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idea that it was the author's design to have

both the rules and examples used, and no

other mode of accomplishing that design

suggests itself. In the ordinary reading

exercise, it is customary for the pupils to

read each a verse, one after another, with-

out any further instruction than that cer-

tain words should be differently pronoun-

ced, and not unfrequently even this infini-

tesmal criticism is omitted. No effort is

made to impart a clearer comprehension of

subject, to aid pupils in giving fuller, nicer

expression by a better use of inflections,

pupils feel no interest in the reading exer-

cise, take no pride in acquitting themselves

creditably, become careless, expressionless

repeaters of words, but not readers. And

teachers, too, find the exercise distasteful;

they are dissatisfied with their neglect, and

vainly wish their pupils would read better.

The simple and only remedy for this gen-

eral and crying evil is drilling. Teachers

must address themselves to the subject in

good earnest, must carefully and thorough-

ly study the best treatises they can procure

which relate to education; if nothing else

is accessible, they should study the intro-

duction to any good series of readers and

gain all the knowledge desirable from that

source. They should practice the exam-

ples given, repeating them until perfectly

able to exemplify to a class the idea which

the author wished to convey. They should

be careful to have the lessons well studied,

both by their scholars, and by themselves,

unless they are fully competent to instruct

without such preparation, and then they

should have every sentence well read be-

fore proceeding to the sentence following.

Not merely errors of accent, and omission

or insertions of words, should be correct-

ed ; but defactive inflection, and faulty em-

phasis and imperfect modulation, should

be pointed out, and the correct rendering

of the passage should be given by the

teacher, then by the pupils. No anxiety

This is a subject requiring immediate

and earnest attention from every teacher,

and I cannot too urgently request all teach

ers who read this article, to use every ef-

fort to improve the reading of their pupils.

They will find this labor a little arduous

at first, but it surely will be rewarded with

success ; if not by better reading, the con-

scientious effort will be its own rich re-

MORAL & RELIGIOUS

What and Where is Reaven-and Oth

er Reflections.

ward.

to finish a lesson must be permitted to in

terfere with the necessary drilling.

The natural and inevitable result is, that

emphasis and modulation.

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don counties. NEW REMEDIES FOR

SPERMATORRH (EA,

THE MINSTREE, to render them good readers. It is not an uncommon practice with teachers, to re-For the Gazette. THE MARCH OF THE MOT-

LEY BRIGADE. BY A LOGAN.

Loud came the call to arms; The old Keystone answered; Down through her valleys swarmed The gallant five hundred! Forward to Washington-Its days were nigh numbered-Forward to do or die,

Marched the five hundred. Forward the Motley Brigade! Was there a man dismayed; Not though the soldier knew Some one had blundered.' There were the Logan boys, There were the Ringgold boys. There were the Pottsville boys, These were the Lehigh boys, All told five hundred.

No arms but what nature gave, They stemmed "Seceshia's" wave. Just on the brink of the grave, All the world wondered. Down through the murderous crowd, Who huried curses deep and loud, But not a word spoke they aloud, The gallant five hundred.

Ruffians to the right of them-Rowdies to the left of them-Plug Uglies in front of them_ Ripped, swore and thundered; The insults no tongue can tell-The stones that round them fell-But bravely they marched, and well, On through this nook of hell. The noble five hundred.

How they got through so safe; Not losing a single life, Survivors of this bloodless strife-The people all pondered. Stormed at with bricks and stones-Fired at in fiendish tones-But on, without broken bones, Marched the five hundred.

Massachusetts takes the name-New York lays in her claim-But the first men that forward came, To save us from disgrace and shame. Was the Keystone's five hundred Back from Secession's hive. Came every man alive, To the arms of sweethearts and wives, The noble five hundred.

..... From the Harrisburg Telegraph. ON GUARD.

At midnight, on my lonely beat, When shadows wrap the wood and lea A vision seems my view to greet Of one at home that prays for me

No roses blow upon her cheek-Her form is not a lover's dream-But on her face so fair and meek. A host of holier beauties gleam.

For softly shines her silver hair. A patient smile is on her face, And the mild lustrous light of prayer Around her sheds a moonlike grace

She prays for one that's far away-The soldier in his holy fight-And hegs that Heaven in mercy may Protect her boy and bless the Right.

And although leagues lie far between,

to render them good readers. It is not an of the eternity of matter. Yet light was NEWS FROM THE GREAT FLEET. ning through that portion of the fleet already material, and heaven was represented as quire their pupils to commit to memory filled with light. Nor was there a single the rules given in the preliminary exercisexpression in the Scriptures to prove the es in readers, and read over the illustranon eternity of matter. Matter was not tive examples. This is done with a vague necessarily contaminating. When Adam

was in his holy (innocent) state, the place of his dwelling had been material. In the description of what heaven is. and what it is not, in its moral aspect, the

speaker was eloquent, evincing extraordinary imaginative and lingual powers. Having disposed of the what, he next proceeded to consider the where of the interrogatory. It was, he said, natural for the mind to long to know whither departed friends and loved ones had gone. Somehow or other, we were impressed by instinct

and education that heaven was far off-a place very remote from the earth ; and yet he did not doubt that if we had eyes to see them, we should discover spiritual beings, g od and bad, mingling around us in proximity to those messengers of love sent forth to 'minister to those who are called to be | heirs of salvation ;' albeit, the heaven where Christ dwells was doubtless the special abode of the latter. This heaven we must believe was above all other heavens. We must of course keep in view the fact that above and below, on this planet, cr any other, ire relative terms. By 'up' was simply meant distance away from the earth on a line drawn from its centre; and by the word down was meant the exact opposite, or distance towards its centre.

The beautiful astronomical theory which is gradually approximating positive demonstration-that all the various systems of the universe revolve around one common centre-was taken up by Mr. Adams at this point, presented in its peculiar bearing upon the subject under discussion. If it were true that the central orb bore a similar relation in magnitude to all the bodies revolving around it, which the sun of our system sustained to the planets and satellites-being five hundred times great-er in bulk than all the latter combinedthat great central luminary would indeed constitute a fitting world for the abode of the Eternal. This thought, he held, was one of overwhelming sublimity, and the discoveries of science tended to confirm its truth. The motion of certain fixed stars, for example, could not be explained upon any other grounds. The star Arcturus had within the last seventy years been found to vary its position about three minutes and thirty seconds, and the noted variation of other bodies tended alike to show that there is a universal motion of the stars. So deeply was the preacher impressed with the correctness of the central-heaven idea as the capital of the universe, that he assumed it to have been the heaven into which the Apostle Paul had been mysteriously caught up when he heard those words which it

was not possible for a man to utter.

The Official Despatches.

The following are the official despatches to the Navy Department:

UNITED STATES FLAG SHIP WABASH, OFF HILTON HEAD, PORT ROYAL HARBOR, November 6th, 1861.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy: Sir-The Government baving determined to seize and occupy one or more important points upon our Southern coast, where our squadron might find shelter, possess a depot and afford protection to loyal citizens, committed to my discretion the selection from among those places which it thought most available and desirable for these purposes.

fessional knowledge and great intelligence of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Fox, and upon taking into consideration the magnitude to which the joint naval and military expedition had been extended, to which you have called my attention, I came to the conclusion that the original intentions of the department, if first carried out, would fall short of the expectations of the country and of the capabili ties of the expedition, while Port Royal, I thought, would meet both in a high degree. I therefore submitted to Brigadier General Sherman, commanding the military part of the expedition, this modification of our earli est matured plans, and had the satisfaction to receive his full concurrence, though he and the commanders of the brigades very justly laid great stress upon the necessity, if ble, of getting this frigate into the harbor of Port Royal.

On Tuesday, 29th October, the fleet under my command left Hampton Roads, and with the army transports numbered fifty vessels. On the day previous I had despatched the coal vessels, twenty five in all, under convoy of the Vandalia, Commander Haggerty, to rendezvous off Savannah, not wishing to give the true points. The weather had been unsettled in Hampton Roads, though it promis ed well when we sailed, but off Hatteras it blew hard. Some ships got into the breakers,

and two struck, but without injury. On Friday, 1st November, the rough weath er soon increased into a gale, and we had to encounter one of great violence from the southeast, a pertion of which approached to a hurricane. The fleet was utterly dispersed. and on Saturday morning one sail only was in sight from the deck of the Wabash.

On the following day the weather modera ted, and the steamers and ships began to re appear. Orders, not to be opened except in case of separation, were furnished to all the men-of war by myself, and to the transports by Brigadier General Sherman.

As the vessels rejoined reports came of disasters. I expected to hear of many, but when the severity of the gale and the character of the vessels are considered, we have only cause for great thankfulness.

In reference to the men of war, the Isaac Smith, a most efficient and well armed vessel for the class purchased, but not intended to meounter such sea and wind, had to throw her formidable battery overboard to keep from foundering, but thus relieved, Lieut. Comman ding Nicholson was enabled to go to the as sistance of the chartered steamer Governor then in a very dangerous condition, and on board of which was our fine battalion of ma rines, under Majør Reynolds. They were finally rescued by Capt. Ringgold in the Sa

in, the safe passage of this great ship over the bar was hailed by gratifying cheers from the crowded vessels.

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We anchored and immediately commenced preparing the ship for action, but the delay of planting buoys, particularly on the Fishing Reef, a dangerous shoal we had to avoid, rendered the hour late before it was possible to move with the attacking squadron. In our anxiety to get the outline of the forts before dark we stood in too near this shoal and the ship grounded. Ry the time she was gotten off it was too late in my judgment to proceed, and I made a signal for the squadron to an-

chor out of gunshot from the enemy. To day the wind blows a gale from the southward and eastward, and the attack is

unavoidably postponed. I have the honor to be sir, Respectfully your obedient sarvant, S. F. DUPONT.

Flag Officer Com'g. S. Atlantic Squadron.

Commodore Dupont's Second Despaich. BLOCKADING FLEET, FLAG SHIP WABASH,

Off Hilton Head, Port Royal Harbor, November 8, 1861.

Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Washington: Sir-I have the honor to infrom you that

yesterday I attacked the enemy's batteries on Bay Point and Hilton Head-Forts Beauregard and Walker-and succeeded in silencing them after an engagement of four hours duration, and driving away the squadron of rebel steamers under Commodore Tatnall.

The reconnoisance of yesterday made up acquainted with the superiority of Fort Walker, and to that I directed my special efforts, engaging it at a distance of first eight hundred yards, and afterwards six. But the plan of attack brought the squadron sufficiently near Fort Beauregard to receive its fire, and the ships were frequently fighting the batteries on both sides at the same time. The action was begun on my part at twea-

y-six minutes past nine, and at half past two the American ensign was hoisted on the flag staff of Fort Walker, and this morning at sunrise on that of Fort Beauregard.

The defeat of the enemy terminated in their utter rout and confusion ; their quarters and encampments were abandoned without any attempt to carry away either public or private property. The ground over which they fled was strewn

with the arms of private soldiers, and officers retired in too much haste to submit to the encumbrance of their swords.

Landing my marines and a company of seamen, I took possession of the deserted ground and held the fort at Hilton Head till the arrival of Gen. Sherman, to whom I had

the honor to transfer its occupation. We captured forty three pieces of cannon; most of them are of the heaviest calibre and of most improved description. The bearer of these despatches will have the honor to carry with him the captured flags and two small brass field pieces lately belonging to the State of South Carolina, which are sent home as suitable trophies of the success of the day. I enclose herewith a copy of the general or-der which is to be read in the fleet to-morrow morning at muster. A detailed account of the battle will be

submitted hereafter. I have the honor, to be very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant, [Signed] S. F. DUPONT, Flag Officer Commanding

Under the second head of his discourse was considered the blessedness of a more distinct apprehension of heaven in this life.

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This silent incense of her heart Steals o'er my soul with breath serene And we no longer are apart.

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educational. Edited by A. Smirn, County Superintendent.

For the Educational Column. Hints on Teaching Reading.

I feel perfectly safe in assuming that ev-

ery teacher who is worthy of his position of trust, is desirous of learning modes of government and instruction, by which his efforts may be rendered most successful. With this confidence, I wish to ask the earnest attention of teachers to a subject which is of real importance and of no little interest to all the intelligent friends of common schools.

As a general fact there is not nearly enough drilling in schools; there is a feverish desire to advance scholars rapidly, thereby to gain a brilliant reputation ; or there is an indifference or incapacity, which from idleness or ignorance neglects the necessary work. There is almost universal need of more drilling, more thorough attention to details, more intelligent use of illustrations, definitions and questions .--Teachers can hardly rid themselves of the This much, however, he held to be demonsnotion that the true test of scholarship is what one has gone over, and not what one but a place. In the philosophy of the Jews knows. 'Through the book' has a fatally there had been three heavens—to which knows. 'Through the book' has a fatally charming sound, even to teachers otherwise very sensible. It is only repeating what every teacher has said scores of times, to assert that it is infinitely better to train pupils to value excellence of understanding than to allow them to form the habit of echoing what the author says, however readily, without a comprehension of the principles inculcated.

not hazard much in expressing the conviction that in more than half the schools of Again, the speaker argued that heav-this county scholars not only learn nothing en was a locality necessarily, from the fact beneficial in regard to reading, but actually acquire habits that are of positive and last- He held, moreover, that the soul in its ing injury. In very few instances do teach- disembodied state, even before the resurrec- ruts in roads. The wheels of life settle iners make it their study and effort to guide tion, could not be contemplated in utter to them, and we jog along through the A LARGE and complete assortment of their scholars more judiciously through the and complete isolation from matter. Some mire, because it is too much trouble to get their scholars more judiciously through the persons, he knew, were startled at the idea out of them.

Extract from a Sermon by the Rev. E. E. Adams, Pas-tor of North Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Phila.

The preacher read the whole of the 12th chapter of Second Corinthians, of which verses 2, 3, and 4 constituted his text, commenting as he proceeded. These expository introductory readings, when done with ability, constitute a most profitable and important part of divine services, and should be generally adopted. The words of his text proper were as follows :

⁴I knew a man above fourteen years ago, whether in the body I cannot tell; whether out of the body I cannot tell; God knoweth: such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth: how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Mr. Adams, in commencing, said he hoped there would be something practicable in his sermon, though there would be in it some speculation. His purpose in selecting this theme was to consider the abode of holiness in the future life, and the obligations which it suggested to the mind of Christians.

The first division of his subject was the following interrogatory,

WHAT AND WHERE IS HEAVEN ?

In answering this, he said it could not be denied that our ideas in this matter were extremely vague. There was nothing fixed in its contemplation ; it was stretched out before the spiritual eye like a lovely landscape, overshadowed by a mist of glory. trable : that heaven was not merely a state. Paul had probably reference in the text. The first was the surrounding atmosphere, in which birds fly; the second was the sidereal heavens, the region of the stars ; and the third was the heaven of heavens, the abode of the Eternal. Paradise and the third heaven were the same, the heaven where Jesus had ascended from the cross. That it was a locality, was established by I wish to apply this to reading. I do the word of the Saviour to His disciples, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' &c.

that its inhabitants are to have bodies .---

need who entertain these views of the mission which awaits them. Paul, for exam-

ple, after having his mind enlightened in this matter by a heavenly vision, had given to him 'a messenger of affliction.' And the same discipline was necessary for the wisest and most beneficent purpose. Without this, we should be rendered utterly unfit for our earthly duties.

In the next place, the preacher considered the influence which such special views ought to have upon the subsequent course of those who receive them, in this life .---Under this head the preacher administered a severe rebuke to the pretensions of modern spiritualism. Paul had not felt called upon to boast of having received a new revelation after his remarkable vision .--

Fourteen years had elapsed before he ever mentioned it; and then it was not to proglaim a means of intercourse between the living and the dead. On the other hand, Paul had discountenanced the idea that any kind of ministration to his brethren in the body, after his own separation from it, was possible; hence his allegation that 'to remain with you is more profitable.' And surely, if so good a man as Paul could not hold intercourse with the living, after his departure to anot'er sphere, it was not probable that others were admitted to such a privilege, and he, therefore, proclaimed boldly, that if there was any such connection between the living and the dead, it was infernal, for it was by God forbidden. His final thought was, that by contrast, if heaven was a place, the abode of the lost must also be a locality-in which souls would not only be rendered wretched by their own history and memories, but by their horrible surroundings. One was a palace, the other a prison-a rayless tomb; in one the inhabitants rejoiced ; in the other they wept; in one there was endless bliss; in the other sadness and woe unspeakable; above was heaven, below was hell .----All who heard him were on their way either to one of these or the other, and every one carried in his own heart the anwser to this momentous question : 'Am I a believer in Jesus as my Saviour, or am I not?"

Our customs and habits are like the

The third part was devoted to an exam-ination of the discipline which Christians which the Governor went down, and I believe seven of the marines were drowned by their own imprudence.

Lieut. Commanding Smith's conduct in the Isaac Smith has met with my warm commen dation.

The Paerless, transport, in a sinking con dition, was met by the Mohican, Commander Gordon, and all the people on board, twentysix in number, were saved under very perilous circumstances, in which Lieut. H. W. Miller was very favorably noticed by his commander.

On passing Charleston I sent in the Sencca, Lieut. Commanding Amman, to direct Capt. Lardner to join me with the steamer Susque hanna off Port Royal without delay.

On Monday, at eight o'clock in the morn ing. I anchored off the bar with some twenty five vessels in company, many more being in sight.

The department is aware that all the aids to navigation had been removed, and the bar lies ten miles seaward, with no features on the shore line with sufficient prominence to make any bearings reliable. But, to the skill of Commander Davis, the Fleet Captain, and Mr. Boutelle, the able assistant of the coast survey, in charge of the steamer Vixen, the channel was immediately found, sounded out and buoyed. By three o'clock I received assurances from

Capt. Davis that I could send forward the lighter transports, those under eighteen feet, with all the gunboats, which was immediately done, and before dark they were securely anchored in the roadstead of Port Royal South Carolina.

The gunboats almost immediately opened their batteries upon two or three Rebel steamers, under Commodore Tatnall, instantly chasing him under the shelter of their batteries. In the morning Commander John Rogers, of the United States steamer Flag, temporar ily on board this ship, and acting on my Staff, accompanied Brigadier Gen. Wright, in the gunboat Ottowa, Lieutenant Commanding Nicholson, made a reconnoissance in force, and drew the fire of the batteries on Hilton Head and Bay Point, sufficiently to show that the fortifications were works of strength and scientifically constructed. In the evening of Monday Capt. Davis and Mr. Boutelle reported water enough for the Wabash to enter in.

The responsibility of hazarding so noble a frigate was not a light one. Over a prolong-ed bar of over two miles there was but a foot or two of water to spare, and the fall and rise of the tide is such that if she had grounded she would have sustained most serious injury from straining, if not probably lost. much, however, was at stake to hesitate, and the result was entirely successful.

On the morning of Tuesday the Wabash crossed the bar, followed closely by the frigate Susquehanna, the Atlantic, Vanderbilt and other transports of deep draft, and on run-

South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. P. S.—The bearer of despatches will also carry with him the first American ensign raised upon the soil of South Carolina since the rebellion broke out. 8. F. D General Order, No. 2.

FLAG SHIP WABASH, HILTON HEAD,

Port Royal, November Sth, 1861.] It is the grateful duty of the Commander-in-Chief to make a public acknowledgment of his entire commendation of the coolness, dis cipline, skill and gallantry displayed by the officers and men under his command at the capture of the batteries on Hilton Head and Bay Point after an action of five hours duration.

The Fag Officer fully sympathizes with the officers and men of his squadron in the satis-faction they must feel at seeing the ensign of the Union flying once more in the State of South Carolina, which has been the chief promoter of the wicked and unprovoked rebel lion they have been called upon to suppress,

[Signed] S. F. DUPONT, Flag Officer Commanding South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

Third Despatch.

KILLED AND WOUNDED.

FLAC SHIP WARASH, OFF HILTON HEAD, Port Royal Harbor, Nov. 8th, 1861.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy : Sir-I have to report the following causalties in the action of vesterday in the capture of the batteries at Hilton head and Bay Point :

Wabash-Killed, 1-Thomas Jackson, Cox-

swain, Capt. of a gun. Slightly wounded, 2-Alfred Homesby, seaman, and Wm. Wall, seaman.

Susquehannah-Killed, 2-John P. Clark, ordinary seaman; Wm. Price, second coal heaver.

Wounded severely, 1-Samuel F. Smart, first class boy. Wounded slightly, 2-Patrick Dwyn, ordi

nary seaman, and Samuel Holbroke, second gunner.

Pawnee-Killed, 2-John Kelly, ordinary seaman ; Wm. H. Fitzhugh, first class boy.

Wounded slightly, 3-Alfred Washburne, master's mate; Joseph Hause, ordinary seaman ; Patrick Quinn, ordinary seaman.

Mohican-Killed, 1-John A. Wittemore.

Third Assistant Engineer. Wounded seriously, 3-W. Thompson, Isaac Leyburn, Acting Master, and Sherman Bascom, ordinary seaman.

Woundly slightly, 4-Mayland Cuthbert, Assistant Engineer; John O. Pitman, Mas-ter's Mate; John W. Townsend, ordinary scaman; Charles Brown, ordinary seaman. Bienville-Killed, 2-Patrick McGuigan,

Alex. Chambers.

Wounded slightly, 3-Peter Murphy, Alex Fewey, Wm. Gilchrist.

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