

For the Younger Children ....

THE MYSTERY. When I was six my father said:
"Nell, you are twice as old as Ned.
Now think awhile, and then tell me.
How old your brother Ned must be." That was an easy sum to do!

"Six is exactly three times two;
So, if I'm twice as old as he,
Why, little Ned must then be three."

The other day my father said:
"Nell, do you know how old is Ned?"
"Yes, sir, he's four, because, you see,
I am just twice as old as he!"
Then lather hughed, "Nell, that's not so!
He's h'e if you are eight, you know.
When you were six, why, he was three,
And three and two are nive, you see!"

But how these things can both be true I don't quite understand, do you? Some time I shall, because I know what my father says is so!
-Johnson Morton, in St. Nicholas,

A SELF-EXTINGUISHING CANDLE Here is an amusing little trick for -about half a match stick.

Bend the hairpin - a large and strong one-into the shape shown in ma would smell me. the left-hand picture and the white line diagram. That is to say, bend about half an inch of the hoop end down at a right angle, and then bend | ing for me, but I did not move. Then the tip of this up again to form a hook, and bend the ends of the hair- noise, and something very big and pin twice at right angles, spread the bent parts and pinch the tips together so that when the hairpin is put on hold on tightly.

Bore with a pointed file or a redhot wire or a very small gimlet two little holes through the walnut shell, edge, one on each side of the point.



Thread the double or endless rubber band through these holes and secure the shell. The rubber band must be cake they are to represent. just long enough to be adjusted in | Each guest must select the cake he this way, with a little stretching.

apparatus down the candle until the name of the cake. point of the shell is an inch or two below the wick, and twist the rubber band, to tighten it, by turning the match sticks in opposite directions. If you do all these things properly the nut shell will be horizontal, or nearly so, and its sharp point will be driven into the candle by the tension of the stretched and twisted rubber band. Of course you must use a perfect shell with an unbroken point, Now your little automatic extin-

guisher is perfectly balanced. The elastic band would make it fly up, turning on the hook as on a pivot, if it were not held in place by the point driven into the hard wax, or paraffin, or tallow. Now light the candle.

As it burns down and the flame approaches the shell the wax which holds the point softens, and when the top of the candle is about level with one you like. The one who gets the the shell the wax has become too soft prize is the one who finds something to hold it, and suddenly it flies over and is clapped down on the top of the it is seen, yet is a correct representawick, extinguishing the flame as shown in the right-hand picture.

You see what a simple and practical little device this is. It will require a little patience to get it to work just right, for the size of the hairpin, the way it is bent, the size of the shell and the tension of the band have to suit each other.

You can put the extinguisher as far below the wick as you choose. The lower you place it the longer the candle will burn before being so uncarimonlously snuffed out by itself, so to

### THE SPARROW'S STORY.

Cheep! Cheep! Yes, I know I'm cheap. One day 7 hopped upon a were sold for that!

Seems to me we are just like other Httle birds, and I do wonder if they must go through the lesson once to would be so cheap! I don't care learn it," was the reply; "we must though, so long as it was Jesus who | read it a second time to know that | said it, 'cause the mamma told about | we have learned it, and the third Him and if I am only a little cheap bird I can love Him, too.

My mamma told me once whenever I took a drink of water to lift my eyes up to Heaven and say, "Thank You," and the lady said that is where Jesus lives, so it must be to thank Him.

My mamma told me one day to go d take my bath in the little brook the free where our nest is. So jugs. wn and hopped about lookfat worms to pop their bags.

heads out of the ground, and I hopped on and on till I came to a kind of stable where a man was working at a queer sort of carriage. It made a horrid noise, and the man was pouring things into it and polishing it up. Then he went into the barn and brought out something that looked like nice clean water. He had forgotten to bring his pail out and so ran in again after it, and then I remembered about my bath. So I hopped right into the pan of water he had left. Oh, how cold it was and how awfully it did smell! Never felt and smelt any water like that! Some

children saw me and called out: "Oh, see the little bird in the gasoline!" So, that's what it was.

I flew out and down to the woods for fear my mamma would find me, and when I saw a plant with a nice which you need only a candle, a hair- big leaf close to the ground I hopped pin, a small rubber band and half a away under it. Then I tried to hide walnut shell-and, oh, yes! I forgot more and tucked my head under my wing, and there I stayed, for I was afraid to go home for fear my mam-

By and by it began to grow dark and I knew it was my bedtime. could hear mamma calling and callthere came a dreadful fluttering and cross said, "To eat, to eat y-oo-nu."

Oh, my heart beat, and how 1 wished I had gone home, for I knew the candle, as in the picture, it will it was the terrible old owl that eats little chickens up, and can see in the dark as well as I can in the light.

I thought of my little sisters in our nest, and of the two little chilnear the pointed end and near the dren in their beds, and then, oh, then, I remembered about Jesus and how He said not a sparrow, even a cheap little sparrow, shall fall to the ground without His knowing and caring-and then I wasn't so much afraid, and I didn't hear the old owl any more. He must have flown away, and the next thing I knew it was morning, and who should fly right down close to the big leaf but my own dear mamma. I told her all about it, and she just kissed me the way mamma birds do, smoothed my showed me a nice worm all ready for my breakfast.

Little boys and girls think their mammas are best, but I am sure there is no one like my own dear mother-bird,-Mary A. Schenck, in the Christian Observer.

THE GAME OF GUESSING CAKE.

This is a charming party idea and easily arranged, as it does not require elaborate preparation, but brings out a lot of ingenuity on the part of the it by a bit of match stick slipped into guests who are to strive to win a the loop at each end on the outside of prize by giving the best idea of the

or she decides upon, and then wear Now insert the hooked loop of the some ornament either on the shoulhairpin under this tight elastic band der or in the hair, which has someinside of the nut shell, slip the whole | thing about it that will suggest the

> For instance, at a party given not long since, one of the boys had a toy hen fastened to his coat sleeve, near the shoulder. This was intended to represent a layer cake. A young girl had securely pinned to her a hair a sawbuck made of light pasteboard, across which a sheaf of wheat was fastened. This was for buckwheat friends. He vitalizes everything he cake. An ear of corn stood for corn cake; a hoe for the old fashioned Southern hot bread called hoe cake; a tiny muff in a box, muffin; a par with miniature turner, pancake; a finely dressed doll with trailing gown, represented a lady cake; a sponge tied with gay ribbons, sponge cake.

When you put on your thinking cap you can find so many things which will represent the cakes familiar to you that it will be easy to find that will not be guessed the moment tion of the word that describes the kind of cake it claims to represent .-Good Literature.

## THE WORK THAT WINS.

The story is told of two boys who were preparing a lesson in Latin. It was the first time they had studied together. They read it through with considerable care; then one grabbed his hat to leave for some other duties. The other stopped him by saying they must read the lesson again. Though expressing some surprise, the first yielded, and they went through the text carefully with grammar, notes and lexicon. Then the visitor rose the second time and reached for his hat, but the other replied that window sill and heard a mamma they must go over the lesson a third reading to her little children. She time. Though somewhat impatient, read 'two sparrows sold for a far- the companion remained to put the thing." She said a fathing was a finishing touches on the lesson saytiny piece of money, and so two of us ing that he did not understand, before, why the studious young man always got an "A" grade. "We must time to know that we will not forget

### ALL THE ALPHABET.

Each of the following sentences contains all the letters of the alphabet:

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Pack my box with five dozen liquor

John quickly extemperized five tow

# THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY REV. DR. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS.

Theme: The Enrichment of Life.

Brooklyn, N. Y .- For the last time until the fall the Rev. Dr. Newell this gentle Paul? There is a power Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth in the universe not David, or Peter, Church, preached Sunday morning, His subject was "The Enrichment of ness. Christ descended upon them to 15: "I have come that you may have antly. How do you explain the Itailife, and that you may have it more ian Ronaissance? There was a pow-abundantly." abundantly." The time was when scientists be-

lieved that life was spontaneous. It is forty years since Huxley published count for the German Reformation? his article on the Bathybius. The There was a power in the universe scientist held that there was a gela- that made for faith, and character, tinous substance in the bottom of and self-surrender. And that power deep sea along the heat line of the descended on MartinLuther. Whence equator. This sheet of living matter came the Puritan Reformation in enveloping the earth held the protoenveloping the earth held the protoplasm that was the germ of all living in John Eliot, or Sir Harry Vane, or things that creep or walk or fly. The John Pym. There was a power in things that creep or walk or fly. The union of the earth and the deep sea the world that made for the sense of water and the tropic heat brought personal worth, inspiring each man forth the substance that mothered all to give an account of himself to God, the Challenger was fitted out for deep sea dredging. But the expedition urging the sense of brotherhood, and brought the keenest disappointment to the scientist. The investigators of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Eng-found white sand at the bottom of lish heroes, and changed the face of the tropic seas, and the Bathybius became as mythical as the Trojan horse. Then scientists set themselves about the task of producing life by chemical To make sure there were no pre-existing germs they boiled the Lord, who made heaven and earth." water, reasted the earth, and cleaned Let us now praise famous men of the air and then sealed all three up in jars, which they kept at blood heat, in the hope of developing spontaneously living germs of an order no matter how low. For twenty years the experiments were continued, with the result that all scientists agree that life comes only from pre-existing life. If you want the living shock of corn, you must begin with the living seed thrust into the ground. If you want the fig or the grape, you must find the root or cutting. babe's life comes from the mother who lives before it. Even character comes from contact. Goodness is an importation and salvation an exotic. No man can will himself into gentleness. A profane man in his child's presence can set a watch upon his tongue, but planting a lid on Vesuvius does not put out the subterranean fires. The man may restrain his hatred of the enemy, but he cannot will himself into loving the false growth increases the size, does not friend who stabbed him in the back. The selfish man compels himself to give, but God alone can stir the genfeathers with her bill and then erosity that makes giving a supreme Jairus' daughter cannot bid nerself to live; Christ standing above the living plant, the vital spark in the root will take up the dead soil and lend it life. And if you have the justice and love. Christ came to give There is no spontaneous goodlife. ness. giver, the joy producer-unto the

> Now, what all the world's a seeking is life-more life. Growth? It is a question of vital force. Health? time does not cure it, but only en-It is the overflowing, outbreaking vi- larges and spreads the poisoned tismeat and turn it into rich red blood. produce a miser. A little life means little work can be done. A little mind means that a few books will suffice. A small nature means that it needs only two or three friends. A great, royal, divine, universal soul, pulsating, glowing and throbbing with life, means a vitalized intellect. This is an intellectual law. We speak of some young people as having hungry minds. The young scholar devours facts, conversation, the statements of books, and touches. The events go into his intellect in the morning as raw material, rags and wood pulp. The knowledge comes out of his intellect at night in the form of literature. He has a vitalized mind. He possesses life, creative. If he is a poet, give him the great authors, the great singers, and he will extract their messages. Witness the way Schiller digested the books of Goethe. Witness Millet's mastery of the old teachers. Witness Mozart's swift progress in No imitators these men. Every page is stamped with individ-What is the secret of their success? Plainly, fulness of life. Without this abundant life all struggle is failure. This one youth has no gift with the .brush; he may break his heart, but he will die a paint grinder. Another toils over his rhymes, but the inspiration will not come. The advocate stumbles on, seeking after the necessary word, if each in turn ends the struggle in despair. What does he need? Life. More life for the intellect, as writer; more life for the imagination as artist; more life and passion as reformer and orator, more life as a saint Men need moral talent for prayer. spiritual genius for purity and peace. For all talent is a gift and unique supremacy is an endowment from God. The unseen Father ordains the parents to hand forward their gifts up to the children. Remember that

Saviour of the soul.

Christ has come to give life and to give it abundantly. In these college commencement days our illustrations should come from the realm of education. and now we recall Matthew Arnold's definition of culture - a familiarity with the best that has been done, or thought or said. And to this sentiment let us add his other word: "There is a power in the universe, not ourselves, that makes for right-eousness." What is culture for the scholar? There is something in the books of great men-in the sage who thinks for us, the poet who signs for us, the orator who pleads for us, the hero who dies for us and that wisdom beyond ourselves comes in, floods the scholar's soul and transforms him. And there is a physical power in the world, not ourselves, and that we invoke for progress. Man's arm lifts 100 pounds, but there is a power in the steam, not ourselves, that lifts itual interests. Let us be Christians 100 tons of molten steel. Man's leg and make first things or stop trying

continent in four days without losing breath or bringing tire. Man's voice is no stronger than it was in the days when Caesar made 10,000 soldiers hear his command, but now a power not in himself but in electricity makes for eloquence and speech across a thousand miles of space. And how shall we explain the transformation of impetuous Peter, and passionful David and this cold, crafty, ambitious, cruel rabbi, Saul, into nor Saul, that makes for righteous-The text was from John 9: give life, and to give it more abundand sweetness, that descended upon the young scholar. How do you ac-The theory was so novel that challenging him to stand upon his own feet and assert his manhood, that unseen power flooded the souls the whole world. Well may the men of every great era of outbreaking genius exclaim: "We lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our "Our help cometh from the help. old, who have redeemed the people. But let us remember that God clothed the knight with His shining armor, that God pressed that blade with the two edge into the hero's hand; that God lent the soldiers their paens of victory that they sing beside the camp fires; that Christ came to lead

His followers forth to their holy war, giving them life, yea, life abundantly. This principle also explains the secret of growth that begins with life. The old idea was that salvation was by intellectual culture. Christ's idea is salvation by life through the new Bald intellectualism says "Blessed be wisdom." Christ says, "Blessed is character." Here is a little child. In his selfishness he seizes his sister's little toy and breaks it. Time and growth will increase the amount of his selfishness and make him strike his own wife and break the heart of his little child, for change the sort. Here is the youth who is sowing wild oats. Little by little he is draining off all the vital forces. The false friend says, "Don't be discouraged; he will outgrow this." But every farmer is in terror her gives life for death. If you have when he finds the wild oats growing amidst the tame. The wild oats drink up the rain, steal the richness from the soil, starve the tame oats. living Christ in the heart the soul And if they do this when the false that is dead in selfishness or dishonor oats are young, time and growth simor falsehood can live unto sympathy, ply multiply the havoc. Time can do nothing for a youth who is sowing wild oats save gather the harvest of We lift our eyes unto the life pain, disaster and heartbreak. Time can turn a spark into a conflagration, growth can turn a little leak into a

tality of the body. Death? It approaches when there is not life turns him into a monster. Given an enough to take up the bread and avaricious child, time and growth Given a tricky and cunning child, years end with a Benedict Arnold or an Aaron Burr, or a Judas and a Apostate Julian. What the wild thorn needs is the rich life of a double rose grafted within. The orchardist can use the wild root, but he cuts from a tested peach or plum a cutting that turns the sour sap into It is new life we need. Jesus was right when He showed the secret, the new heart, that brings victory and peace. Disheartened and discouraged, the way is not to fiee from God, but to flee to Him. We live and move and have our being in God, as our world

large one that will ruin the dike and

submerge the land. Given a disease,

floats in amethyst and ether, borrowing all its colors from the light that surrounds it. We have our life from Christ as the tree has its life in the rich juices of the soil, wherein the tree is rooted-the stimulating atmosphere with which the boughs are surrounded, and the all-embracing sunshine that lends warmth and beauty to the sweet blossoms and the ripe fruit.

Spiritual Religion. If our religion is to be real and truly spiritual, it must be rooted and grounded in brotherly love. "He that hateth his brother cannot know God, nor can he know man. The precious Christian quality of slove will open the eyes of our spirits to the abiding beauty of every human soul, to the temptations resisted as well as to haply he may find the idea. And those which have conquered, to the aspiration after something higher struggling like a plant in a dark dungeon towards the light, to the glorious possibilities hidden in the being of every child of God. That clear perception of the good concealed within our brothers and sisters will help us to catch some bright glimpses of our Father in Heaven. It is human seifishness, which hides the true na-ture of God's children, however degraded they may have become by their own fault or the fault of others, from our sight; it is the same deep, deadly shadow which darkens our own perception of God. Through brotherly love fillal affection to God is born in human hearts, and when that sacred emotion has once filled our whole being, spiritual religion is known and loved .- Arthur W. Fox.

### The Cause of Much Trouble.

All kinds of doubts, disappointments, vexations and sins come to the professing Christian who makes his religion secondary. If his main concern is to get on in the world, to make money, to have a comfortable time, to indulge a taste or inclination, then come in a troop the things which chase away sleep and pierce with anxieties and doubts.

Our usefulness, our happiness, our growth, our triumph, are to come, if they come at all, as the result of giving the accent of our lives to our spirruns four falles an hour, but there is to deceive ourselves and others by a power in the flywheel of his engine claiming to be Christians when we that will help him to run across this are not .- Baptist Argus.

# The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COM-MENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 20.

Review of the Eleven Preceding Lessons For the Third Quarter-Golden Text, 2 Samuel 5:12-Read Psalm 18.

Golden Text: "And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exaited his kingdom for his people Israel's sake." 2 Sam. 5:12. Each of the lessons of this quarter

teaches us something about the principles upon which God deals with men and something also about how men treat God.

In Lesson I. we see the constant disposition of the human heart to reject God and to refuse to have Him rule over us. We see also when men choose some one else before God. He lets them have their own mad choice in order that they may learn their folly by bitter experience.

In Lesson II. we see again the disposition of the human heart to reject God, even after He had saved us out of all our calamities and distresses.

In Lesson III. we see God's longsuffering toward those who reject Him and His love in bringing His ungrateful people to a consciousness of their sin and His unwillingness to forsake His people.

In Lesson IV. we see that the one thing that God demands from His servants is obedience, and how if one rejects the Word of the Lord, the Lord will also reject him.

In Lesson V. we see that when one servant fails God He chooses another to fill his place and anoints him with the Holy Spirit that he may be qualified for the work to which he has been called.

In Lesson VI. we see how the Lord gives victory to those who trust in Him and He saves, not with the sword and spear, but by the power of His own name.

In Lesson VII. we see that the Lord is with the one that trusts and obeys and gives him favor with men and makes him the terror of His enemies. In Lesson VIII. we learn how God delivers His servants even in times of

greatest peril. In Lesson IX, we see that God delivers our enemies into our hands, but that vengeance belong unto Him.

In Lesson X. we see the awful fate of the one whom God had rejected and how God clears the way for the one who leaves his exaltation entirely in God's hands.

in Lesson XI. we see that God will guide the one who commits his way unto Him and leans not upon his own understanding, and that God deals with us as we deal with our fellow-

### God is Leading.

No room for a discouraged or depressed feeling is left you. If your sphere is outwardly humble, if it even appears to be quite insignificant, God understands it better than you do, and it is a part of His wisdom to bring out great sentiments in humble conditions, great principles in works that are outwardly trivial, great characters under great adversities and heavy loads of encumbrance.

Let it fill you with cheering and exalted feeling, however deep in obscurity your lot may be, that God is leading you on, girding you for a work, preparing you for a good that is worthy of His divine magnificence. If God is really preparing us all to become that which is the very highest and best thing possible, there ought never to be a discouraged or uncheerful being in the world .- Horace Bushnell.

### The Prayer That Prevails. It has been said that every true

prayer has a foreground and a background. The foreground of prayer is an intense, immediate desire for something which seems necessary to the soul; the background is the earnest desire that the will of God, whatever it may be, shall be done. Leave out the foreground, and there is danger of fatalism. Leave out the background, and only an expression of self-will is left. The perfect prayer—the prayer that prevails must have background and foreground, desire and submission .- The Rev. J. R. Miller.

### The Winds That Strengthen.

The air from the sea of affliction is extremely beneficial to invalid Christians, says Spurgeon. Continued prosperity, like a warm atmosphere, has a tendency to unbind the sinews and soften the bones; but the cold winds of trouble make us sturdy, hardy and well-braced in every part. Unbroken success often leads to an undervaluing of mercies and forgetfalness of the Giver; but the withdrawal of the sunshine leads us to look for the sun.

### The Future.

If there be no hereafter and no future vindication of the upright, then virtue and purity are but names, and the only possible conclusion is, 'let us cat and drink, for to-morrow we die."-The Rev. W. P. George, Denver.

### Get Busy.

You cannot cancel the custom of preying on your fellows by occasional praying to your Father above.

The Good Life.

A good life is impossible until one knows that there is ever something more desirable than living

Opines the Springfield Union: To pay the extra freight rates may be a wise choice of two evils, but it is hardly to be expected that the advance will be paid cheerfully. The average business man would be better pleased, no doubt, if there were some means of recovering a share of the big profits amassed in rallroading in recent years and applying them in such a manner as to ease the present | situation.

Mrs. Hogan-"Ol gave me husband a loving cup." Mrs. Grogan-"Shure, Ol gave Pat

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sich a mug that he's been in the hospital wid it fer a wake."-Puck.

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The logs were cut in the Itasca State Park and along the Mississippi River this side of the park, being banked last winter on Lake Itasca and the Mississippi River. The entire drive will be brought across Lake Irving, sluiced through the Mississippi between Lake Irving and Lake Bemidji and finally boomed on the southeast shore of Lake Bemidji to be cut in a local sawmill.—Bemidji correspondence St. Paul Pioneer Press,

### Trouble a Bird's Nest Causes.

A hatpin used by a pair of swallows as the foundation for their nest, built between two wires, put the ontire police alarm system of the suburb of Ballard out of business Saturda. The police alarm wires from Ballard to headquarters at the city hall were tested box by box until the trouble was located. It was discovered that lifficulty lay between the box at Fre mont and the one next south. The electrician could find nothing more serious than a swallow's nest.

Investigation showed that the nest, which stretched from one wire to another, a distance of about eight inches, was built on a hatpin, which touched both wires and short circuited the whole system.-Seattle Post-Intelli gencer.

### AN IGNORANT TEACHER.

Teacher-Who was Peter the Great? Pupil-If you don't know who Peter the Great was I'm not coming to school to you any more.-New York

### MOTHER AND CHILD Both Fully Nourished on Grape-Nuts.

The value of this famous food is shown in many ways, in addition to what might be expected from its chemical analysis. Grape-Nuts food is made of whole

wheat and barley, is thoroughly baked for many hours and contains all the wholesome ingredients in these cereals. It contains also the phosphate of

potash grown in the grains, which Nature uses to build up brain and nerve cells. Young children require proportion-

ately more of this element because the brain and nervous system of the child grows so rapidly.

A Va. mother found the value of Grape-Nuts in not only building up her own strength but in nourishing her baby at the same time. She writes:

"After my baby came I did not recover health and strength, and the doctor said I could not nurse the baby as I did not have nourishment for her, besides I was too weak.

"He said I might try a change of diet and see what that would do, and recommended Grape-Nuts food. I bought a pkg. and used it regularly. A marked change came over both baby and I.

"My baby is now four months old, is in fine condition, I am nursing her and doing all my work and never felt better in my life." "There's a Reason.

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true; and full of human