THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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et of the Lesson, Gen. I, 26-31; II, 1-3. Memory Verses, 26-28-Golden Text, Gon. 1, 27-Commentary by the Rev. D.

M. "And God said. Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have dominion." At some time in the past, known only to God, called in the first verse "the beginning," God created the heaven and the earth—that is, He spake them into existence—as is proved by Ps. xxxiii, 6; Heb. xi, 3. He must have everything good, for He always does. That He did not create the earth without form and void is stated a Isa xlv, 18. Compare the R. V. What happened between verses 1 and 2 to bring about this chaos we shall know some day. About 6,000 years ago God brought order and beauty and fruitfulness out of the shace and confusion into the space of six days, as is here described. See also Ex. xx, 11. And now on the sixth day He makes man to have dominion over all. How He made man and woman is more fully stated in chapter ii, 7, 21-25, and that he called their name Adam is stated in chapter v. 2. The words "Let Us" imply the Trinity, which fact is also clear to a simple minded He-brew scholar in the word for God.

17. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Then this man and woman must have been the finest pair that ever walked the earth. Whatever else is implied in this image of God, it is evident from Eph. iv, 24, that righteousness and holiness of truth are in-cluded. How much more we shall know when in that bright morning of the resur-section we shall have been made like Him who is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person (I John Hi, 2; Heb. i, 3).

98, "And God blessed them, and God said anto to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it, and have dominion." The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and toil addeth nothing thereto (Prov. x, 22, R. V.). When in the sixth year God commanded His blessing on Israel, there was as much produced in one year as ordinarily in three years (Lev. xxv, and fishes, they fed many thousands. He says, "Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My dis-ciples" (John xv, 8). The time is coming when the last Adam will subdue all things unto Himself, for He is able. But now He s gathering out and training the subduers, who shall in that day have dominion with Him. I find it helpful to pray, "Lord, in-asmuch as Thou art able to subdue all things unto Thyself (Phil. iii, 31), subdue

me wholly to Thyself now."

29. "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." God would have His children at perfect rest concerning food and raiment. As to clothing such as we wear, they had none (ii, 25), but inasmuch as all other creatures had a clothing which was a part of themselves, doubtless Adam and Eve, made in the image of God, were, like God, clothed with light (Ps. civ, 1, 2). And now here is full provision for their bodies as to food. We have no record of flesh being eaten till after he deluge (chapter ix, 3), though we do n my that it was not eaten. But He who fed minful Israel for 40 years in the wilderness will always provide for His own.

30, "And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat—and it was so." Not only man, but beast, is provided for. These wait all upon red lead and 4 parts black oxide of man-Thee that Thou mayst give them their meat in due season (Ps. civ, 27). Behold the fowls of the air, your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God (Math. vi, 26; Luke zii, 6)? Observe the phrase "I have given," and think of Rom. viii, 32. He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him ur r us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." This is the seventh time that it s written, "God saw that it was good." God is love, and He cannot do or make that which is not in His sight good. He is good, and His mercy endureth forever (Ps. exxxvi, 1). He is round about us as a wall of are and will not possibly permit aught that luloid or xylonite, and heat applied to s not good to come to us, so we can surely bless the Lord at all times (Zech. ii, 5; Ps. zxxiv, 1). In all the days it is first evening, sollowed by night and then morning. So now it is the world's night, but the night is far spent, and the day is at hand. The morning cometh (Rom. xiii, 12; Isa. xxi, 12).

1. "Thus the beavens and the earth were Enished and all the host of them." "Thus." How! Why, by the word of His mouth (Ps. xxxiii, 6). In chapter i it is written 10 dampen the carpet. A brush and soap dmes, "And God said." Now, since He thus created all things, what is there He annot do? "Ah, Lord God, behold, Thou hast created the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee" (Jer. Exxii, 17). If Christians, how thankful we should be that God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (II Cor. iv, 6). On "the host of bem" see Deut. iv, 19; Ex. xii, 41; Ps. ciii, 31; I Sam. i. 8.

2. "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which he had made." The words "finished" and "ended" are suggestive of some other works in due time finished or to be finished, the tabernacie, the temple, the work of onement and the redemption of the world OEx. x1, 83; II Chron. vii, 11; John xx, 30; Bev. IXi, 5, 6). God "rested" cannot imply weariness, for He fainteth not, neither is weary (Isa. xl, 28). But He ceased as the manna ceased or a work might cease (Joshua v, 12; Neh. vi, 3). And if we would enter into His rest we must cease from our own works as God did from His (Heb. iv, 10).

A "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it He had ted from all Ills work which God created and made," If we would know His rest, dience here gave Israel 70 years captivity (Il Chron. xxxvi, 21). Obedience in this particular will bring the richest blessings Ise Ivili, 18, 14; Ivi, 4-7). We have come through nearly 0,000 years since God cre-ated Adam. It would not be strange if the seventh thousand should prove to be earth's Sabbath day, the thousand years of Rev. an-the millentum. Let us cease from all our own works both as to salvation and vice, and resting in His work let Him ek in us (Phil. ii, 13).

HOW TO FURNISH A PARLOR.

Smyrne Bugs, Muslin Curtains, Cushier and Couch.

Have your floors for the front and back parlors finished for rugs. Though three or four rugs may be and often are scattered about the floors of such rooms, one large rug gives a cozier and more keeping the floor in good condition. The moderate priced and durable rugs are the Smyrna or a rug made of good body brussels with a border. The coloring is of course a matter of taste. Some of the best Smyrna rugs are copied from de- head and I am an animal; again, and I am sirable and very high priced eastern a banquet. rugs. If you get one for a back parlor, select one that has a quiet pattern, with the colors well blended.

Have the hangings between the doors harmonize with the prevailing shades of the carpet. Let them hang straight from the poles. Have the thin curtains of dotted muslin, of Madras, of cream white figured in the weave or of white point desprit. Make them with frills. Have the long scarf drapery of a breadth of China silk of a color that goes well with your rug. Across the large window in the front parlor have a wide window seat, with a cushion and pillow, if not toe great an expense. Have a music stand, one or two small tables of various shapes, a pretty colonial rocker, two reception chairs of different sizes, a chair sonant. with a high back and a broad one with a

Have for a back parlor a broad couch covered with mohair plush or with one of the new figured corduroys, with a number of pillows, or a rattan couch. Select everything for comfort and wear, but also for good color, simple lines and symmetry. There are many desirable oak rockers manufactured without upholstery that need only a headrest at the back. Rattan chairs are also one of the best selections that can be made for a sitting room. You can have them in any color and with or without cushions. Have a round table for the center of the room.

How the Word "Book" Became Applied to Muslin.

It is thought that muslin is sometimes called "book muslin" from the peculiar way in which it is folded in yards and each yard doubled in again like the leaves of a book, but this is incorrect. The word has its origin in "Buke" (erroneously written "Book"), a district in India, where it was first made.

How Hiccoughs Should Be Treated. Hiccoughs are caused by indigestion generally and are expressed in a sort of explosive and exhaustive cough, caused by the intermittent contractions of the larynx and diaphragm. A swallow of cold water is often a relief; also in children a pinch of brown sugar on the tongue. Sprinkling water on the face is sometimes efficacious. The shock of water dashed in the face suddenly causes a revulsion of feeling and an almost immediate stop. A baby is often relieved the countries of Asia Minor, Syria, Chalby being placed on its stomach on some dea, Persia, India, China, etc. 2. A genus one's lap; also rest against the shoulder of succulent plants from which are prein an erect position and rub well be- pared articles for medicine and the arts.

tween the shoulders Never bathe a 8. In a short time. 4. A portable lodge tween the shoulders. Never bathe a child after a fit of hiccoughs under three hours. It is surely caused by an overloaded stomach or some incongruous

red lead and 4 parts black oxide of manganese. To these powders, which should be thoroughly mixed, a small amount of asbestos powder and boiled oil is added. The cement hardens in from two to five

How to Mend Tortolse Shell. Two broken pieces of tortoise shell can be fixed together by filing the edges down with a rasp till each piece has an 81. "And God saw everything that He edge like a chisel. These are then made to overlap each other and are held tightly together in a clamp or vise, after softening in boiling water. Heat very carefully, so as to avoid warping or otherwise damaging the rest of the article. Be sure that the substance is real tortoise shell, as the imitation is often celthese will cause distortion, fire and possibly an explosion. The imitation tor-

toise shell can be cemented with acetone. How to Clean Rag Carpets.

To clean rag carpets, wring a cloth out of warm water and rub the carpet with it, dipping the cloth in water each time the carpet is to be rubbed. Only may be used in the most soiled places.

How to Make Chestnut Pudding.

Boil some chestnuts for a quarter of an hour in plenty of water, blanch and peel them. Pound them in a mortar with some orange flower water, or other favorite flavoring, and some light French white wine. Into this beat the yolks 4 eggs and the whites of 2, some grated nutmeg, a little melted butter and a pint of milk. Three gills of cream are & duSty. 6. loFty. 7. brEam. 8. caNon. preferable. Sweeten to taste. Stir over 9 grind. 10 siMon, 11 giOry, 12 luRid. the fire in a china saucepan till thick. Then put the mixture into a pie dish lined with puff or other thin paste and bake in a fairly hot oven.

How to Make an Embroidery Frame. Take a small hoop, over which the work may be stretched. Hold it in place by a little strap or buckle. This being easily loosened enables you to move the work as often as required.

How to Clean Discolored Decanters.

When decanters and carafes become discolored inside, so that shot or sand or fine coals will not cleanse them, fill the bottle with finely chopped potato skins, cork tightly and let it stand for three days, during which time the skins will forment; then empty and rinse with clear water, and the glass will be as clear and sparkling as when new.

How to Remove Ink Staffs From Wood work.

If ink is spattered on woodwork, it may be taken out by scouring with sand and water and a little ammonia. Then rinse with soda water.



No. 422.-Metagram.

I am a town in Ireland; change my head finished look, and there is less trouble in and I am a useful article; again, and I am the flesh of an animal; again, and I am a city in England.

I am a portion of water; change my head and I am a beverage; again, and I am

a river in England. 3. I am used in making bread; change my

> No. 423.—Crossword Enigma. In snow, not in ice; In checker, not in dice; In bright, not in dark; In ship, not in barque; In white, not in blue: Whole a game known to you

No. 424.-Anagrams. A man of worldwide fame: "Help succor him or bust."

An American man of letters: "Come join me for a spree." A famous explorer: "No master then,

No. 425.—Diamond and Half Square. 1. A consonant. 2. A young goat. 3. A body servant. 4. A preclous stone, 5. A color. 6. An industrious insect. 7. A con-

A girl's name.
 Savory.
 Imitated.
 To command.
 A boy's nickname.

No. 426.-Transposition, Etc. I am a word of four letters. First, I distribute; transpose; and go before; again, and I am between two hills; behead me and I am a beverage.

No. 427.—Numerical Enigma. I am composed of 14 letters: My 8, 8, 12, 13, 14 is to protect. My 1, 9, 4, 7, 11 is a part of the year. My 5, 2, 12, 6, 10 is to dry by the fire. My whole is one of the greatest and longest tunnels in the world.



The picture suggests a proverb which advises the use of present opportunities. The same proverb may be formed from the letters contained in the following words: Whiskey. Steam. Hush. Hen.

No. 429.—Squares.

1. A musical instrument. 2. A single thing. 3. A hue. 4. A girl's name. 1. A cicatrix. 2. Anxiety. 3. A definite space. 4. True.

1. A word used sometimes to designate

No. 430.—Double Crossword. In heating stove, In shepherd's drove. In Oxford tie, In moonlit sky, In crashing blow. In whitest snow; An inventor of fame-In these words find his name.

No. 431.-Numerical. Some use such TOTAL language when they speak,

E'en on a subject which is tame and weak. We can but call it 4 5 10 11. And for the expression hope to be forgiven. So many 12347 phrases They manage that their glibness quite amazes Such 678491011 words

Seem like the ceaseless twittering of birds. Oh, let us choose our language with some care, Nor seek ALL words and phrases just to air.

No. 432.—Beheadings.

1. Behead to instruct thoroughly, and leave a little stream. 2. Behead a lively dance of the Highlanders of Scotland, and leave a fish, 3. Behead to scream, and leave a measure for cloth. 4. Behead marked with spots, and leave a fruit. 5. Behead an occurrence, and leave an outlet. 6. Behead a knot, and leave a lyric poem.

A Good One to Try on Somebody.

A Frenchman, boasting in company that he had mastered the English language, was requested to write the following from dictation: "As Hugh Hughes was hewing a yule log from a yew tree a man dressed in clothes of a dark hue came up to Hugh and said, 'Have you seen my ewe?' Hugh replied, 'If you wait until I hew this yew, I will go with you anywhere in Europe to look for your ewe.""

Key to the Puzzler. No. 412.—Riddle-Me-Ree: Clematis. No. 413.-Pictured Word: Baronet (Bar-

row-net). No. 414 - Numerical Enigma: Comfort able. Mabel. Cat. Tar. Bat. Foot. Lame. Mate.

No. 415.—Central Acrostic: Centrals. James Fenimore Cooper. Crosswords: 1. maJor. 2. frAil. 3. coMma. 4. blEak. chEap. 14. coCoa. 15. brOad. 16
 quOta. 17. dePot. 18.frEak. 19. boRes. 16.

No. 416.-Proverb Puzzles: 1. Never de spair. 2 Love me, love my dog. No. 417,-Word Building: I-A, an, ran, sard, drain, daring, darting, treading, retarding. II-I, in, gin, gain, grain, rating, prating, tramping, ptarmigan.

No. 418,-Rhomboids: PALSE TEWEL NATTY DEBUT PETAL BORON NITER DETER EDDIE No. 419.—Diamonda: 000

RAP COWER RAPID COWSLIP PIN GELID RID No. 420.-Arithmetical Puzzies: 1 hours 26 minutes. 2. 20 and 17.

No. 431.-Animals. Fish and Birds: Alpaca 2 Dog, cur. 3. Reindoer. Ragie, 5 Smeil, 6. Nighting ale. Boar, 5 Pickerel, 2 Torpedo, ram. Beaver, 31. Crane, 12. Chick a dec

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The rise and progress of Christmas in this country is a very interesting subject of investigation, as showing the diverse character of America's early settlers and the peculiar elements concerned in the development of the features of our present holiday season. The Virginia settlement was cradled in poverty and was too deeply concerned with the problem of existence to celebrate any thing. In New England the life of the Pilgrim Fathers was so hard that statutes were easily enacted forbidding the celebration of Christmas, largely on the ground that the day could not be spared as a time of abstinence from work A compromise was finally made, however, that only those who worked on that day should have anything to eat during the twenty-four hours. It was by the Dutch and Germans who settled in New York later that

Christmas was first recognized to any notable extent in early times. The Dutch and English brought the Yule log to the Christmas fireside, but it was the Germans, with their old Druidical traditions, who introduced evergreens and planted the first Christmas trees on this continent. Then St. Nicholas, the early Christian patron saint of the young, and Santa Claus, the kindred patron saint among the Dutch, began to be invoked for blessings. Other elements in the population gradully became interested in Yuletide and the Christmas tree, and so the day has grown to its present importance.

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