

ARCHIE McGREGOR'S CHRISTMAS VISIT.

The snow lay curled in little drifts from the old farmhouse that nestled snugly at the foot of the hill...

boy. And your old father is well pleased and very happy."

OLE BULL'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Christmas eve, as a tall, dignified looking man with a white beard...

Christmas Eve in Wildwood Hollow.

His Unspeaking Gift.

Sunday School.

LESSON XIII.—Dec. 27, 1902. Review—Read Prov. 4: 5-9.

Summary.—Lesson I. Topic: The true spirit of worship. Place: Bethel, eight miles west of Jerusalem.

Topic: Forgiving love—human and divine. Place: Jerusalem. David invited King Achish to dine with him.

Topic: Conditions of spiritual life. Place: Jerusalem. This is one of the seven so-called penitential psalms.

Topic: Lessons from the death of Absalom. Place: Mahanaim, David's temporary capital.

Christmas Tree.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Many truths may be found in the lesson of the week. We note a few: I. The name and personification of Jehovah are the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. The mercy and love David showed Mephibosheth proved that he himself had experienced the divine mercy and love.

III. The forgiveness of God is "blest." It is a free forgiveness. We cannot buy it or earn it.

IV. The king's justness must be shown alike in his gracious influence upon the poor and his stern justice to the wicked.

It is not the cost of a Christmas tree decorations that will give delight to the children.

A CHRISTMAS DREAM.

(By Annie McKelvie in New York Scotch American.)

John Galton, M. P., lit his pipe, and leaned back in his comfortable chair with a sigh of content.

He had just concluded what he regarded as a very satisfactory interview with a junior colleague, who had lately shown signs of restiveness.

Presently they entered a quiet street, evidently inhabited by the respectable artisan class.

An elderly woman, with thin, worn features, sat reading a newspaper, and by her side a young girl, who was looking at the pictures in a magazine.

The woman in one who, single-handed, had bravely fought the battle of life.

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TORONTO ARCHIVES

He had walked... Anthony, shortly, must easily answer that if afraid of him, he was them.