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TIME WILL TELL" BY MES. M. A. KIDDER. Young man, are you coming health? Nature's most abundant wealth !. Time will tell ! Whether the ruddy cheek's fair glow, That becomes your manhood so, Comes of well spent hours or no, Time will tell !

As the tempter's home you pass, Do you drain the social glass? Time will tell ! By the wild eye's lurid flame, By the breath of your fair fame, By your good or evil name,

Time will tell! 🗻 Do you choose the honest way, In your dealings, day by day? Should the read be rough and long. Thornier than the path of wrong, Will your heart be faint or strong?

Do you, with ignoble choice Listen to the siren's voice? Time will tell ! Whether you spend in rightful sleep Sleep's own hours, or orgies keep, That would make the angels weep, Time will fell !

Every seed that we have sown, Time will tell ! All depends upon the rect; Like from like still follows suit Either sweet or bitter fruit,

Hiscellancous. THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH

BIBLE.

BY PROF. THOMAS CHASE, OF HAVER-FORD COLLEGE IN "S. S. TIMES."

Nothing is more marked in the early history of Christianity, than munity, ought to have the opportunity of reading the Holy Scriptures in their own vernacular tongue. It is true that the New Testament was written, and the Old Testament had already for several centuries been translated, in a language understood by the educated and higher classes the world over. But this was not enough. Obeying the injunction, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," the first Chris-

intelligible and familiar, such words as he heard every day in his home. And so the New Testament was hardly completed before it and the whole Bible began to be translated: into Egyptian, in several different dialects; into Ethiopic, into Syriac, n several versions; into Persian, Arabic, Armenian, Georgian, Gothic; into Latin, very early in the north of Africa, while Greek was still the anguage of the church at Rome; then several revisions of this African version, which are called the Old Italian," were made, in the north of Italy; and finally in the fourth century Jerome, amidst much opposition, made a revision of the ranslation of the New Testament, and a new revision of the Old from he original Hebrew (the former Latin versions having been from the Septuagint), which gradually won their way to acceptance and their present title of the Vulgate. A few centuries later translations of the Bible were made into Anglo Saxon. Slavonic, and Frankish The prin-

ciple at first universally accepted, has in later times been upheld by the churches of the Teutonic races almost alone; so that, as far at least as re- the work of enlightenment went on gards this important matter of opintled to be called Catholic and apos- 1509 to 1514 Erasmus was professor to complete the work. "It is easy," gelist,) and, after giving orders for the distribution of some little keepsakes among his friends, engaged in cheerful and holy conversation. At ength his eager scribe reminded him that there was still another sentence to translate, the attestation (perhaps of the Ephesian elders) to the genuineness of the Gospel (xxi., 24, 25). "Write quickly," was the response. The boy soon said. "It is complete now?" "Well," Bede replied, "thou hast said the truth; all is ended. Take my head in thy hands; I would sit in the holy place in which I was wont to pray, that so sitting I may call upon my Father," Then, resting upon the floor of the cell, he chanted a hymn,

After the Norman Conquest, and when the English language proper first came into being, there were days of inaction and suspended life in the church. The Bible was read. if read at all, only in Latin, and by ecclesiastics. Many of the priests, text of false liberty, the corruption of head." although they mumbled the words in discipline, the depravity of morals, their service, knew not their meant the termination of concord, the well-you on your head? How did he do they stand face to face with death on Wi ing, and could not translate them. spring of vices, the milk of pride, the it?" tury had opened, the nations of charity, the murderer of truth;" and elevated me. Kinder raised me and the necessary officials, or any Western Europe gave sign that they much more in the same spirit. And slid me off on my car," were outgrowing the narrow tutelage of this hideous Cochlaeus was so blind of the Roman Church. Modern as to suppose himself a champion of literature sprang into life, in the Christ.

What did he do that for?"

"What did he do that for?"

"What did he do that for?"

"What did he do that for?"

"Why, I asked him for a drink, have a terror for criminals that ing like a fish when he finds he has taken and when I told him to chalk it in would more than double what they enough to make his head swim.

When the Book arived in England, his head, and that when I came have now.

The bull-frog was the first circulating der. This assembly could not have included.

The bull-frog was the first circulating der. This assembly could not have included. were outgrowing the narrow tutelage this hideous Cochlaeus was so blind

and his soul passed away while the

name of the Holy Spirit was still on

reedom, John Wycliffe was the fore- grace, "knowledge" (acknowledge) most exemplar. The tracts in simple, for confess, repentance for penance vigorous English, in which he ex-posed the corrupt doctrines and Cardinal Wolsey and the Bishops practices which had crept into the persuaded the king to order the pestichurch, and advocated purity and lent English Bible to be burnt, and

broadcast the seed which afterwards readers. ripened in the Reformation; but the greatest service to our race and to hibited in the old Cathedral of St. mankind was his publication of the Paul's, the public burning of the first complete English Bible. A Holy Scriptures. A clergyman who translation, however, not of the original had circulated the translation was nal Hebrew and Greek, but of the arrested, and ordered, with other grows upon me as the years advance." strong woman—a regular Amazon, acting on what you do know. There Latin Vulgate. It was very nearly offenders, to abjure or burn at the He then went on to tell me how the In the transports of her grief she are some spiritual facts clear enough five hundred years ago, that through his labors and those of his coadjutors, by islded. A platform was built up the whole Bible was first thrown open to the people in words which sat the Cardinal one a throne, with even to the simplest of those who priors and bishops, resplendent in speak our tongue. Wyelifie's New purple and searlet and damask and speak our tongue. Wyelifie's New purple and searlet and damask and they die the death of brutes ag this there ever was a scene content of the ment of the transports of her grief she are some spiritual facts clear enough average man meets death. He said seized upon her husband—a heavy hour seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundred and seventy-five pounds—the dred and seventy-five pounds—to do, and the larger knowledge will out in a wild, wailing voice that the change. They are stupefied by narding the correction of the great out in a wild, wailing voice that the change. They are stupefied by narding the correction of the great out in a wild, wailing voice that the change. They are stupefied by narding the series of the great out in a wild, wailing voice that the change. They are stupefied by narding the first in the majority of cases, where man meets death. He said seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundred and seventy-five pounds—and the larger knowledge will out in a wild, wailing voice that the change. They are stupefied by narding the correction of the great out in a wild, wailing voice that the change and strengthen your corrections. The proposition of the seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundred and seventy-five pounds—and the seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundred and seventy-five pounds—and the seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundred and seventy-five pounds—and the seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundred and seventy-five pounds—and the seized upon her husband—a heavy man, weighing upward of one hundr Testament was finished about 1380; satin, and all the insignia of worldly the version of the Old Testament, pomp and carnal pride; under "the physician says, instead of like men, ed a man, this was the one of all begun by his friend, Nicholas De "Rood of the Northern," the great The medical authority has an idea others. Yet Barney Williams walk-Hereford, was completed probably crucifix near the northern door, a that the first moment of death comes ed out of this cell as calm and col-

John Purvey about the year 1388. .It was a brave thing in those days Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, were to give the people the Bible. The made to go thrice around the fire and study of the Bible is always dreaded east in faggots. by those who desire to live in their sins, and by those who in spiritual Bible were burned in large numbers; sins, and by those who in spiritual Bible were purned in large numbers; the hand in dropping the handker. It would be a good question for low men. How bigoted churchmen regarded it is shown in these words people had had a taste of those preof one Henry Knyghton, a priest of cocious words; and, from a people But he always failed in the experiit was fairly launched into the other those days: "This master John Wy- who have once tasted, neither cor- ment.

carly history of Christianity, than the fullness with which all the churches accepted the principle that the common people, in every community, ought to have the opportuniof the best understanding! And so His chief accuser was the notorious and with the income of fifteen dol- hence he'll be shining brighter than

> of swine." The prelates launched their thunlerbolts, and in 1408, a Convention, under Archhishop Arundel, decreed after, by his own authority translate, any text of the Scripture into Engany such approval was impossible.

In 1415, Parliament enacted "that

James or Paul.

In spite of bigotry and priesteraft, ion and practice, they are now enti- New Testament in her hand." From tolical; a fact which is attested also of Greek at Cambridge, and thither by their moral superiority to churches in which the Bible is undervalued. As early as the eighth century, the Saxon, and at about the same time a version of the Gospel of John was made by the Venerable Bede, who finished the task only with his life. His last sickness had come on in the spring of 735; he had translated to the spring to spring the spring of 735; he had translated to the spring to the task only with intelligence to one spring to the spring to spring the spring the spring to spring the shall have a crown clearer to more to an advantage, he spring to spring the shall have a crown clearer to more to an advantage, he spring to spring the spring to spring the shall have a crown clearer to more to an advantage, he spring to spring the shall have a crown clearer to more to an advantage, he spring the shall have a crown clearer to more to an advantage, he spring the shall have a crown clearer to more to the shall have a crown in it. Look up that Roman solde by their moral superiority to churches | came to him, as pupil, from Oxford, spring of 735; he had translated years I will cause a boy that driveth the man who was never thrown be- as he called his wife to him: "Good of my old enemies my friends: Death, those words which were, probably, a plow to know more of the Scripcause he was never pressed by a dev-bye, Doctor! I shall be off in a mother Grave, the Judgment. I used to ratory. I have worked him over. the conclusion of the gospel in its ture than thou doest." We know lish passion into a corner and had to original form: "These are written how nobly that promise was kept; wrestle for his life, to be crowned; voice, as he took his little wife in his of them. They are my friends."

In a worked nim over. I shan be on in a not the trave, the duagment. I used to ratory. I have worked nim over. I make the trave, the duagment. I used to ratory. I have worked nim over. I be afraid of them. Now I've no fears' touched his clear eye with crimson, of them. They are my friends."

In a provide that promise was kept; wrestle for his life, to be crowned; wrestle for his life, to be crowned; wrestle for his life, to be crowned; when the trave, the duagment. I used to ratory. I have worked nim over. I be afraid of them. Now I've no fears' touched his clear eye with crimson, of them. They are my friends." that ye might believe that Jesus is kept, too (to use his own words), "in while he whose whole life has been arms, "Poor, little Marie!" added the Christ, the Son of God; and poverty, exile, bitter absence from but along wrestling match with Sa-he, in a cheerful voice. "I do bethat believing ye might have life friends, hunger and thirst and cold, through his name;" one more chapter, as Cuthbert, his faithful scholar land sharp fightings." Coming that human eye and finger can adto to care for you when your old man what human eye and finger can adto care for you when your old man to care for you when your old man what human eye and finger can adto care for you when your old man to care for your w and scribe, reminded him, remained up to London in 1522; in the vain just the scale to accommodate such is gone!"—Here he took his wife's hope of being permitted to translate dissimilar conditions? Who can face between his two trembling hands Bede replied; "take thy pen and the New Testament, under the pat-write quickly." And so he dictated ronage of the Bishop of London, he causes and thread out the degree of he myrmured "adicu," and quickly his version of the final chapter (which says," At the last I understood not virtue and of guilt which belongs to "au revoir" as he gave her a final was subsequently added by the evan- only that there was no room in cach of two men who are in their na- kiss. At once he became rigid, and my Lord of London's palace to trans-late the New Testament, but also like? Jesus was right when he back, all! My father is before me, that there was no place to do it in all taught his disciples not to attempt at Waterloo, he died with his face England." And so in 1524 he left to judge men. It is a task to which to the enemy! I, too, will face the his native land, never to return. He men are not equal. It must be left great enemy, Death!" He raised found a home at first in Hamburg. to Him who alone knows how to be his head boldly and looked straight in 1525, after many obstacles and just. "Who art thou that judgeth ahead, with the buoyant look of a difficulties had been surmounted, his another man's servant? To his own man who knows not fear; and with completed translation of the New master he standeth or falleth."—The

Testament from the original Greek Golden Rule.
was printed in quarto, at Cologue, and in a small octavo at Worms. The redoubtable Cochlagus informed Henry VIII of the seditious and terers called him, of the quality of had assulted him, and this is the way leet. The exceptions to this are the whose heart and brain we may form he made his want known: some notion from his own words, in

what may more truly be ascribed to the priestcraft which would withhold "The New Testament translated into the vulgar tongue is in truth the | mean by that?" fourteenth cen- death of peace, the destruction of

Of this zeal for truth and religious priest, love for charity, favor for

nobleness of life and conduct, sowed penalties to be inflicted upon its And now a brilliant scene was ex-

> ing the infliction of a sermon from On many occasions copies of the

ter whether they that die on account of religion be guilty or innocent,

needless to add that the obtaining of cation of the whole volume of Holy companions of this humble foreigner. way, and a capital asylum at the end." Writ.2 William Tyndale, the scholar, the read the Scriptures in their mother hardly too much to say—the author did not mention this to the sick man. set in pearls, tongue, they should forfeit land, cat- of our English version of the Bible. He gave him a potion to make him light that had been lit. Copies of majestic direction; its honesty in Frenchman's little house in the even-ground!" Wycliffe's translations were secretly literally interpreting the original ing. It was late in the fall, and the

"Who Art Thou That Judgest?"

-Yesterday a young man much giv-

which he ascribes to the free Bible, for a feller!" "What did he do to you?" asked the attorney. "He fired me out!" "'Fired you out!' What do you

food of death, the fuel of sin, the pre- Oh! well, he stood me on my

"What did he do that for?"

DEATH AND SLEEP:

A correspondent gives the following interesting statement under this heavenly paradise.

they die the death of brutes, as this that could have completely unmannby himself, and given to his country. fire was made, into which the Bibles like the dropping off to sleep, the lected as if he were going to a dinmen before his death in 1384. The and various evangelical books were sleeper not knowing when it comes. ner instead of to his grave. I never whole translation was revised by cast, and the "heretics," after suffer. He has often experimented with a understood this man's nonchalance

cliffe translated out of Latin into rupt prelates nor wicked kings can leath, he described a most remarkhad intrusted with the clergy and tures of truth. able death-bed scene which he witdoctors of the church, that they But that the people might have nessed upon the outskirts of Washmight minister to the laity and weak- this blessed boon, Tyndale himself ligton. The hero of this occasion own that we all do like to shine; and you would believe he would do it he er sort, according to the exigency of gave his life; not, however, till he was a poor Frenchman, who worked we all may, for they that be wise were in your place; so you will have the times and their several occasions. had twice revised and improved his as an hostler for a small innkeeper, shall shine as the brightness of the most learned of the clergy and those part of the remaining Hebrew books. house near the inn. He was married yet, and twenty-five hundred years the Gospel jewel, or evangelical pearl, and narrow minded Ruwart Tapper, lars a month, he and his wife man- ever." is thrown about and trod under foot who once said: "It is no great mat- aged to live in what they considered comfort. He had, however, the use dited by the Spirit, and it would be of a small patch of land, the pro- bad if we receive in answer what we light can be seen that has ever come harmony, ever assumed in Scripture, be-

provided we terrify the people by ducts of which enabled him to eke ask. Moses did not get what he under our observation. Immediate tween God's sovereignty and man's resuch examples; which generally suc- out his very moderate income. The asked, and how much better for him ly in front of the door is a plastered sponsibility. and ordained, "that no man here- ceeds best, when persons eminent for time came, after several years of his to breathe his life out alone on the wall. Upon this can be seen as per- So far this prayer is made up of praise. learning, riches, nobility, or high humble life, that the husband could bosom of his lord than to have to go feet a picture as can be thrown upon Now they pass to supplication. "And station are thus sacrificed." Having no more go to his work. A disease fighting up and down the land with the screen from a magic lantern. lish, or any other tongue, by way of shown his faith by so signal a work of the kidneys, long neglected, seized Joshua!" tians strove also to enable every human being to read, or to hear, the written revelation in words perfectly written revelation in words perfectly with a strong and any such-book, with all possible boldness). The physician who was the every hear that in a few short days death came written revelation in words perfectly with a strong and close the door, and the door posed in the time of John Wycline, chief inquisitor for the Low Coun- called was surprised to find this poor out, of his life by one bad woman, ed upon the wall, and in a variety of or since, or hereafter to be set forth, in part or in whole, publicly or fastened to the stake, before he was privately, upon pain of greater ex. Strangled and burned, was: "Lord, for the bow County of the bad woman, ed upon the wall, and in a variety of the speak thy word whilst thou dost stretch the ordinary. The hostler working Elijah was to go up to heaven in a the rays from the sun in the east for the burned, was: "Lord, for the humble pittance of fifteen chariot, instead of sneaking out of fall upon the opposite block, the privately, upon pain of greater ex. strangled and burned, was: "Lord, for the numble putance of mines putanc

face passed away. As a class, the physician thinks that the people of culture meet HINTS FOR A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. death more firmly than illiterate Henry VIII of the seditious and —Yesterday a young man much givones. Those of higher minds have wicked work in which Tyndale was en to the use of slang of the day invariably canvassed the subject of ngaged, and endeavored vainly to called on the prosecuting attorney and death, and it never comes to them thwart it: Cochlaeus, "The Scourge announced that he wanted a warrant with all the terrors that it does to of Luther," as his weakminded flat- for the arrest of a saloon-keeper who the people of a lower grade of intel-

cases of brutes executed for the com-"Look a here, I want a warrant mission of some crime. The majority of these die calmly, but it is the excitement of the situation and the keeps them up. It is also a secret practice, in most penitentiaries, to furnish prisoners who are to be hung with an inordinate quantity of stimulants; so that they are rarely, if ful printers' strike a "typographical er the scaffold. Executive men in se-

up the criminal when he has a crowd at his feet, and a parson at each elbow to boost him at once into a

I was present some years ago, at A prominent official or rather a the execution of Barney Williams nan who had once been prominent— nassed out of his life the other day. mitted one of the most atrocious of The physician who attended him, in possible, murders. In his cell, describing to me the painful scenes preceding the moment that he was aftendant upon his death bed, said: led out to execution, there was one tive. have witnessed in the long ex- of the most distressing of imaginable perience of my life many deaths; scenes. His wife was admitted to say but the great mystery of death only farwell to him. She was a very

handkerchief to see if he could ascer- until I afterward learned that he tain the exact period when he wouldfall was filled up to the brim with whisasleep. This he would attempt to ky and champhor, until he had lost do by lying down with a handker the realizing sense of the situation chief in his hand, trusting that when entirely. He was too drunk to talk the moment came the relaxation of even, and so passed over the border. so hated by priests, was read. The chief would tell him the exact mo psychologists, how long it would every hour of your life. In school, Lord's purpose and destroy forever the

ARROWS FROM MR. MOODY'S QUIVER.

"We might as well be honest and

"Many of our prayers are not in-

The physician soon saw that there | "I like to go all round a text, to was no room for his art here—that see what's after and before—then I whosoever they were that should apostle, and the martyr, is—it is death could not be avoided; but he find often it is like a little diamond

tle, body, life, and goods, from their Every subsequent translation has sleep, and for the time being left him conversions. I'd like to know when heirs forever, and be condemned for been based upon his. In some parts in the care of his young wife, who Zaccheus was converted. He wasn't keyhole in the door. It is the most hereties to God, enemies to the crown, of our present authorized version, nursed her husband as tenderly as if converted when he went up in the singular phenomenon of the kind and most errant of traitors to the nine-tenths of the words are retained he were a young child, and not a full tree; he was converted when he came land." Yet no pride of hierarchy nor from Tyndale, in others five-sixths. grown man. A week or so after the down; it must have been somewhere and involves a law of light that we not of vengeance but of mercy in attestapower of man could extinguish the He gave our Bible its simple, but hirsticall, the physician visited the between the branches and the

"Jesus said, 'Preach the gospel to circulated, and read aloud in hidden text; its holdness in naturalizing cool nights had caused the wife to every creature. I can imagine peoplaces, sometimes in the depth of among us the grand metaphors and build a cheerful wood fire in the pleasking him, "What, Lord, shall the night, to the consolation and ed. idioms of the Hebrew tongue. The open fireplace of the main room of we offer salvation to the men who ification of thousands of souls. Men debt we owe him passes all estimation of thousands of souls. Men debt we owe him passes all estimation of the manuscript, or tion! but so long as the world enformed sitting in a large, easy chair Jesus answering him, "Yes, Peter, I objects on the other side of the street swer was immediate. So Tyndale transa load of hay for a few leaves of dures he shall be honored as among in front of the fire. His countenance want you to go up to Jerusalem and the noblest of the saints and mar- had upon it a unusually lively ex- wait there until you are endued with wife Marie to him, as he chatted you to preach my gospel to every with the physician, and even made one, beginning at Jerusalem. Offer her sit upon his lap—although such salvation to the men who crucified -Who can judge men righteously, an exertion made him tremble like a me. Peter. I'd like you to find that seeing how they differ widely from leaf. After an hour's chat upon man who put the crown of thorns on one another? Who can tell where many matters, during which the my head. Tell him if he'll take salto snap the line of real merit as re- Frenchman never appeared mentally vation as a gift he shall have a crown

Mn. GRANT (colored) - Mornin',

Judge. I come on circumstancie I brandy blossoms. I cracked his want yourto delucidate. Judge-Well, out with it.

tall. I'se no jection to dat, but jis here's where de shoe pinch; jis here is, Judge, I wants to Jine de church. you say but one, and I 'tempt it, my spectable Judge, you better b'leve

casion in dat chuch. to rub out all old scores and begin ifresh. Marry a new wife. Grant—Dat's my hand! I goes in for you, Juge, all de time. I tell you presence of many spectators that white folks is smart. Whar dey can't crawfish out, cullud folks no use try.

> FUN. FACT. AND FACETIAL A REPORTER once called an unsucces WHY is a store that don't advertise like

Enoch Arden? Because it "sees no sale from day to day." sickening details published in the bore to Donguess Jerroid.

NUMPER 47. HINTS TO YOUNG CHRISTIANS. Don't be afraid to "show your

colors.". A cowardly Christian is a

tion, from no duty that Christ desires of you. The timid, vacillating course is the hardest and most bar- the whole company sang the second Psalm, ren. The brave, outspoken, faithful and Peter then applied the contents to life is the happiest and most effect their situation in the terms recorded . There are many things you do not understand as yet. But let no doubt or uncertainties prevent you from

Pray without ceasing. Don't neglect the prayer-meeting, or the Sunday School. Stir up your Sunday School teacher, and get your doubts explained. Go to the pastor with your is plain that the inspired apostles recog-questions, and find out the best he nized and taught that the Lord who crea-

sweetness and power of Christianity. self-confidence"); and the people (the Be conscientious in little things. Let Jews) imagined vain things; they planned the Master's spirit shine through with anxious forethought to defeat the in shop, or field, in society the young Lord's Anointed. The kings stood up Christian ought to be the most faithful, the most courteous, the most generous and kindly, the noblest of

any person there. Follow Christ. Seek to reproduce his traits in your life. Do always as a growing, joyful, successful Christian career. Rev. C. H. Richard's, in Our Paper.

A CURIOUS FREAK OF LIGHT.

ancient stone church, standing nearly opposite the Madison house, in overruled their wickedness for the good of which the most remarkable effect of our race. This is another proof of the

ble. So of persons passing along we may meet with."-Henry. the sidewalk and vehicles passing through the street. The wall upon that ever came under our knowledge, should like to have explained by the have been to be seen we do not know, through his name. but its discovery had been made but a few days before our visit to the city, and seemed to be unknown to

are not inverted in the picture, but lates "as soon as they had prayed." in their natural position. Will some The answer had both an outward and an pression. He playfully called his power from on high. Then I want of our scientific readers give us the inward form. The outward form consistsolution? THE RUMSELLER AT THE CENTEN-NIAL,—Imagine a rumseller at the saints of the old Testament. (Ex. 19:19, Centennial Exhibition making a Ps. 68:3) This outward form of the answersh in this contract. speech in this style: This thing you swer was a token and proof of the inward, see here, ladies and gentlemen, is the They were all filled with the Holy child, a loyal husband, a splendid citizen, before he came into my labowith boldness."

and made his nose as red and irregular as a lump of coral. I embroidered his cheeks with rum buds and voice and cracked his form. I stained his character and shattered his Grant-Well, the whole circum- mind. Look, ladies and gentlemen, stancie ob de bizness am dis: You at this miracle of mechanism. A fit see, Judge, in slabbery time I had of Mania a potu is coming on. See three wife on three plantations. Dey the artistic contortions of his face. got long berry well togedder, when His form seems like the embodiment dey was apart, and I was well satis- of a guilty conscience. Every vein a faction; but since rebel times dese viper, every artery is an adder, each devised statutes" fetch up all dese hair a scorpion. His blood is like dern nonsense laws bout man and liquid fire. No matter what a man's wife, and I find I ain't got no wife religious belief is, he believes in hell, when he has the delerium tremens. He sees the devils, then. Don't go I wants your legal precision. De tac near him, dear friends. A lighted of the most disinterested and self-sacrificcigar in contact with his breath De boss leader says I can't come it might result in spontaneous combusonless I git legally married. Now, tion. You ask me why I do this kin I cordin to law, marrid all kind of work. Because it pays. I three, or mus I marrid but one? Ef do it according to law. Men go to the Legislature to protect me in my licensed trade. It does not require der will be de berry debbil ris on dar much brains nor much money to do this work. Why, ladies and gentle-Judge—Mr. Grant, under the cirmen, you can see plenty of specimens cumstances, I seriously advise you of my work, and of the work of men in my calling, in the poor-houses and prisons and mad houses all over the land.—Temperance Album.

---NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS. MAY 21, 1876.

> Acts IV: 23-37.—Golden Text: 12:5. SECOND QUARTER. LESSON VIII.

release of the Apostles; v. 21. As soon as they were let go (Tyndale) they went laid the price at the apostles' feet as a "What's going?" said a well known to their own (i. c., their own people or bore to Douglass Jerrold. "I am," was friends). "All that we can gather from

they were assembled together? (v. 81). It was probably the house where they were sitting" (2:2) on the day of Pentecost. This may have been near the temple. "They reported (or carried back) how great things the chief priests and elders had said unto them;" i. e., they reported to their brethren the threatenings of the Sanhedrin, (vs. 17,21). "The chief priests and elders? is merely a designa-

tion of the Sanhedrin. This brings us (I) to the Prayer of the Church, vs. 24-30. When they heard the story of the two apostles they lifted up their voice to God with one accord: i. e., there was a concert of hearts, not of voices. The general interpretation is that one (probably Peter) led in prayer. while the others joined silently. Dr. Hackett says: "The prayer on this occasion was chiefly praise, and as the words misnomer. Shrink from no declara- quoted were so familiar to all, it is quite possible that they recited them together. Baumgarten's view may lid near the truth:

This prayer is addressed to the Father, considered in general as the absolute Sovereign of the universe. "Lord", i. e., Master. It is repeatedly used in the New Testament for a muster as distinguished from his slaves. The idea in the term is that of absolute authority or power. It is the root of our English word, despot, but without its secondary idea of tyranny. This absolute Sovereign is then addressed (1) as the God of creation, v. 24. (2) As the God of revelation, v. 25. "The quotation is from the 2nd Psalm, which is explicitly declared to be the inspired work of David and a prophecy of Christ." It knows on the things that perplex you. ted the worlds also inspired the prophets. Keep your heart warm by doing This prophecy was fulfilled in Christ's history and in his alone. The heathen Make your life beautiful in the (the Romans) did rage (the word is "used sight of men, and show them the for any noisy or obtrusive indication of (represented by Herod Antipas and Pilate) and the rulers were gathered together (the Sauhedrin) against the Lord and against his Christ; the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word Messiah.

(3) The Soverign Father is addressed as the God of Providence, v. 28. These Jews and Gentiles these rulers civil and ecclesiastical—were gathered together against the Father's holy son Jesus (i. e., to destroy him); but this very vile plot was a link in the chain of God's purpose of mercy toward humankind. His coun-In Jefferson City there is a little sel determined before that it should so be done; and his hand (i. e., his power)

now, Lord, behold their threatenings," You enter and close the door, and i. e., keep thine eye upon their threaten-

posite the windows, are plainly vis- in our work and duty, whatever troubles

Their desire was that while God should work for them they should speak boldly which these things are delineated is for him. But they remembered that they a plain plastered wall—the only open had something to do more than to speak; ing to admit the light is an ordinary and so they added; And (grant to thy servants) that signs and wonders may be done through the name of thy holy son Jesus." While God wrought miracles tion of their mission, they desired to be philosophers. How long this may bold in speaking of Christ and doing good

II. We see the answer to their prayer.

v. 31. It is not so stated, but the impression made by the record is that the aned in the shaking of the house where they were met, (see 2:2). The sign here given of God's presence was familiar to the Ghost." That is, they received a fresh outpouring. It would seem that the fulness of the Spirit's influence was not continued permanently, but was renewed in answer to prayer and for the need of their work. The result was just what they prayed for-"they spake the word of God

III. We have another glimpse of the state of the church; vs. 32-37. The first no wise injured thereby, but strengthened by new illapses of the spirit. Hence St. of the social state of the church which was for a time interrupted. "The earlier pasrelating to an earlier period, and the later (4: 32-37) to a later; but both are syncluding the whole history of the primitive or infant church, as it existed at Jerusalem .- Alexander. 1. They were bound together in the strongest possible unity; v. 32. "The heart and soul of the multitude of believers was one." 2. This inward unity showed itself in a virtual community of goods, arising from the practice ing love; verse 32. Those believers who had property or money regarded and used efit of the brotherhood. 3. The apostles preached the resurrection of Jesus with great power (i. c., with the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit, illustrating and enforcing the facts of their own experience), and great grace was upon all

The proof of the statement in the last lause-viz.: that God's grace was upon ant contributions to their poor brethren. "For there was no one destitute among them." No doubt there were many cases of need. The confession of Christ in Serusalem meant loss of business to traders and loss of employment to workmen and servants. Many "suffered the loss of allthings." But the beneficence of the prim-Our last lesson closed with the formal litive church was equal to the demand uprecognition of their superior rank and authority, and in order that it might be distributed by their superior wisdom. Among these Joseph of Cyprus is mentioned—a Levite—who was called by the apostles the son of consolation or exhertation (ch. 11: 28-24). He afterwards beworks of Dante and his two compations, and of Chaucer; and the dent spirit of the times demanded reform in the church, and the freest the solution of the church, and the church, and the church, and the church, and the freest the solution of the church, and the church access to the unadulterated truths of the Elible.

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