St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Friday, May 31, 1878.

Religious Reading.

Longings of the Burdened Soul Satisfied.

O that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat. Job 23: 3.

Those that seek me early shall find me. And I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat. Prov. 8: 17. Ex. 25: 22.

O that one would hear me! behold my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me. Job 31: 35.

If they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry. It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Ex. 22: 23. Isa. 65: 24.

O that I might have my request: and that God would grant me the thing that I long for! Job 6: 8.

Let your requests be made known unto God. And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Phil. 4: 6. Ps. 107: 9. Ps. 37: 4.

O that thou wouldest bless me indeed, . . . and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil. 1 Ch. 4: 10.

The Lord thy God blesseth thee as he promised. The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. Deut. 15: 6. Ezra 8: 22. Ps. 121: 7.

O that I were as in months past! when his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; . . . when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; when the Almighty was yet with me! Job 29: 2-5.

Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen. He that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Mal. 3: 7. Rev. 2: 4, 5. John 8: 12. Matt. 28: 20.

☞ The last words that Archbishop Usher was heard to express, were, "Lord, forgive my sins, especially my sins of *omission*."

Trusting God.

One of Daniel Quorm's class said that she "could trust the Lord where she could not trace him." Daniel did not believe in that, and, after speaking his own mind, he called on "Frankie," who spoke as follows:

"You've been talkin' about trustin' in the Lord when we can't trace him. Well (bless his dear name!) I don't know anything about tracin' him, and I never thought anything about that. But I do love to think about trustin' him, an' I do know something about that (bless him!)

"I be a poor, ignorant scholar, an' always seem to be down at the bottom o' the class in a good many things. But (bless him!) I've had enough, I reckon, to make me a'most the top o' the class in trustin' him. O dear leader! it be 'zactly as you've been sayin'—so safe that you don't think 'pon it; just lyin' down in his arms, without a morsel o' care or frettin', but feelin' so sure that everything be as right as it can be, an' never a shadow o' fear comes creepin' up between his sunshine an' me. Why, if heaven be any better than that, then heaven must be a wonderful place, sure 'nough.

"It came to my mind, a week or two ago, so full, an' sweet, an' precious that I can hardly think of anything else. It was durin' them cold north-east winds; these winds had made my cough very bad, an' I was shook all to bits, and felt very ill. My wife was sittin' by my side, an' once, when I had a sharp fit of it, she put down her work, an' looked at me till her eyes filled with tears, an' she says: 'Frankie, Frankie, whatever will become of us when you be gone?' She was makin' a warm petticoat for the little maid; so, after a minute or two, I took hold of it, an says: 'What are 'ee makin', my dear?' She held it up without a word; her heart was too full to speak. 'For the little maid?' I says. 'An' a nice warm thing, too. How comfortable it will keep her! Does she know about it?'

"'Know about it? Why of course not,' said the wife, wondering. 'What should she know about it for?'

"I waited another minute, an' then I said: 'What a wonderful mother you must be, wife, to think about the little maid like that!'

"'Wonderful, Frankie? Why, it would be more like wonderful if I forgot that the cold weather was a comin', and that the little maid would be a wantin' something warm.'

"So then, you see, I had got her, my friends," and Frankie smiled. "'O wife!' says I, 'do you think that you be goin' to take care o' the little maid like that, an' your Father in heaven be a-goin' to forget you altogether? Come now (bless him!) isn't he as much to be trusted as you are? An' do you think that he'd see the winter comin' up sharp an' cold an' not have something waitin' for you, an' just what you want, too? An' I know, dear wife, that you wouldn't like to hear the little maid go a frettin', an' an' sayin': "There, the cold winter be a-comin', an' whatever shall I do if my mother should forget me?" Why, you'd be hurt an' grieved that she should doubt you like that. She knows that you care for her, an' what more does she need to know? That's enough to keep her from frettin' about anything. Your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. That be put down in his book for you, wife, an' on purpose for you, an' you grieve an' hurt him when you go to frettin' about the future, an' doubtin' his love.'

"'Ah Frankie! I wish I had your faith,' says she. An' I let her go on with her work, hopin' she would think it over.

"When the little maid came home from school that afternoon she had a bit of a sick headache. She went fretting about the kitchen whilst her mother was gettin' the tea, an' couldn't rest quiet for a minute together. But when the wife sat down the little maid came an' laid herself in her mother's arms, an' put her head on her bosom, an' her mother began to sing a quiet kind o' hymn to her. Then the little maid forgot her frettin', and sank down all snug an' comfortable, and in a few minutes she was gone off to sleep.

"'Frankie,' I says to myself, as I looked at it, 'there's a lesson for thee. Sometimes the children o' the heavenly Father get all fretful an' sickly, an' they go here an' there, an' can't find a comfortable place anywhere, but are all nervous an' fidgety. Here's what thou must do, Frankie: thou must come an' lay thyself down in the everlastin' arms, an' lean thy tired head upon the bosom o' thy dear Lord, an' draw his love in all around thee; an' a'most before thou know it all thy fears an' troubles shall be hushed off to sleep, an' thou'lt hear nothin' but a quiet kind o' singin' in thy soul tellin' o' his love.' Ah! it be more than true; truer than any words can tell, or anybody can think; for 'like as a father' (or mother either) 'pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.'

"It be a poor thing to go a tracin' him. But it be a blessed thing, sure 'nough, to put your trust in him. An' I can't understand how anybody can help a-doin' it. Why, when things have come to the worst, an' I do know that be—when the money been gone, an' the cupboard been empty, an' I haven't seen a way out o' my trouble, an' the devil has come a-temptin'—for he do love to hit a man when he's down—I've got down 'pon my knees, just like as if I'd got down under the cross for a bit o' shelter from the storm. An' whichever way the wind blow, a man can get shelter there. Well, let me lift my eyes to Jesus, an' see him there for me, with the crown o' thorns, an' the nails in his blessed hands an' feet, an' very soon my heart be so full as ever it can hold. 'O Frankie!' I cry out, 'the King o' glory died for thee—died like that. One drop o' his precious blood is more than all worlds; but, for thee his heart emptied itself.' He gave himself for me."

The old man's voice grew hoarse with deep emotion as he went on:

"Why, I kiss those bleeding feet, an' every bit o' life an' strength in me cries out: 'My dear Lord, *I can starve, I can suffer, I can die.* But there is one thing I can never do; never, never, never. My Lord, *I can never doubt thy love!*"—*Daniel Quorm.*

Questions and Answers.

Questions in United States History.

No. 2.

1. Who was called "The Great Admiral?"

2. With what discoverer do we associate the state of Florida, and why was it so named?

3. From what early navigator do we obtain the fullest account of the American coast?

4. Where were De Soto's remains deposited?

5. With the names of what daring men do we associate the early Peruvian and Mexican conquests?

6. After whom was Block Island named?

7. In what vessel did Henry Hudson sail up the noble river that bears his name?

8. A prominent man in the founding of the Virginian colony?

9. Where on this Continent is a monument erected to his memory?

10. Of whom is it said "He gave England a continent, and no one knows his burial place?"

For the Children.

Mrs. Miffet's Camel's Hair Shawl.

Mr. Miffet, always called his wife "Ma Miffet," and she always called him "Pa Miffet." So, after a while, all the neighbors and friends fell into the same way, and each one of them said, "Ma Miffet" and "Pa Miffet" as naturally as could be.

The Miffets had three children, two girls and one boy, and their names were Matilda Mary, next Lydia Lucy, then Jeremiah Julius. Ma Miffet had named them all, because, as she said, "They might not like their first name, and so they should each have a second name to choose from."

But when the children grew up, they were so well pleased with their names that they would not have them shortened in the least, and Jeremiah Julius even wanted to add James to his and be called Jeremiah Julius James. But Pa Miffet objected to this, because it took so long to pronounce when he was in a hurry, so Jeremiah Julius was forced to be content without the James.

One Sunday, as soon as they came home from church, the Miffets all began to talk of Mrs. Snapper's camel's hair shawl, which she had just bought.

Ma Miffet said it was just such a shawl as *she* would like if Pa Miffet could afford to get her one.

Matilda Mary said that Mrs. Snapper's cook had told the milkman, and the milkman had told their chambermaid, and their chambermaid had told her, that the shawl cost five hundred dollars.

Lydia Lucy said that was more than a whole camel was worth, she thought.

Jeremiah Julius said that it would be a good idea to buy a camel, and then they could get as many shawls as they wanted out of its hair.

Pa Miffet was much pleased with this idea, and said he knew a man who owned a whole menagerie, who might sell a camel cheap.

"Besides," said Pa Miffet, "we might take the camel in the country with us this summer and use him to ride on, instead of getting a horse. That would be a real saving these hard times."

"Yes, indeed!" said Jeremiah Julius. "I have heard that camels eat very little, so perhaps it would feed along the roadside and save the expense of buying hay and oats."

"But don't they sometimes swallow bits of glass, and nails, and such things?" asked Ma Miffet, anxiously.

"O no, Ma Miffet! you are thinking of an ostrich," said Lydia Lucy, who had studied Natural History.

"O well! I knew it was some kind of a long-necked thing—ostrich or camel, it don't matter which," said Ma Miffet.

"When will you go to see the man who owns the camel, Pa Miffet?" asked Matilda Mary.

"To-morrow," replied Pa Miffet. "If he wants to sell a camel cheap, I will buy one. You, Jeremiah Julius, will take the beast in the country and we will follow you next week."

"Perhaps I had better ride on it and save my fare in the cars," suggested Jeremiah Julius.

"Perhaps you could do that," said Pa Miffet.

"Then couldn't I go with him?" exclaimed Lydia Lucy. "Two people can ride on a camel, I'm sure."

"Yes, so I've heard," said Ma Miffet. "But won't you be afraid when he gallops, my dear?"

"Oh, camels don't *gallop*," said Lydia Lucy.

But Pa Miffet would not consent to let his daughter travel in that way, he said, so poor Lydia Lucy had to give it up.

Two days afterward, the whole family were terribly excited by the appearance of Pa Miffet leading a camel into the dooryard. Ma Miffet ran to meet her husband and to take a good look at the camel, too.

"But where's his trunk?" she asked at once.

"Ma! camels don't have trunks, only elephants do," answered Lydia Lucy who remembered her Natural History.

"Nonsense, child! Why shouldn't a camel have a trunk as well as an elephant? Never mind, we can let him have a big carpet-bag and that will do just as well," said Ma Miffet kindly.

Well, the camel was put into the yard for that night, and early the next morning Jeremiah Julius came out dressed for a journey. He carried a small satchel in one hand and a lunch-basket in the other, and all the family followed him into the yard to see him start.

"But how can I get up on his back?" said poor Jeremiah Julius when he had kissed them all good-by and looked at the camel.

"I know!" said Ma Miffet. "You must have the step ladder, to be sure."

So Pa Miffet brought out the step-ladder and rested it against the camel.

"Stop one moment!" said Ma Miffet. "Let me get a rope and tie it to the camel's tail so as to keep him still while you get on."

So Ma Miffet brought the rope, and Pa Miffet tied it fast to the camel's tail.

Then Jeremiah Julius mounted the step-ladder and threw a blanket over the camel's back, while Matilda Mary stood on the lower step with his satchel and lunch-basket, ready to hand it up to him.

But just at this moment the camel, who was a little frightened, and was getting impatient besides, started violently and upset the ladder. Jeremiah Julius fell off headforemost,—so did Matilda Mary; but Pa Miffet, who was holding the rope, began to pull it with all his might. Away went the poor camel, galloping out of the gate and down the street at a furious pace, with Pa Miffet hanging on behind. He knocked down several children and one old woman, frightened two horses, and at last ran into a butcher's stall where he was stopped.

The butcher's boy brushed off Pa Miffet's clothes which were quite muddy and then went with him to lead the camel home. But Jeremiah Julius had a bump on his forehead where he struck the ground when he fell, and Matilda Mary had set her nose a bleeding at the same time. So they concluded not to travel on the camel's back after all.

"You see, Ma and Pa," said Lydia Lucy who had studied Natural History, "the camel lives in the desert and of course he won't go well here. You must take him where there is plenty of sand and no houses if you want to use him."

"But we don't know of any such place near here," said Pa Miffet.

"We might take him to the seashore, there is plenty of sand there," said Ma Miffet.

"But it would cost so much," objected Pa Miffet after he had considered a while.

"I'm sure I shall never dare to ride on him," said Matilda Mary sorrowfully.

Just then, Jeremiah Julius came in. "Here is a letter from the man whose horse we frightened yesterday," he said. "He wants you to pay him fifty dollars damages."

"And the old woman who was knocked down says you must settle her doctor's bill, Pa," added Ma Miffet.

"And the butcher came here this morning to say that you had hurt his little girl and would have to pay him a round sum for that," said Lydia Lucy.

"And the mud stains are not out of my clothes yet," said Pa Miffet disconsolately.

"And your coat is all torn, Pa," said Ma Miffet.

Well, the Miffets sold the camel the next day and paid all the bills for damages.

But poor Ma Miffet didn't get her camel's hair shawl, which grieved her very much.

However, one day, Lydia Lucy came home from school, where she was still studying Natural History, and exclaimed:

Why, Ma, camel's hair shawls are not made of camel's hair at all! They are made from the wool of the Cashmere goat, so our camel would never have been of any use!"

"Dear me!" said Ma Miffet and Pa Miffet both at once. "Dear me!" what a good thing knowledge is!"—*Mrs. E. T. Corbett, in June "Wide Awake."*

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