





world of glory, and he walked on the path of life until November, 1855, when he was united in marriage to Miss Frances Edwards, of Alfred, who still survives him.

But it is his religious life and example we would more particularly speak for, as he was honest and true in all his dealings with his fellow-men, so we believe he was honest with his God, always endeavoring, by his example and precept, to adorn the profession he had made of a well-ordered life and godly conversation.

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As the Supreme Being, he is the only moral Governor of the Universe, and as such he has the sole right to make laws for the regulation of the conduct of all his creatures. This he has done, and his law for our guidance in all our relations, to ourselves, to our fellow-beings, and to him, are written in the Bible; and it is the positive and absolute duty of every responsible being to conform their lives to those laws.

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character and higher order. And it is just as wrong to withhold the penny when it ought to be given, as it would be to keep back the pound under the same circumstances, to refuse the turtle doves or young pigeons as well as the stalf-fed oxen. The language of the heart should always be,

Give me all my store, Most plentiful than have I, I had more."

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to go on the war path. In all the pledges he has made to the Canadian authorities, he has never promised anything more than not to make war on the United States. While on Canadian soil, it is believed he is preparing for another west spring, and will be joined as soon as he crosses the border, by all the roving and disaffected Indians in the North-west."

The EAST RIVER BRIDGE.—We learn from the New York Trade Journal that the original plan for passenger transit as prepared by Chief Engineer W. A. Robinson, contemplated three sidewalks, two railroad tracks, and two single way-on tracks. The railroad tracks will be attached to an endless wire rope, to be propelled by a stationary engine on the Brooklyn side. It is estimated by the late John A. Roebling that a speed of twenty miles an hour, which would be increased to thirty, or even forty miles, would be perfectly safe. The cars will be fifty feet in length and capable of seating 100 persons comfortably.

A proposal has been made to put a roof on the Coliseum at Rome, at a cost of \$1,200,000. It is then to be used as a market for the last year in 1880 or 1881. The proposal marks the change between the spirit of the present and the past. Such an exhibition will be a wonderful improvement on the gladiatorial combats of the past, and the phibetrous with the mingled blood of men and beasts.

The Secretary of the Treasury denies the report that a large amount of the 44 bonds at par in gold. Total subscription to the 44 per cents since January 16th, is \$3,500,000. For the present month \$500,000.

It will take three years to finish the revision of the Bible, which is now being made by the American and British Commissions. Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, says that \$2,500,000 a month, is the extent of the present mint capacity.

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Information has been received at Washington of the forcible seizure of three illicit distillers, at Picken's Court House, S. C., by an armed mob. Also, that an armed mob threatened to hang a man at Greenville, who aided in the arrest of distillers. Commissioner Raum has authorized the collector to employ a hundred men, if necessary, to aid in enforcing the law. The collector reports that he has arrested 100 distillers in the North-west."

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The Bible Service.

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Jan. 5. Hezekiah, First King of Judah. 2 Chron. 29: 1-11. Jan. 12. Azaiah, Second King of Judah. 2 Chron. 32: 1-11. Feb. 2. Hezekiah's Prophecy. 2 Chron. 32: 1-11.

LESSON XIII.—REVIEW.

For Sabbath Day, March 30. REFLECTION.—On what a man's thoughts are concerned, and that it is his duty to be "the god of his own thoughts."

THEME UNFOLDED.

I. History of idolatry. II. Forms of idolatry. III. The worship of the sun, moon, and stars.

Miscellaneous.

THE DRUNKARD'S SOLILOQUY. To drink, or not to drink, that is the question. When 'tis well to sip the rosy wine—

LIFE IN NEW YORK.

Divine Desperation. Life in the lower portions of New York is coarse. Ordinary observers are repelled. But under its rough surface I have found nuggets of kindly deeds.

III. Some of the gods of idolatry in the Bible.

1. Baal (the sun god), the divinity of the Phoenicians. 1 Kings 18: 26. 2. Ashtoreth, the Phoenician Venus. 1 Kings 11: 5. 3. Moloch, (the fire god) the deity of the Ammonites. Amos 5: 26. 4. Chemosh, the national deity of the Moabites. 1 Kings 11: 7.

IV. Some of the rites of idolatry.

1. Offering sacrifices. 2 Kings 1: 10. 2. Burning incense. 1 Kings 11: 4. 3. Bowing down in worship. Dan. 3: 6. 4. Obedience. Hosea 4: 16. 5. Cruelties. 2 Kings 19: 21; 21: 6.

V. Idolatry professed by God's law.

Exod. 20: 2-5; Deut. 4: 14-16; Isah. 42: 8; Mat. 5: 1; 1 Cor. 10: 14; 2 Cor. 6: 16; 1 John 5: 20-21.

VI. Idolatry, as seen after fact.

a. False. Jer. 10: 14, 15. b. Powerless. Isah. 41: 20; 46: 20. c. Profitless. Jer. 10: 17. d. Foolish. Deut. 32: 35-37; 1 Sam. 15: 9; Hos. 13: 1-2; Rev. 22: 15.

VII. Idolatry already largely abolished.

a. By Mohammedans. Exek. 36: 24-28. b. By Catholics. Exek. 36: 24-28. c. By Mohammedans under God. False as a system is as a whole, "the unity of God" is a good principle.

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