Therefore, he will accept the thank offering of no one until by an implicit reliance upon the Atonement, his sins are pardoned, and his soul regenerated. Let this great change be effected by the operation of the Holy Ghost, upon man's inner nature, and then his songs of praise will be but the bursting forth of his heart's grateful emotions. And this service, although imperfect, will be as acceptable to Deity, as the songs of Saints and Seraphs in Heaven.

The Apostle also teaches us to sing with the understanding. And this evidently implies a knowledge of the tune to which the poetry is set, as well as a comprehension of the sentiment itself. It is admitted that a critical knowledge of vocal music is not attainable by all; and that those whom Providence has not favored will not be held accountable for gifts never bestowed upon them. But whilst these are accepted according to that which they have, will these who bury their talent be acquitted? How many congregations in the land assemble from Sabbath to Sabbath to make discord rather than harmony. The tone is pitched on the wrong key. Some sing too slow, and others too fast. And now you have a miserable drawing like the expiring groans of a wounded warrior, and then, a broken mass of sound is rolled upon your ear which is more like a wail of woe than an expression of holy rapture. Do these people sing "with the understanding?" Is this service done "in order?" And are the grateful feelings of the heart elevated and expanded by such a soulless performance? Such music as this would scarcely gladden the ear of a demon.

SUNDAY SHOOTING.

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The cross was saluted by a discharge of twenty five cannon, and the troops presented arms.

The consecration of a Roman Catholic Cathedral occasioned the desecration of the body day! It would puzzle Belarmino to show the connection between artillery practice and the dedication of a house of worship to the Prince of Peace."

SCRIPTURE CONFIRMED.

A transcription from the stone built at the front of a palace at Nineveh, exhorted by Dr. Layard, agrees with the Scripture event narrated in 2 Kings xxvii, even to the number of talents of gold and silver given to tribute.

Youth's Department.

LITTLE BESSIE.

AND now we wait for THE SILENCE.
Just before the lamp was ignited,
While the room was very quiet,
I heard some one call my name;
At once the window opened—
In a dark room lamp and sheep,
Some from out a bough were drinking;
Some were lying fast asleep!

But I could not see the Saviour,
Though I strained my eyes to see;
And I said, "Lord, I am here."
It is indeed a sweet name;
At once I was making ready,
On a whitewashed bank, fast asleep;
Which was full of little children,
And they seemed happy there.

They were singing, O how sweetly!
Sweet singer I never heard;
They were singing another, mother,
Like a lark upon a yellow bough;
And then my best friend said,
O, saith upon me smiling,
And I know it must be Jesus;
When he said, Come here my child.

Hug me closer, closer, mother,
Put your arms around me light,
I am cold and tired, mother,
And I feel so strange at night!
Something burns me here, dear mother,
Like a sun upon my breast;
O, wonder, wonder, mother,
Why it cannot rest.

All the day, while you were working,
As I lay upon the bed,
I was trying to be patient;
And to think of what you said—
How the kind and blessed Jesus
Loves his lambs and keeps them;
And I would be good and kind,
He loves to cut my passage through;

Clothes behind the girls are burning—
Forward—there is no returning!

THE CHRISTIAN WARFARE.
Sister, go—but not to claim
Modest spoils of earth-born treasure:
Not to win a winning name,
Dish not that the way is smooth;

Turn no scandalous eyes of youth;
Where the sunray beam repays;
Those that strive work to do,

Hearts to cut thy passage through;

Clothes behind the girls are burning—
Forward—there is no returning!

Sister, rest—not for this;

From the world, and every pillow;

On the rock the earth must lie;

While around thee chafes the hollow;

Thou must be a watchful sleep;

Such a charge as thou dost keep;

No moment of forsaking.

Sleep on the battle field;

Guard—grasping sword and shield,

Foes thou see not name or number,

Death upon thy broken number?

Sister, rest—the war is done;

To the Lord the battle is given;

Jesus conquers them by dying;

Praise the stream! Before these lies;

All the conquered land of glory;

Heav'n's own banner the victory;

Salvation lay thy weapons down;

Quoth the sword and take the crown!

Triumphant—all thy foes are vanquished;

Death is dead and earth has vanquished.

PERILS OF WORLDLY AMBITION.

Ambition has its price, and oftentimes that is heavy enough. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." Many careers fly frequently beneath the guided clouds and tempests of State. The latest illustration furnished to the world is the case of the "Prince President" of France. It is said that assassination continues to menace him day and night; and the most minute precautions have consequently been taken for the safety of his person. He dare not go a step beyond the gateway of his palace, unless thickly surrounded by soldiers, and even then is obliged to keep himself in hiding in a corner of his carriage. He has always been accustomed to take a good deal of horse exercise, and the suppression of it is not only most irksome to him, but has begun to affect his health. This master of a great nation has little more personal liberty than a prisoner of State. And then the tremendous difficulties of his position and the crushing responsibilities he has assumed may well baffle the long gloomy fits of despondency which are reported to characterize his present feelings, notwithstanding the Minister of public worship has ordered that in the prayers usually offered up at the close of divine service, after the words, "DORINE, SALVEN PAR LIGEONNE NAPOLÉON," shall be inserted. And added to all the rest must be some secret consciousness that history will have some unpleasant work with his name; that it will write him down one of the most unscrupulous despots who ever wielded supreme power; and point to his career of baseness contiguously some of the most illustrious

men of France to the pestilential bog and burning skin of Cayenne, as the most monstrous and wanton tyranny of modern times.

JOY OF THE BLIND LADY.

A young lady, writing from the Blind Asylum at Columbus to a friend, says:

"The sun rises upon the earth, but to me he sheds his light in vain. Yet should I be unhappy? No. I have too many things for which to be thankful. Midnight and noonday are alike dark unto me, but the light of knowledge has dawned upon my understanding, and the great Sun of Righteousness has illuminated my soul with his divine con-

solation."

How much preferable the condition of such a soul, though groping through life in almost darkness, to one who revels in the charms light reveals to the eye, yet lives a stranger to the glorious illumination of God's light!

NEW ZEALAND.

It is stated that the first missionaries were sent to New Zealand in 1814. The first conversion of a native was in 1825, and the second in 1827. In 1840, after twenty-five years of labor, there were not more than two hundred and eighty communists. But now comes the harvest. Native teachers were placed at East Cape in 1838; and Archdeacon Williams removed there in 1840. The Church there consisted, at that time, wholly of natives who had come from the Bay of Islands, principally as teachers; the communicants were twenty-nine. In 1845 they amounted to 1,454, and in 1849 to 2,893. Thus the little one has become a thousand.

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The Deaf is 25 miles from Charlotte, and the bells will ring in a convenient point near each section, and twenty-six at fifty feet from the stakes and so put up as not to damage by lying on the ground.

They may be found 2 doors above Kroc's Hotel, Charlotte, Jan. 25.

Clock and Watch Repairing.

REMOVAL.

R. W. BUCKWELL has removed his shop to the house lately occupied by the Horne's Nest Printing office, where he will be pleased to receive all his old customers, who may have work to do in his new shop.

February 11, 1852. 3d.

Office of North Carolina Rail Road,

GARRETTSBURG, 27th January, 1852.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office on the first day of April next, for the services of the North Carolina Rail Road to

Charlotte, for the period of one year.

The bids to be eight feet long, to be hung on two sides—which sides must be parallel—to be eight inches thick and show eight inches in the lawn sides, the other two sides to be harked on lawn.

The bids to be of good white or past oak and subject to inspection of the engineers after delivery on the road.

The delivery to be the latter part of April next, and not to exceed 10 days thereafter.

The bidders will name in their bids the price per mile, the sections on the road on which will be pointed to them by the Engineers on the road.

The section stakes being 100 feet apart, twenty

feet each side of the road, and so on.

The rods to be of good white pine, 10 feet long, and not to exceed 10 days thereafter.

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