

A SCRIPTURE TALE

BY REV. DWIGHT WILLIAMS.

A widow looked upon her scanty store,
For famine gaunt stood waiting at the door;

Her heart was sad, her cheek was worn
And every hope of comfort seemed to fall.

Beyond the city bound they went;
The child
Clung close to her whose loving eye had

For surely, as the God of Israel lives,
The bread that I have journeyed with, will

REVIEW
Articles on the Sabbath, recently published
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Levi Wood, Dear Brother.—I begin
this number by making the following quotation

Now here, in the beginning of
this paragraph, you virtually admit
that there is no command for the

And it is not a fact undisputed,
that the law remains in force until repealed
by the same authority or power that

You still further elucidate your
explanation of the text already quoted
by remarking as follows: "The Jews

God has told him to do, instead of
doing entirely different, and in one
of your articles preceding this, you

Well, it may be that love does
prompt people to this practice, and I
don't know that there is any great

Think, my dear brother, what a position
you assume, and what you make of love,

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set it aside. 'My Father worketh
hitherto,'—i. e., he worked on six
days,—and I work.' I work on your

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your exegesis of the above passage,
" My Father worketh hitherto,"

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contradictory, saying "all Christians"
in one portion of it, and only a part of them in another place.

But supposing the Gentiles did do
all that you wish to claim for them,—
kept the first day as the Sabbath,—

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the church are not always to be
relied upon, especially when contrary
to the Word of God.

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from your essay: "For the last
two hundred years, Christianity has

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WHAT I KNOW.
I know I've passed from death to life,
For I the brethren love; (John 8: 54)

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At God's right hand above; (Job 19: 25)

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For the mortifications of the
hermit, he substituted the labors of
the farmer; which shows that he

Dear Brother: Which of all these truths
do you prize most? Or are you groping
for a new ground?

WORTH OF THE SCRIPTURES.
More important than light and
pure air and plenty of sunshine to

The secret, unblended power of that
word, quickened into life and fruitage

WISDOM—COLLEGE BOYS.—Young
men, when entering college, often
think themselves wiser than their

RICK TOWARD GOD.—He that has
love of God, no large spiritual
affections, no share in the unsearchable

CONGREGATION.—To put one's
noblest self in command, for Christ;
to sweep out of the soul its self-

PERSONAL CHARACTER OF JESUS
CHRIST.—If we attempt to discover
what it is in the personal character



MISSIONARY WORK.

The Christian Church is, essentially, a missionary organization. Its work is pre-eminently aggressive.

The present century has outdone all other centuries, in the extent of its missionary operations. Broad fields, hitherto closed against all efforts at evangelization, even within the past few years, in the providence of God, have thrown open their gates for the triumphant entry of the King of kings.

Every commission, given over eighteen centuries ago, has never been revoked. It is as imperative to-day as when it was first uttered. No plea of feebleness, in men or money, can be a valid excuse for not persevering in the chief work assigned to it.

But now, after the lapse of eighteen centuries, a denomination of Christians can be found, with more than 80 church organizations, with an aggregate membership of about 8,000, and, perhaps, double that number of nominal adherents to the same faith, professing strong attachment to the "commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"; a people whom God has blessed abundantly in worldly goods, with schools, and colleges, and a missionary society, whose special care is to superintend the chief work of this branch of Christ's family; and yet, years are passing away without a missionary proper in the whole world, under its direction and support!

Unless we can show some authoritative modification of the command, or show that it does not apply to us (and that would be the saddest feature in the case), we are still obligated to do our utmost in the work of carrying the gospel to the millions who have not yet heard of a crucified and risen Saviour. Golden opportunities are passing. Thirty lands are waiting for refreshing showers of divine mercy. Hungry souls are famishing for the bread of life. The Macedonian cry is often sounded in our ears; but what response do we make? Thirty-two years ago this Winter, many hearts were made glad by the announcement that two families of consecrated missionaries were on their voyage, bearing to benighted souls in China, the glad tidings of salvation through Jesus Christ. That was an important era in our history as a people. Who has ever regretted the undertaking? Who would call back one dollar contributed toward that holy cause, upon which God has looked with such evident tokens of approbation? And now, that field is destitute of all but its faithful native teachers; and their frequent appeals for help, as they turn their eyes imploringly toward us, should receive a quick response. We can not afford to lose that vantage ground. Important interests are involved. Not one, but, at least, two families should be sent out to occupy the claim. If we were able to send two at first, we can send six now.

But there are other portions of this sin-cursed world as needy, and quite as accessible as China, and yet not stop with only doing to-day what we could easily do to-morrow years ago. We are much stronger now, both in membership and money.

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The above figures do not include the smaller numbers of converts found in Sim, Persia, Syria, Egypt, Greenland, Mexico, Peru, and Brazil.

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GODMAN'S FIELDS, LONDON.—On Thursday evening, November 28th, (American Thanksgiving Day), the Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Jones entertained a large party of the friends of the Seventh-day Baptist cause, and their families, at Mill-yard, Goodman's fields. After a suitable address to the visitors, Mr. Jones exhibited some beautiful photographic views of the East, by means of the oxy-hydrogen light, the intervals being enlivened by music from a choir conducted by Mr. Barber.

The visitors then repaired to the refreshment tables, doing full justice to the good things there provided. Master W. B. Jones afterwards gave an excellent description of the construction of the telephone, upon which satisfactory experiments were made. The proceedings closed with more music, and a hearty vote of thanks to the hospitable host and hostess.—Christian Life.

CHAMBERS' CYCLOPEDIA OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.—Brief biographies of all noted British or American authors, from earliest times to the present, with specimens from their writings, making a work not only thoroughly entertaining and useful to all intelligent readers, but nearly indispensable to people of culture. The newly revised and beautiful edition contains over 8,000 pages, and the entire work, in eight handsomely bound volumes, is furnished, free of express or mailing charges, for \$2 in paper, \$3 in cloth, or \$4 in half morocco. The publishers sell only to subscribers direct, instead of giving dealers and agents the usual 50 or 60 per cent. discount to sell for express or mailing charges. The second explosion, about three years ago.—The pecuniary loss is very small. Later particulars are that in addition to the mixing house, which was destroyed, the composition and packing houses were badly shattered; a new frame extension in the course of erection, and a large storehouse near by blown down. The workmen in the brick vault, about 400 feet from the mixing house, miraculously escaped injury, as did Mr. Jaga, another operative, whose horse ears the composition was blown to fragments. The vault spoken of contained 1,500 pounds of Rend Rock, finished and stored—enough, it is granted, to be restricted to the whole neighborhood. The works, fortunately, are much isolated, but the people of the surrounding parts stand in great terror of them constantly. The three men killed were blown to atoms, and the head of one could be found; of the second, a piece weighing about four pounds, and a small part of the body of the third. They were all fathers of large families, one leaving three sons, and the other five children.

URANINE.—This is the most recently discovered, and perhaps the most remarkable, of all the coal tar or aniline group of coloring substances, no so extensively used for the adornment of the finest fabrics. Uranine is said, by chemists, to be the most highly fluorescent body known to science. Its coloring power is astonishing; a single grain will impart a marked color to nearly five hundred gallons of water. A most interesting experiment, which any body may try, consists in sprinkling a few atoms of Uranine upon the surface of water in a glass tumbler. Each atom immediately sends down through the water what appears to be a bright green rootlet; and the tumbler soon looks as if it were crowded full of beautiful plants. The rootlets never begin to decay, spread and combine, until we have a mass of soft green-colored liquid. Viewed by transmitted light, the color changes to a bright golden amber hue; while a combination of green and blue light, as is produced by projecting the light upon a white surface, produces a fine spectrum of colors. The color is permanent, and may be retained for a long time. For a day or evening experiment, nothing can be prettier than these trials of Uranine, which are especially entertaining for the young and the old.

RESUMPTION.—As resumption has become a something that is, instead of what is to be, before this paper will have reached a large share of its readers, we give the following points of the resumption act for their information:

- 1. The Secretary of the Treasury is to redeem in coin the United States legal tender notes outstanding.
- 2. This redemption shall take place on the presentation of such legal tenders in sums of not less than \$50.
- 3. The place of redemption is to be at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in the city of New York.
- 4. The redemption will be in either gold or silver, at the holder's option, and the legal tender, subject to the option of the government to pay in either metal.
- 5. The amount of these legal tenders is now \$346,081,016.
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P. T. Barnum is said to be among the candidates for the vacant U. S. Senatorship from Connecticut. On the 21st of January a messenger is to be elected to Senator Merrimon, of North Carolina. Merrimon, Kingman and Vance, are candidates.

The Senate committee to investigate late election frauds in the South, will consist of Messrs. Teller, Hoar, McMillan, Kirkwood, and Cameron, of Wisconsin, Republicans, and Messrs. Bayard, Bailey, Willard, of Georgia, Democrats.

A City of Mexico dispatch says that on the night of Dec. 14th, the train for Vera Cruz was attacked by a band of robbers, four miles from Puebla. They killed the baggage master, wounded the conductor, and robbed the train of \$27,000 in silver.

The repair shops of the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad, at Middletown, N. Y., were burned Dec. 26th, with two locomotives, a large amount of lumber and tools, and other property. Loss over \$35,000.

THE MASTER BUILDERS OF SHEFFIELD, Eng., have unanimously resolved to give notice of a reduction of wages in all branches of the building trade. In the case of masons, bricklayers, plasterers, painters, plumbers, carpenters, and joiners, January 1st, and joiners, January 1st, and joiners, January 1st.

A boiler in the Dominion Company's paper mills at Kingsley, Quebec, exploded Dec. 24th, nearly destroying the building, and injuring a number of persons. Two men were reported to have been killed. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections find, and so report to the Senate, that Mr. D. T. Corbin, of South Carolina, is entitled to the seat in the Senate now occupied by General M. C. Butler.

THE RANDOLPH RESIDENCE OF UNION ST. AND ST. JAMES ST., N. J., on the Pennsylvania road, has been burned, and the Senator and his family had a narrow escape.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, for January, is a good number of this intrinsic good magazine. The publishers announce that the special offer for \$2 Sunday Afternoon for a year, for \$2 10, the regular price being \$3, will positively be withdrawn January 1st. Specimen copy 15 cts. Address, Springfield, Mass.

THE FIRST NUMBER OF THE PENN. MYSTERY, a new literary paper, has been issued, and compares favorably with other papers of its kind, in matter and style. Leon and Harriet Lewis, publishers, Penn. Yan., N. Y.

MR. ROBERT STEPHENSON, being summoned to appear at the Erie Marine Court of New York, asked, when his name was called, to be excused from the service, on the ground that he belonged to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and that it would be contrary to the doctrines of his church, for him to participate in administering the civil affairs of any government that did not acknowledge God as the source of all power and authority. His application was granted, and the case was adjourned.

THE PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT THOS. L. NELSON of Worcester, Mass., to the District Judgeship of Vermont. He is a law partner of Senator Hoar.

THE ERIC RAILWAY will erect a depot at Buffalo, which will be worthy of its enterprise and increasing business.

EX-GOV. FENTON, of New York, is mentioned as a probable successor of the late Bayard Taylor.

WE ARE indebted to the Scientific American for its annual hand book and its catalogue for 1879.

There was an increase of 26 per cent. in the net earnings of the Erie Railway last year.

FIFTY tons of detained mail matter, which was retained at Rochester by the Erie Railway, has been forwarded to New York.

NEW BOOKS! CHEAP READING.—The new Catalogue of the Standard Book Co., N. Y., has appeared in the cheap, clear-printed "The Lakeside Library" series.

THE LATEST STOCK BOOK, No. 2, a new compilation of Choice Recipes. Price 10 cts.

NO. 233-235, The Dilemma, a sale of the India Bibles. Price 20 cts.

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