AN EVEN-SONG.

Come out, the leaves are all astir With light winds out of nowhere fleet

Come out, dear lad, and sing to her For whom your heart is beating, While all its throbs bespeak her. Let music fill the whole wide air, ' The evening charm completing, Just with her name's repeating, Just with her name, the sweeting;

Come out, dear lad, and seek her. Come down, fair maid, nor wait afar The strain so faint, so slender;

Come down, and let the evening star Sink in your softer splendor, While night-moths round you hover. Nor stirring leaves nor singing tones Can any meaning render So sweet as love's surrender, So sweet as love, so tender: Come, maid, and meet your lover. -Harriet P. Spofford, in Bazar.

A SLIP OF THE PEN.

It was all Dicky Carshalton's fault. In many respects an amiable youth, he can not be said to be possessed of the finer feelings, and perhaps is not aware of the extent of the discomfort he produced in more sensitive people. A frequenter of parties of every description, he is fond of varying the monotony of the social routine by various little practices. Of these his favorite-not, alas! pecculiar to himself-is commonly known as spoiling sport. Whenever Dicky sees a pair of people who appear to take particular delight in one another's society, showing a tendency to seek unto themselves retreats -he is never satisfied until, by some bold stroke or cunning stratagem, he has succeeded in separating them, or at least in destroying their enjoyment for the rest of herself. one evening.

The happy possessor of an exhaustless supply of self-confidence and the most cazen impudence—the objects of his attacks, moreover, being from the nature of their position comparatively defenseless -it is needless to add that though Dicky has his failures on record they are greatly outstripped in numbers by his successes. So there is nothing wonderful in the fact that Dicky was at the bottom of the unfortunate affair with Jack and Ethel.

Matters had long been in a delicate and critical state between those young people. Jack had told himself over and over again that Ethel was a flirt, and that he for one had no intention of adding himself to the list of her victims, while Ethel had relieved her feelings by re- fiendish magic had been at work. peatedly assuring herself that Jack was a his books and was quite impervious to the charms of womanhood.

But that night at the Warringtons for the better. Ethel had boldly turned her back on half a dozen other admirers, and Jack, looking down into her honest eyes, was rapidly forgetting the doubts to say to me."
and fears which had tormented him during the last months.

have happened had it not been for riedly: Dicky, who came up to them at this hopeful stage of affairs, his shoulders in the letter?" his ears, his hair brushed to a nicety, and with the most unmistakable look of mischief in his prominent eyes.

"Good evening, Miss Mariner," ha said, taking Ethel's hand in his and was not forthcoming. squeezing it with empressement; and then the two poor things, suddenly awakened from their dream, stood there on one or two little popguns on her own him? account.

"Miss Mariner," he said at last, with a satisfied glance at Jack's sullen face, what it meant?" "have you been into the conservatory? They've put in a lot of pink lamps and there's the most scrumptious tete-a-tete | me?' chair you can imagine.'

Poor Ethel looked up at Jack, who stood by furious and sulky.

"He is only too glad to get rid of me. He hasn't the ordinary kindness to rescue me from this bore. And I have been so Jack, how she did chaff him?" horribly amiable to him," she thought in

"If she likes that popinjay let her go with him! I'm sorry for her taste, that's all," reflected Jack. And in another minute Ethel found herself actually seated in the tete-a-tete chair with Dicky, whose large eyes were rolling triumphantly in the light of the rose-colored lamps.

She did not succeed in making her escape till it was time to go home. Jack was nowhere to be seen, and she drove heaviest heart she had known for many

"Ethel," said her mother at breakfast the next morning, "did you have pleasant time at the Warringtons'?"

"Oh, yes, mamma, said Ethel, drearily. She was pale and heavy-eyed; I think she had not slept all night.'

"And who was there?" went on Mrs. Mariner, helping herself to buttered eggs with cheery briskness. Ethel enumerated various people

"And Dicky Carshalton," she concluded, "and Jack Davenart."

The last name slipped out with exaggerated carelessness, and yet it was whirbeen doing so for the last five or six hours like an imprisoned blue-bottle in a glass. "Jack-Jack Davenant."

she never to have another definite thought

"By-the-by," said Mrs. Mariner, as she rose from table, "will you send a note to Florence Byrne? I want her to lunch here to-morrow at half-past 1. The Singletons are coming."

Ethel moved to the writing table, blushing faintly. She remembered that mother, as she rustled from the room.

Ethel listlessly took up her pen and pulled a sheet of paper toward her. It in her direction was not stamped with the address, but "Oh, how I i

"My dear Mrs. Byrne," Then she stopped short and the buz-zing in her brain went on worse than

The note got written at last, all but the tionately.

"Ethel, Ethel!" cried her mother, going out. Give me the note for Florence, I can take it to the post."

Guilty and ashamed, Ethel seized her pen and wrote hastily, but in a bold hand:

"Yours very sincerely, "JACK DAVENANT."

Mrs. Byrne neither came to lunch nor answered the Mariners' invitation. Mrs. Mariner expressed surprise at this want, of courtesy and apologized to the Singletons for having no one to meet them. "Are you sure, Ethel, you told her the

right day? Florence is in town, I know, and it is so unlike her to be rude." "I think it was all right, mamma, Ethel replied vaguely, and never gave

another thought to the matter. But the morning of the next day, as she was practicing her singing in the great holland-shrouded dining-room, the door was flung open to admit a benign and comely lady, who advanced smiling toward her.

"Mrs. Byrne!" cried Ethel in some surprise, getting off the music-stool. Mrs. Byrne established herself com-

fortably in a deep arm-chair, then beckoned the young girl mysteriously with a well-gloved finger: "Come over here, Ethel. Ethel drew a stool to the other's side

and sat down, smiling but mystified. Mrs. Byrne played a little with the clasp of the silver-mounted hand-bag which she carried, from which, having at

last succeeded in opening it, she produced a stamped envelope addressed to "Do you know that handwriting?" she said, flourishing it before Ethel's aston-

"It is my own; I wrote to ask you to lunch," poor Ethel answered simply;

while the thought flashed across her mind that Mrs. Byrne had probably gone mad. "Read it, then," cried that lady, with an air of suppressed amusement which

lent color to the notion. Ethel unfolded it quickly, then sat transfixed like one who receives a sudden and fatal injury. For before her horrorstricken eyes glared these words, in her own handwriting: "Yours very sincerely, Jack Davenant."

"What does it mean?" she cred at last in a hoarse voice, for it seemed that some

"That's what I want to know," Mrs. cross fellow, who cared for nothing but Byrne answered more gently. "I rea ceived this note the day before yesterday. There was no address, and the handwriting was certainly not Jack's. things really did seem to be taking a turn | Nor is my cousin in the least likely to invite me to lunch at his chambers. I wrote off to him at once and told him to drop in to dinner if he had anything

Ethel had risen to her feet, and was There is no knowing what might not face; but at this point she broke in hur- Presently the mate saw his venture in the

"Did you show him (Mr. Davenant)

Mrs. Byrne nodded. She was not a osity. come here bent on a little harmless

chill and helpless while Dicky fired off Had he not made little criticisms, sehis accustomed volley of chaff, and Ethel, vere and tender, on the occasional notes look like the baldest possible squirrel, with feminine presence of mind, ventured of invitation which she had addressed to and of the queerest color, too, "sort of

writing and we concluded you had done it in a fit of absence of mind. Poor old this morning."

Ethel was trying to recover her pres-

ence of mind. "How could I have made such a stupid thought. I had met your cousin at a garding the use of ice water that vanish

made, though you must own it was rather that ice is a great sanitary agent, and back in the chill gray morning with the funny. However, I can assure you this every family ought to be provided with -it won't get any further. Jack is it during the warmer months of the year. scarcely likely to tell, and Grace has It is true that the inordinate use of ice sworn on her honor."

As far as she was concerned the whole with great danger; so is the improper use world was welcome to know it now. No of any other drink or food. The assumpdeeper disgrace could befall her. wonder if he is shricking with laughter that iced tea, or iced coffee, or iced lemor merely sick with disgust," the poor onade is a harmless substitute, is simply girl thought when her obtuse and aima- a delusion. As the source of danger ble visitor had at last departed. "Oh, how I hate him-how I hate him!" Which was hard on Jack, considering that his own conduct in the matter had been irreproachable. But Ethel was in ice water without injury, and who ought no mood for justice. It seemed to her ring about in the poor girl's head and had that she had utterly betrayed and disgraced herself; that never again could she venture to show herself in a world to be condemned, which cannot be said where Florence Byrne, Grace Allison, of some of its substitutes .- Sanitary and, above all, Jack Davenant lived,

moved, and had their being. Sick with shame, hot and cold with anguish, poor Ethel sat cowering in the great drawing room like a guilty thing.

After dinner she put on her hat and stole out into the street. She had been indoors all day and could bear it no longer. The evening was still as light as Mrs. Byrne was Jack Davenant's cousin. day, and simple-minded couples were "Half-past 1, recollect," cried her loitering with frank affection in Regent's pack. She had not gone far before she saw a large, familiar figure bearing down

"Oh, how I hate him-I hate him!" she failed to notice this, and began at she thought again, while her heart beat once:

with maddening rapidity. "If he has a spark of kindness he will pretend not to

> But Jack, for it was he, made no such pretence. On the contrary, he not only Eggland,

raised his hat, but came up to her with PEOPLE OF MADAGASCAR, exceed half a dozen .- San Francisco signature, and then she began to wonder dreamily if she should sign herself fingers mechanically into his and scanned 'Yours very sincerely" or "Yours affec- his face; there was neither mirth nor disgust in it; and the thought flashed across her, chilling while it relieved her, putting her head in at the door, "I am that he probably attached little importance to an incident which she, knowing her own secret, had deemed but one interpretation possible. And then, before she knew what had happened, Jack was walking along by her side, pouring out a torrent of indignant reproaches as to

her desertion of him in favor of Dicky Carshalton at the Warrington's party. "It is you," cried Ethel, with spirit, for the unexpected turn of affairs restored her courage-"it is you, Mr. Davenant, who were unkind, to stand by and let old friends be victimed without striking a blow in their behalf! Pray what did you expect me to do? Was I to have "No, thank you, Mr. Carshalton; I prefer to stay here with Mr. Davenant?" "

"And if you had said it, would it have been true?"

She changed her tone suddenly. "Dicky is such a bore! I think I prefer any one's society to his."

He stopped short in the path, seized both her hands and looked down at her with stern and passionate eyes. A close-linked couple strolling by remarked to one another that there had

been a row and then refreshed themselves with half a dozen kisses. "Ethel," said Jack, in an odd voice, 'its no use pretending. You do think

of me sometimes; I happen to know it." She was looking up at him, but at this allusion the sweet face flushed and dropped suddenly. "Ethel"-Jack's voice sounded stranger and stranger; was he going to laugh

or cry, and why on earth did he speak so low-"Ethel, do you know what signature I should like to see to your letters?" This was too much.

"No. I don't!" She lifted her flushed face; the cruel tears shone and smarted in her eyes.

"Can't you guess?" "No."

The momentary defiance had died; a very meek whisper came from the pale

"Can't you guess? Then shall I tell you, Ethel? 'Ethel Davenant'-that's what I should like to see at the bottom of all your letters. Shall I ever see it?" "Jack!"

Further explanation is needless. When next they met Mr. Carshalton both Jack and Ethel were beyond the reach of his maneuvers.—Temple Bar.

Humbugging an Animal Dealer.

Jamrach, the celebrated London dealer in strange animals, picks up many bargains from the mates and stewards of the vast fleet that sails or steams into the Thames on every tide from the four quarters of the globe. But sometimes he gets picked up himself. A few years ago he bought for a few cents a very rare and therefore valuable animal from a standing with a little frozen smile on her mate, just in from, say, New Guinea. 'Zoo" with a great gaping crowd about its cage, and learned that the Society had paid a small fortune for the curi-"I'll fix him," says the mate. person of delicate perceptions and had So the next voyage he returned with the very rarest curiosity ever seen in or out amusement, but somehow the amusement of the London docks. "Hullo," says Jamrach, fairly excited, "what do you Ethel clasped her cold hands together call that, now!" "Dunno," says the in a frenzy of despair. She knew that mate, indifferently. "Looks like a bald Jack was tamiliar with her handwriting. squirrel," says Jamrach, and the mate said him not nay, for certainly it did no color at all," as Jamrach put it. Well, "Jack said he knew nothing about the in three minutes Jamrach had bought note and hadn't the ghost of an idea that rare animal for \$50 down, and in three hours he was back on the stone "Oh, Jack, Jack," cried Ethel's heart dock raging at the mate, laughing loud in parenthesis, "what must you think of at the far end of a long hawser. "You've sold me a shaved rat," shouted Jamrach. Mrs. Byrne went on: "Grace Allison "I just have," laughed the mate. came in later and the mystery was "Ship's doctor chloroformed him for cleared up. She swore to your hand- fun and ship's barber shaved him for a glass of beer. Anything else in our line

Is Ice Water a Healthy Drink? In the opinion of the Sanitary Volunteer, the official organ of the New Hampmistake?" she said, with a short laugh. shire Board of Health, there is a great "I snppose I was pursuing some train of deal of sentiment and many opinions reparty the night before-you know how it when the light of reason and experience is turned upon them. The fact is that Mrs. Byrne was sorry for the girl's dis- ice water, drank slowly and in moderate quantities, constitutes a healthful and in-"It's a mistake anyone might have vigorating drink. There is no doubt water, or its use under some special con-Ethel laughed again, meaninglessly. ditions and circumstances, is attended "I tion that iced water is dangerous, and feared by some is the degree of cold, we fail to see clearly how flavor modifies the effect of temperature. There are individuals, undoubtedly, who cannot drink never to use it, but to a great majority of persons it is refreshing and healthful. Its use, temperate and discreet, is in no way

A Snug Little Holland Isle. Texel, or Tessel, is a low, flat island in the North Sea, belonging to Holland. It opening up of good roads into the inis separated from the main land by Texel terior. It requires ten or twelve days at strom, a body of water two miles and a present to go from Tamatava, the port half across. Here, in neutral waters, on the eastern coast, to Tananarivo. This Paul Jones found food and refuge while he recruited his shattered fleet and prizes. The island is about thirteen miles long, and its greatest breadth six miles. It contains a population of about 6200, engaged in agriculture, fishing and boat building, or piloting. It has rich pasturage, and rears large numbers of cattle and sheep of superior quality. The island is a favorite resort of wild fowl, which lay immense

LIFE ON THE BIG ISLAND OF THE AFRICAN COAST.

Administration of Justice - Proof by Tanguin-Peculiar Traits and Customs-The Country's Products.

Madagascar is near the southern ex tremity of Africa, and next to Australia and Borneo is the largest island in the world, being over 1000 miles long and in some places 300 miles wide.

The administration of justice is the best organized department of the Government. Judges appointed by the Crown hold court in all parts of the island, and are forbidden to decide a case without a fair hearing of both sides. In former times, as in Europe during the Dark Ages, there was the trial by boiling water, poison and other tests alike unreasonable. This method of procedure was not abolished till 1878. The proof by tanguin was in such common use that between 1824 and 1844 it is estimated that 150,000 persons were poisoned by this means. This tanguin is a native poison, the juice of a fruit found in abundance in a province at some distance in 1782. from the capital. When a person was accused of a crime, and especially of witchcraft, which is held in great horror by the people, he was expected to clear himself of the imputation by absorbing a certain quantity of the deadly beverage. A day was fixed for the trial, which was to be preceded by a fast of twenty-four hours. The accused while awaiting the preparation of the draught was seated on a mat under a shed. Before partaking he thanked the Queen for this opportunity of establishing his innocence. The official in charge having brewed it sufficiently in a kettle gave it to the prisoners who drank it, confidently relying on the aid of the sikidy, or good spirits. The poison, naturally, was almost always fatal. The body swelled, the hair stood on end, and the vic im, in his agony, uttered cries that were taken by the spectators as a confession of guilt. The only hope of escape was by giving in advance a liberal bribe to the executioners, who would in that case make the poison weak or give only a small portion. While the Queen, Ranavalona I, was practicing these atrocious cruelties on the slightest pretext, and usually to confiscate the estates of the accused, the English were influential at court, and might have pre-

vented much of this cruelty. The trial by boiling water, tanguin throwing to crocodiles, and the punishment by stoning to death and strangulation have been abolished, as well as the casting of condemned persons down from Ampemarinana, or the precipice at Tananarivo, which corresponds with the Tarpeian rock of ancient Rome. But the punishment by heavy irons, weighing forty pounds, placed about the neck and ankles, and connected by massive perpendicular links, remains. Thus chained, the irons too short and wearing into the neck and limbs, obliged to work for their daily food, which is never given by the Government, it is not surprising that India in 1812 by the sudden flowering of the majority of the condemned soon die the bamboo trees, where 50,000 people of their injuries or by starvation.

The French do not admit that the forcible conversion of the Hovas to Christianity twenty years ago and their obligatory attendance on the common schools has done more than cover the barthin veneering of civilization. They accredit these efforts with something more -the development of an extraordinary degree of hypocrisy and insolent pride. The Malgachis, they say, and especially the Hovas, are capable of every crime, are flatterers, cheats, liars, cunning, cowardly and cruel. On the other hand, they are laborious, economical, sober, obedient to discipline, and not too independent to accept any occupation. They were once cannibals, but merely because and of fine executive ability. He cor they supposed that in eating their ances- rected reforms, reduced the debt, brought tors they acquired their natures. Like the Arabs, they entertain gratuitously increased the revenue from \$4,000,000 to every stranger that comes to them. \$6,000,000. Last year he was attacked They have inherited, probably from the by a malady (which finally was the cause Arabs or Persians, certain notions of as- of his death under the surgeon's knife in trology. Among the diseases to which Paris) which was the signal for his enethey are subject are the leprosy and ma- mies to conspire against him. Finally laria fevers. The national costume is the revolution was proclaimed in the primitive and resembling in general that north, a sympathetic rising occurred in of the East Indians and Malays. Their the capital city, and August 10, at night, language has points of resemblance to the and, guarded by the sacred presence of Maori, a race of Malaysian origin. The the diplomatic corps, he embarked upon burial of the dead is with great pomp the British war vessel and fled. The and is signalized by the weeping of wid-northern army, under its general, Selde ows at the grave and the howling of Telemaque, entered the city. Its object slaves. Polygamy was practiced till attained, it was disbanded and its chief, abolished by royal decree a few years secure in his strength and popularity, reago. Divorce is easy. The divorced mained with a few hundred of his choicest woman is compelled to marry the brother troops. The progress of the elections for of her late husband or one of his near rel- the choice of the members of the conatives. Food, as 1s to be expected in a stituent assembly showed very clearly tropical region abounding in lofty pla- that Telemaque would have the required teaus, where the climate is temperate and two-thirds majority. Death always affords even frosty in winter, is abundant and a simple solution to such popularity in varied, and comprises the staples rice, Hayti, and that was meted out to Telepoultry and beef. Fish is consumed in large quantities.

The most valuable products are silk, cotton sugar, cattle, hides, horns and hard woods, handsome and of great variety. Woven fabrics of good quality are made of silk, cotton, flax and of the bark of several trees. Coal and the precious metals are found in several localities. Iron is well wrought by native smiths, and pottery of fair quality and curious designs is made in sufficient quantities for home use. The French have established manufactories of standcould be indefinitely increased by the place, the capital for some hundred years, has now 20,000 houses and a population of over 100,000. The whole island has quantities of eggs there. For this reason its northern part is known as Eyerland or Eggland.

mile above the level of the sea. The other places of importance, called cities, are chiefly on the seashore, and do not ready sale.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Pennsylvania claims the oldest twins. Filberts originally came from Greece. The bean is said to be a native of

Egypt. New York has a pension law for its

militia. The gallows has been adopted as the emblem of the Anarchists.

A pure white sparrow has been caught at Markinch, in Fifeshire, Scotland. The hightest part of Manhattan Island culminates 238 feet above tide-water.

The highest ambition of a Chinaman is to have a nice coffin and a fine funeral. Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire was founded by Ashur about 2246

Mrs. Mary A. Schaub, of Nashville, Tenn., recently died and left \$6000 for the support of her two pet dogs.

The earliest recorded public celebration of Washington's birthday is the observance of that day in Richmond, Va., A lecturer in San Francisco, treating

of the lower forms of animal life, said that "the oyster is capable of being educated in a limited way. The Saracens introduced the sugarcane into the islands of the Mediteranean and

old Spain. Hence it was conveyed to the Canaries and West Indies. "Soap bubble parties" are a fashionable amusement in the vicinity of Reading,

Penn. The point of the game is to see who can blow the largest bubble. A previous acquaintance between the male and female in China prevents them

from marriage. For this reason a man seldom weds a girl of his own town. The art of elocution has received comparatively little attention in modern times, compared with the assuidity with which it was cutivated by the Greeks and

The left hand in France is universally regarded as that "of the heart," and is reserved for relatives and intimate friends and those toward whom the giver is well disposed.

A New York wholesale grocer the other day displayed a sign "Take one," in front of his store, referring to a litter of kittens in a wicker basket to which the sign was fastened.

San Bernardino, Cal., keeps clear of tramps by holding the vagabonds under a waterspout for thirty minutes and then ordering them to leave town. They do not lose any time in obeying.

Jacob F. Zook, of New Wilmington. Penn., has a duck with three legs and four feet, one leg having two well-developed feet. All three legs are natual, and the duck uses them all.

The bamboo tree does not blossom until it attains its thirtieth year, when it produces seed profusely and then dies. It is said that a famine was prevented in resorted to the jungles to gather the seed for food.

William H. Able is a farmer near Collins Station, Penn., and for some time one of the water pipes on the place was clogged. He did not feel like cutting barities of the national character with a the pipe, so he caught an eel, put it in the pipe, and next morning was gratified to find the eel in the trough at the end of the pipe and the water running freely.

Cause of the Rebellion in Hayti.

It may be worth while for the sake of clearness to show briefly the cause of the present revolution. In 1879 Salomon became President of Hayti. He was a man of strong will, unbounded energy the paper dollar to a par with gold, and maque in the dead of the night of September 28, when he was shot in his own house by unknown assassins.

Whether it was done by his consent or not, Legitime has to bear the obloquy of He became "Chief of the Executive Power." On the day after Telemaque's assassination, General Hippolyte, resigning his post as minister of agriculture and police in the government, went to Cape Haytien and proclaimed a revolution against Legitime. Hippolyte disclaims all personal ambition; declares that he simply wishes the constitution carried ard articles. The annual commerce of out, but Legitime must go and be replaced island is valued at \$15,000,000, and by a man whose hands are not stained with blood .- Philadelphia Press.

The Industry of Wood Carving.

The industry of wood carving, accordseventy years ago by a native of Brien: named Christian Fischer, who used to pend his spare time in making trifling chool for the benefit of the neigh hood, and thus laid the foundation of an industry which now gives employment to between 5000 and 6000 persons. He first conceived the idea of making tiny models of Swiss chalets, which at once found a

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR AUGUST 25.

Lesson Text: "The Anointing of David," I Sam. xvii., 1-13-Golden Text: I Sam, xvi., 7-Commentary.

1. "And the Lord said unto Samuel: How 1. "And the Lord said unto Samuel: How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel." So difficult is it for us to side with God, regardless of our own thoughts or feelings or preferences, that even the great and good Samuel is here seen clinging in his heart (for he went not near him, Chap. xv., 35) to Saul after the Lord had rejected him. We must remember that the Lord did not reject Saul until Saul had persistently rejected and disobeyed the Lord (Chaps, xiii, 13, 14; xv., 25), so that Saul had no one to biame but himself for the loss of his position.

of his position.
2. "How can I go? If Saul hear it he will 2. "How can I go? If Saul hear it he will kill me." This does not sound like the utterance of a faithful, fearless follower of the Lord God of Hosts. It might be said to Samuel: "Who art thou that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, " " and forgettest the Lord thy Maker?" (Isa., li., 12, 13.) Had Samuel been in full sympathy with the Lord, in the case of Saul he might not have talked thus; but whenever we are in the least degree out of the fellowship with God we are apt to say and do many foolish and sinful things. The fear of the Lord and confidence in the perfect love of God, is an effectual cure for all other fear. "And the Lord said take an heifer with thee and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord." Sinful man can do nothing in the way of serving God come to sacrifice to the Lord." Sinful man can do nothing in the way of serving God apart from sacrifice and atonement; our holiest actions, our very best service, cannot be acceptable to God apart from the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the weakest cry or the feeblest service is made acceptable through Him.

3. "I will show thee what thou shalt do; and thou shalt anoint unto Me him whom I name unto thee." The servant of the Lord has only to move forward calmly and in perfect confidence in his captain and he is always promised sure guidance.

4. "And Samuel did that which the Lord spake." This is now as it should be, the word of the Lord prevails, and the servant is simply obedient and comes to Bethlehem

simply obedient and comes to Bethlehem leaving God to carry out His own plans and manage His own affairs in His own wise way. manage his own affairs in his own wise way. When we are thus passive and also obedient in His hands, all will be well and His purpose unhindered. "The elders of the town trembled." Here is another indication of lack of fellowship with God, for if their hearts are restricted to the conduct right there. were right and their conduct right there would have been rejoicing instead of trem-bling at a visit from the Lord's servant; but they, too, were clinging to the diso

bling at a visit from the Lord's servant; but probably they, too, were clinging to the disobedient king.

5. "I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord." He uses the very words which he was told to use (v. 2), and that is always the right thing to do. Jesus Himself said only what the Father told Him (John xii., 49); Jeremiah and Ezekiel were to speak only the Lord's words (Jer. i., 7-9; Ezek. iii., 4, 10, 11, 17); and when we as measengers of the Lord confine ourselves to the Lord's message, rather than give our thoughts about it, surely we shall be most pleasing to Him.

6. 7. "The Lord looketh on the heart." As

6, 7. "The Lord looketh on the heart." As the first of Jesse's sons stood before Samuel, there was something about him which caused Samuel to think that he was the Lord's an-

Samuel to think that he was the Lord's annointed; but how solemn the word of the Lord: "I have refused him." Let us again repeat that in the matter of salvation the Lord refuses none who come to Him; but this is a matter of special service, and it is not stature nor a fair countenance He seeks, but a heart right with Himself, "a man after his own heart" (chap., xii, 14).

8-10. "Jesse made seven of his sons to packet the Lord hath not chosen these." Here, then, is an apparent failure; the Lord had said to Samuel that He had provided a king from among Jesse's sons, and yet here are all the sons whom Jesse had thought it necessary to bring; and for this special service, this place bring; and for this special service, this place of honor, all are set aside, the right man has not appeared. God's thoughts and ways are as much higher than ours as heaven is higher as much higher than ours as heaven is higher than earth; and how few seem to know His thoughts or understand His countenance. (Isa. Iv., 8, 9; Mic. iv., 12), but let men be blind as they may, there is no failure with God. He has chosen His servant, and will yet set the man of His choice on the throne of Israel and of the whole world. Want upon

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11. "Send and fetch him, for we will not sit down till he comes hither." So everything has to stand still till the slighted son is brought. In reply to Samuel's question as to whether these seven were all his sons Jesse replied that the youngest was at home keeping the sheep, and it was for him that they were now sending and waiting.

12. "And he sent, and brought him in, *** and the Lord said: Arise, anoint him; for this is he." As we are thus for the first time personally introduced to David, the son of Jesse, the history of whose kindom, past and future, fills so much of Scripture, and with whom we expect to be somewhat intimately associated when Jesus, the son of David, who is also the church's Bridegroom, shall sit on David's throne, we can only stand and gaze upon this ruddy, good-looking young man and wonder at the grace of God in choosing a mortal man for such a glorious immortal future; and then turning to our own souls we would say: O, my soul, see that thou dost never cease to adore, and cry aloud the praises of Him, whose grace has called you massing by so

then turning to our own souls we would say:

O, my soul, see that thou dost never cease
to adore, and cry aloud the praises of Him,
whose grace has called you, passing by so
many others, to be a king-priest unto God,
washing you in His own precious blood.

13. "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and
anointed him in the midst of his brethren."
He was afterward, at Hebron, anointed
king over the bouse of Judah, and somewhat later, at the sameplace, anointed king
over all Israel. (II Sam. ii., 4; v., 1-5.) After Samuel anointed him that day there were
long years of waiting and rejection and persecution ere he came to the throne, so now
although Jesus, the Son of David, is God's
chosen and anointed King of Israel and of
all nations, we are still living in the time
when He is rejected and persecuted. "The
spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David
from that day forward." (See R. V.) Here
is the power by which alone we can suffer or
serve or wait or in any way glorify God.
From beginning to end of Scripture the power
of the Spirit of God is the only power revealed for effectual service, and whether it is
playing upon the harp or writing psalms, subduing enemies or reigning over Israel, whatever David did that was acceptable to God
was by the Holy Spirit.

"So Samuel rose up and went to Ramah."
For the second time he has anointed a Captain over the Lord's inheritance, and now he
retires to his own home, no doubt to continue in prayer for the Lord's people and for
His anointed.—Lesson Helper.

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An English journal puts the liquor problem in this form: Twenty-five snakes running through the streetsthat's free whisky. Twenty-five snakes gathered into a box in which twentyfive holes are made by authority a the court-that is low license. Ten of the holes are closed and the snakes all ing to a recent publication, was intro-duced into Switzerland some sixty or high license. Drive all the snakes over to the next village-that is local option. Kill all the snakes-that is prohibition.

> It is now claimed that the actual feat of sending a portrait of the person using the telephone wire has been accomplished abroad. The portrait appears as a shadow on a ground glass as in the photographic camera. Edison is working out the idea in this country.