Superfluities a Hinderance.

man of great stature, whose fingers and toses were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son off a giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonatisan the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew been."-1 Chron. 20: 6, 7,

MALFORMATION photographed, and for what reason? Did not this passage skip in by mistake into the sacred Scriptteres, as sometimes a paragraph utterly is nothing haphazard about the Bible. This passage of Scripture was as ceras the passage, "In the beginning God | sent. created the heavens and the earth," or, God so loved the world that He gave Flis only begotten Son."

And I select it for my text to-day because it is charged with practical and tremendous meaning. By the people of God the Philistines had been conquered, with the exception of a few giants. | addenda, they want twenty-four. A cer-The race of giants is mostly extinct, I sum glad to say. There is

NO USE FOR GIANTS NOW except to enlarge the income of muse-But there were many of them in olden times. Goliath was, according to the Bible, eleven feet, four and a half inches high. Or, if you do not be-Lieve the Bible, the famous Pliny, a secular writer, declares that at Crete, by an earthquake, a monument was broken open, discovering the remains of a giant forty-six cubits long, or sixty-nine feet high. So, whether you prefer sacred or profane history, you must come to the conclusion that there were in those times cases of human alsitude monstrous and appalling.

David had smashed the skull of one of these giants, but there were other giants that the Davidean wars had not yet subdued, and one of them stands in my text. He was not only of alpine stature, but had a surplus of digits. To the ordinary fingers was annexed an additional finger, and the foot had also a superfluous addendum. He had Ewenty-four terminations to hands and feet, where others have twenty. It was not the only instance of the kind. Tavernier, the learned writer, says that the Emperor of Java had a son endowed with the same number of extremities. Volcatius, the poet, had six fingers on each hand. Maupertuis in his celebrated letters, speaks of two famflies near Berlin, similarly equipped of hand and foot. All of which I can believe, for I have seen two cases of the same physical superabundance. But this giant of the text is in battle, and as David, the dwarf warrior, had despatched one giant, the brother of David slays this monster of my text, and there he lies after the battle in

A DEAD GIANT.

His stature did not save him, and his superfluous appendices of hand and foot did no save him. The probability was hand made him clumsy his weapon, and his sixth toe crippled mis gait. Behold the prostrate and malformed giant of the text: "A man great of stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot: and he also was the son of a giant. But when he de-Sed Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him."

Behold how superfluities are a hinderance rather than a help! In all the hatth at Gath that day there was not a wan with ordinary hand and ordinary foot and ordinary stature that was not better off than this physical curiosity of my text. As physical size is apt to run in families, the probability is that this brother of David, who did the work, was of an abbreviated stature. A dwarf on the right side is stronger than a giant on the wrong side, and all the body and mind and estate and opportuwaity that you cannot use for God and the betterment of the world is a sixth finger and a sixth toe, and a terrific hinderance. The most of the good done in the world, and the most of

THOSE WHO WIN THE BATTLES for the right, are ordinary people. Count the fingers of their right hand, and they have just five, no more and no less. One Doctor Duff among missionaries, but three thousand missionaries that would tell you they have only common endowment. One Florence Nightingale to nurse the sick in conspicuous places, but ten thousand women who are just as good nurses, though never heard of. The Swamp Angel was a big gun that during the war made a big noise, but muskets of ordinary cal- fluity till death; and then, as they are fore and shells of ordinary heft did the compelled to give the money up any-execution, President Tyler and his how, in their last will and testament execution, President Tyler and his Cabinet go down the Potomac one day to experiment with the Peacemaker, a great iron gun that was to affright with its thunder foreign navies. The gunner touches it off, and it explodes, and leaves Cabinet Ministers dead on the deck, while at that time, all up and down our coasts, were cannon of ordinary bore, able to be the defence of the Frave made all the noise, go home hearse from angry discussion on the evening of the first Monday in November, the mext day the people, with the silent ballots, will settle everything, and setthe it right; a million of the white slips of paper they drop making about as much noise as the fall of an apple-

Clear back in the country to-day there are mothers in plain aprons and shoes fashioned on a rough last by the shoemaker at the end of the lane, rocking babies that are to be the Martin Euthers and the Faradays and the Edisoms and the Bismarcks and the Gladscones and the Washingtons and the George Whitefields of the future. The langer I live, the more

I LIKE COMMON FOLKS. They do the world's work, bearing the world's burdens, weeping the world's sympathies, carrying the world's consolation. Among lawyers, we see rise usp a Rufus Choate, or a William Wirt, or a Samuel L. Southland, but society would go to pieces to-morrow if there were not thousands of common lawyers

sweep would pneumonia and diphtheria and scarlet fever have in the world if it were not for ten thousand common doctors. The old physician in his gig, rolling up the lane of the farm-house, or riding on horseback, his medicines in the saddle-bags, arriving on the ninth day of the fever, and coming in to take hold of the pulse of the patient, while the family, pale with anxiety, are looking on and waiting for his decision in regard to the patient, and hearing him say, "Thank God, I have mastered abmoxious to the editor gets into his the case; he is getting well!" excites in newspaper during his absence? Is not | me an admiration quite equal to the trais Scriptural errata? No, no; there | mention of the names of the great metropolitan doctors, Pancoast or Gross or Joseph C. Hutchinson of the past, or carnly intended to be put in the Bible | the illustrious living men of the pre-

Yet what do we see in all departments? People not satisfied with ordinary spheres of work and ordinary duties. Instead of trying to see what they can do with a hand of five fingers, they want six. Instead of usual endowment of twenty manual and pedal tain amount of money for livelihood, and for the supply of those whom we leave deth not for his own, and especially than an infidel"; but the large and fabulous sums for which many struggle, if obtained, would be a hinderance rather than an advantage. The anxieties and annoyances of those whose

ESTATES HAVE BECOME PLETHORIC. can only be told by those who possess them. It will be a good thing when, through your industry and public prosperities, you can own the house in which you live. But suppose you own fifty houses, and you have all those rents to collect, and all those tenants to please. Suppose you have branched out in busirection you have investments. The crime comes, and there are embezzlements and abscondings in all directions, book-keepers will prove recreant. A trust so many important things to pieces they are. others that you are apt to become the prey of others, and you are swindled on the battle-field of Waterloo, while and defrauded, and the anxiety you engaged in amputations of the woundhad on your brow when you were earning your first thousand dollars is not | construction of the human hand that equal to the anxiety on your brow now that you have won your three hundred forty thousand dollars for assays on

spread out like the unfortunate one in my Bell wrote his entire book on the wistext. You have more fingers and toes dom and goodness of God as displayed than you know what to do with, in the human hand. The twenty-seven Twenty were useful, twenty-four is a bones in hand and wrist with cartilages

A KING OF POLAND

abdicated his throne and joined the people, and became a porter to carry burdens. And some one asked him why he did so, and he replied: "Upon my honor, gentlemen, the load which I quit was by far heavier than the one you see me carry. The weightlest is are but a straw, when compared to that it would be madness to return to

more care than they did the original five. They go limping with what they call gout, and know not that, like the giant of my text, they are lamed by a superflous toe. A few of them by charities bleed themselves of this

FINANCIAL OBESITY and monetary plethora, but many of them hang on to the hindering superthey generously give some of it to the Lord, expecting, no doubt, that He will feel very much obliged to them. Thank God that once in a while we have a Peter Cooper, who, owning an at the small sales at the large expenses, interest in the iron works at Trenton, said to Mr. Lester: "I do not feel quite easy about the amount we are making. Working under one of our patents, we mation, and ready at the first touch to have a monopoly which seems to me waken to duty. The curse of the world something wrong. Everybody has to is big guns. After the politicians, who come to us for it, and we are making Across cradles and dying beds and can."

Frave made all the noise, go home hearse money too fast." So they reduced the graves, shake hands. With your enprice, and this while our philanthropist was building Cooper Institute, which

eight hundred years for Peter Cooper! I am glad for the benevolent instituons that get a legacy from men who during their life were as stingy as testament bestowed money on hospitals and missionary societies; but for such testators I have no respect. would have taken every cent of it with them if they could, and bought up half of heaven and let it out at ruinous rent, or loaned the money to celestial citizens at two per cent. a month, and got a corner on harps and trumpets. They lived in this world fifty or sixty years in the presence of appalling suffering and want, and made no effort for their relief. The charities of such people

"PAULO-POST FUTURE" TENSE, and they are going to do them. The probability is that if such a one in his ast will by a donation to benevolent Eights. A Valentine Mott or a Willard cocieties tries to atone for his lifetime the end of Champs Elysees of 1 in about 600; as a matter of fact, could not equal. Those arches stand the proportion is about 36 in 1000.

profession, but what an unlimited try to break the will by proving that the old man was senile or crazy, and the expense of the litigation will about leave in the lawyers' hands what was meant for the American Bible Society. O ye overweighted, successful business men, whether this sermon reach your ear or your eyes, let me say that if you are prostrated with anxieties about keeping or investing these tremendous fortunes, I can tell you how you can do more to get your health back and your spirits raised than by drinking gallons of bad-tasting water at Saratoga, Homburg, or Carlsbad-give to God, humanity, and the Bible ten per cent. of new man of you, and from restless have eight hours sleep, without the divine trip help of bromide of potassium, and from possession no appetite you will hardly be able to wait your regular meals, and your wan cheek will fill up, and when you die the blessings of those who but for you would have perished will bloom all over your grave.

Perhaps some of you will take this advice, but the most of you will not. And you will try to cure your swollen hand by getting on it more fingers, and behind us after we have departed this your rheumatic foot by getting on it life, is important, for we have the pest more toes, and there will be a sigh of authority for saying, "He that provi- relief when you are gone out of the world; and when over your remains those of his own household, is worse the minister recites the words: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," persons who have keen appreciation of the ludicrous will hardly be able to keep their faces straight. But whether in that direction my words do good or not, I am anxious that all who have

ORDINARY EQUIPMENT.

be thankful for what they have and rightly employ it. I think you all have, figuratively as well as literally, fingers enough. Do not long for hindering superfluities. Standing in the presence of this fallen giant of my text, and in ness successes until in almost every di- this post-mortem examination of him, let us learn how much better off we are fire-bell rings at night, you rush up- with just the usual hand, the usual stairs to look out of the window, to see foot. You have thanked God for a if it is any of your mills. Epidemic of thousand things, but I warrant you never thanked Him for those two implements of work and locomotion, that and you wonder whether any of your | no one but the Infinite and Omnipotent God could have ever planned or madepanic strikes the financial world, and the hand and the foot. Only that selyou are like a hen under a sky full of dier or that mechanic who in a batsle, hawks, and trying with anxious cluck or through machinery, has lost them to get your overgrown chickens safely knows anything about their value, and under wing. After a certain stage of only the Christian scientist can have success has been reached, you have to any appreciation of what divine master-

Sir Charles Bell, the English surgeon, ed, was so impressed with the wondrous when the Earl of Bridgewater gave the wisdom and goodness of God, and The trouble with such a one is he is eight books were written, Sir Charles first in the battle his sixth finger on his bindering superfluity. Disraeli says and ligaments and plalanges of the fingers all made just ready to knit, to sew to build up, to pull down, to weave, to write, to plow, to pound, to wheel, to battle, to give friendly salutation. The tips of its fingers are so many telegraph offices by reason of their sensitiveness of touch. The bridges, the tunnels, the cities of the whole earth

THE VICTORIES OF THE HAND. world under which I labored. I have The hands are not damb, but of en slept more in four nights than I have speak as distinctly as the lips. With during all my reign. I begin to live our hands we invite, we repel, we imand to be a king myself. Elect whom | voke, we entreat, we wring them in you choose. As for me, I am so well grief, or clap them in joy, or spread them abroad in benediction. The malformation of the guant's hand in the "Well," says somebody, "such over-loaded persons ought to be pitied, for ed of God more exquisitely and wontheir worriments are real, and their in- drously than any human mechanicism somnia and their nervous prostration that was ever contrived, I charge you are genuine," I reply that they could use it for God, and the lifting of the get rid of the bothersome surplus by world out of its moral predicament. giving it away. If a man has more | Employ it in the sublime work of goshouses than he can carry without vex- pel handshaking. You can see the ation, let him drop a few of them. If hand is just made for that, Four fingers his estate is so great he cannot manage just set right to touch your neighbor'sit without getting nervous dyspepsia hand on one side, and you thumb set from having too much, let him divide so as to clench it on the other side. By up with those who have nervous dys- all its bones and joints and muscles pepsia because they cannot get enough. | and cartilages and ligaments the voice-No! they guard their sixth finger with of nature joins with the voice of God commanding you to shake hands. The custom is as old as the Bible, anyhow, Jehu said to Jehonadab: "Is thine heart right as my heart is with thine heart? If it be, give thine hand," When hands join in Christian salutation a gospel electricity thrills across the palm from heart to heart, and from the shoulder of one to the shoulder of the

SHAKE HANDS ALL AROUND. With the timid and for their encouragement, shake hands. With the shake hands. With the young man just entering business, and discouraged shake hands. With the child who is new from God and started on unending journey, for which he needs to gather great supply of strength, and who can hardly reach up to you now, because you are so much taller, shake hands. Now, let some scientist explain it it he emies, who have done all to defame and hurt you, but whom you can afford mothers a hundred institutes of kinds to forgive, shake hands. At the door ness and mercy all over the land. But of churches where people come in, and the world had to wait five thousand at the door of churches where people go out, shake hands. Let pulpit shake hands with pew, and Sabbath-day shake hands with heaven. Oh the strange, death, but who in their last will and the mighty, the undefined, the mysterlous, the eternal power of an honest handshaking! The difference between all will shake hands, throne and footstool, across seas nation with nation, God and man, church militant and church triumphant. Yea; the malformation of this fallen

giant's foot glorifies

THE ORDINARY FOOT, for which I fear you have never once thanked God. The twenty-six bones of the foot are the admiration of the stantine's arch at Rome, or Arch of

wirere they were planted, but this arch of the foot is an adjustable arch, a yieldin, arch, a flying arch, and ready for move nents innumerable. The human foot so fashioned as to enable man to stand uprignit as no other creature, and leave the han I that would otherwise have to help in balancing the body free from anything it chouses. The foot of the camel fashioned for the sand, the foot of the bird fashioned for the treebranch, the foot of the hind fashioned for the slippery rock, the foot of the lion fashioned to rend its prey, the foot of the horse fashioned for the solid earth, but the foot of man made to all your income, and it will make a cross the desert, or climb the tree, or scale the cliff, or walk the earth, or go walking of the floor at night you shall anywhere he needs to go. With that divine triumph of anatomy in your

> WHERE DO YOU WALK? In what path of righteousness or what path of sin have you set it down? Where have you left the mark of your footsteps? Amid the petrifactions in the rocks have been found the marks of the feet of birds and beasts of thousands of years ago. And God can trace out all the footsteps of your lifetime, and those you made fifty years ago are as plain as those made in the last soft weather, all of them petrified for the Judgment day. Oh, the foot! Give me the autobiography of your foot from the time you stepped out of the cradle until to-day, and I will tell your exact character now and what your prospects

for the world to come. That there might be no doubt about the fact that both these pieces of divine mechanism, hand and foot, belong to Christ's service, both hands of Christ and both feet of Christ were spiked on L For the People: the cross. Right through the arch of both His feet to the hollow of his mstep went the iron of torture, and from the palm of his hand to the back of it, and there is not a muscle or nerve or bone among the twenty-seven bones of hand and wrist, or among the twenty-six bones of the feet, but it belongs to Him now and forever.

That is the most beautiful fost that goes about paths of greatest usefulness, and that the most beautiful hand that does the most to help others. I was reading of

THREE WOMAN IN RIVALRY about the appearance of she hand. And the one aendered her hand with berries,. and said the beautiful tinge made hers the most beautiful tinge made her the most beautiful. And another put her hand in the mountain brook, and said; as the waters dripped off, that her hand was the most beautiful, And another plucked flowers off the bank, and under the bloom contended that her hand wasthe most attractive. Then a poor old woman appeared, and looked up in her decrenitude asked for alms. And a woman who han not taken part in the rivalry gave her alms. And all the the women resolved to leave to this beggar the question as to which of all the hands present was the most attractive, and she said: "The most beautiful of them all is the one that gave relief to my necessities," and as she se said her wrinkles and rags and her decrepitude and her body disappeared, and an place thereof stood the christ, who long ago saidi "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it to Me!" and who to purchase the service of our hand and foot here on earth or in resurrection state, had His own hand and foot lacerated.

No Man Recognizes His Own Toice on the Plaonograph.

"I here is one singular thing about Edison's perfected phonograph that I don't tlunk basever been made public," said an ex-ligutement of the United States Navy, now the manager of a Pennsylvania iron foundry. teaches you haw your own voicesounds, Almost every one naturally thinks that he cans recognize his voice when he hears it, but be can't. I was at Menlo Park the other day visiting a friend who is one of Edison's chief assistants. Of course the phonograph was tested. After talking into the wonderful machine a few minutes, I stopped and the sounds were ground out again. I never was more astonished in my life. The words were mine, the manner of speaking was mine, but the voice was that of a perfect stranger. I would never have recognized it."

"'Can that be my voice?" I asked. "'Of course; don't you recognize it?' my friend replied. "No. If I had a voice like that I'd

disown it. "So most every one says. I don't know exactly why it's so, but it is a fact that we can't hear ourselves as others hear us any more than we can see ourselves as others do. Let's have The Lord is my helper; I will not fear a test. You go into the other room troubled and in warm-hearted sympathy, and shut the door. Talk, into the phonograph, and see if you, cannot recog-

nize each speaker's voice. "I did so, and the result was as he predicted. Every tone was perfectly reproduced. The voice of my friend would have been accepted as his own before any jury in the land. We all recognized it, but he alone could net.

Steamers Plying on the Volga.

The average American will be astonished to learn that the number of steamers plying on the Volga and its tributaries is greater than the number on the Mississippi; that \$15,000,000 worth hands with week-day, and earth shake of products annually come down a single tributary of the Volgo-namely, the Kama, a stream of which few Americans have ever heard; and finally, that the waters of the Volgo river system these times and the millennial times is annually float mearly 5,000,000 tons that now some shake hands, but then of merchandise, and furnish employall will shake hands, throne and footment to 7,000 vessels and nearly 200,-000 boatmen. It may be that an ordinarily well educated American ought. to know all these things, but I certainly did not know them, and they came to me with the shock of a complete surprise.

Some German investigators have calculated their relative liability of injury anatomist. The arch of the foot fashioned with a grace and a poise that
Trajan's arch at Beneventum, or Conwounds of the eye would bear to wounds of other parts the proportion

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1888.

Crossing the Jordan. LESSON TEXT. (Josh. 3: 5-17. Memory verses, 5-6.)

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: God's Promises Fulfilled.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: There failed not aught of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass. - Josh.

LESSON TOPIC: Entering the Land. Lesson Outline: 1. Marching Orders, vs. 5-2. 2. Immediate Preparation, vs. 9-13. 3. Triumphant Entrance, vs. 14-17. GOLDEN TEXT: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isa. 43:2. DAILY HOME READINGS:

M.-Josh. 3:5-17. Entering the land. T .- Gen. 12:1-10. Abram's emtrance into Canaan.

W .- Gen. 13:1-18. Abram's settlement in Canaan. T.-Gen. 15:1-21. Israel's settlement assured. F .- Exod. 3:1-17. The dawn of

deliverance. S .- Exod. 12: 29-42. The start for Canaan. S .- Heb. 3: 1-19. Hindered by unbelief.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

I. MARCHING ORDERS.

Sanctify yourselves (5). anctify them to-day and to-morrow (Exod. 19:10). anctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy (Lev. 20:7). Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice (1 Sam 16:5).

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation (Joel 2:16). IL For the Priests : Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over (6).

The sons of Kohath shall come to bear it (Num. 4:15). The sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant (Deut. 31 =9). None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites (1 Chron. 15 :: 2). The Levites bare the ark of God upon

their shoulders (2 Chron. 15: 15) IEL For the Beader: Thou shalt command the priests

saying (8). Take thee Joshua,....and give him a charge in their sight (Num. 27:18, 19). Call Joshua, that I may give him a charge (Deuti. 31:14). Now therefore axise, go over this Jordan (Josh, 1:::2). Only be strong and very courageous

(Josh. 1:7). L "Sanctify yourselves: for to-snorrow the Lord will do wonders among lites. you." (1) The dawn of great events; (2) The call for suitable prepara-

(5) Its position.

helpfulness; (2) An assurance of the exodus (Josh 4:19). help to comey.

II. IMMEDIATE PREPARATION. L'Assembled for Divine Instruction: Come hither, and hear the words of his Lord your God (9). Moses brought forth the people tomeet God (Exody 19:17).

Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words (Deut. 4 = 10). The multitude pressed upon him and

heard the word (Luke 5:1) We are all here present in the sight of God, to hear (Acts 10: 33) IL Assured of God's Presence. Ye shall know that the living God is.

meng you (19). Thou Lord art, in the midst of this people (Nume 1st : 14). The Lord thy God walketh in the midst. of thy camp (Deut. 23:13). God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved (Psa. 46:5). Mear thou nat, for I am with thee (Isa.

41:10). MI. Assured of Divine Heip: The waters of Jordan shall be cultoff; , they shall stand in one heap (E3). Me will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Deut. 3h:6).

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee (Josha 1:5). When thou, passest through the waters, I will be with thee (Isa 43: 2).

(Heb. 13: 6) 1. "Come hisher, and hear the words of the Lord." (I) God waiting to teach; (2) Israel in wited to bearn --(1) Drawing near to God; (2) Listexing unto the Lord; (3) Learning

of the Lord. "Ye shall know that the living God is among you" (1) The living God; (2) The needy people; (3) The assured fellowship. - God's presence among men: (1) Why manifested; (2) How demonstrated.

3. "The waters of Jordan shall be cut off " (1) By the power of God; (2) For the passage of Israel; (3) For the instruction of man. III. TRIUMPILANT ENTRANCE.

The Overflowing River: Jordan overfloweth all its banks all the time of harvest (15). These ... went over Jordan ... it had overflown all its banks (1 Chron.

12:15). The rivers shall not overflow thee (Isa. 43:2). How wilt then do in the pride of Jordan? (Jer. 12:5). Like a lion from the pride of Jordan

(Jer. 49:19). II. The Miraculous Cutting-Off: The waters....were wholly cut off

The waters of Jordan shall be cut off (Josh. 3:13). Elijah ... smote the waters, and they were divided (2 Kings 2:8).

Jordan was driven back (Psa. 114:3),

What alleth thee,...thou Jordan, that
thou turnest back? (Psa. 114:5).

III. The Safe Crossing: All Israel passed over on dry ground Israel came over this Jordan on dry land (Josh. 4:22).

God dried up the waters,....until ye were passed over (Josh. 4:23). He went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho (Josh. 24:11). They too went over on dry ground (2

Kings 2:81. 1. "And it came to pass." (1) The events foretold; (2) The events experienced, -(1) The marvelous foretelling; (2) The exact fulfilling.

2. "The waters....rose up in one heap." (1) The heaped-up waters; (2) The dried river-bed; (3) The dry-shod passage; (4) The faithful God; (5) The happy people.

3. "All the nation were passed clean over Jordan." (1) Who? (2) Whence? (3) Whither? (4) Why? (5) How?—(1) Fulfilling many promises; (2) Realizing great expectations.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

THE RIVER JORDAN. Facts about the River: A boundary of Canaan (34:12). Often overflowed (Josh. 3:15; 1 Chron, 12:15). Fordable at places (Josh. 2:7; Judg.

12:5,6)Boats used upon it (2 Sam. 19:18). Despised by foreigners (2 Kings 5:12). 2. Facts about its Banks :

Well wooded (2 Kings 6: 2). Very fertile (Gen. 13: 10). Infested with wild beasts (Jer. 49 19;50:44).

Yielded valuable earths (1 King#7: 46; 2 Chron. 4:17). Lot chose his home there (Gen. 13:RI). 3. Events at the River:

Waters divided under Joshua (Joshu 3:12-16:5: I). Waters divided under Elijah (2 Kings Waters divided under Elisha (3 Kings:

2:14). Waters healed Naaman (2 Kings 5 : 10, 14). John baptized there in (Matt. 3:6,

13, 15).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS. After his formal commission as leader of the people, Joshua speedily issued an order for an advance across the Jordan "within three days" (Josh. I:10, 11). A special command was given to the tribes that were to occupy the region east of the Jordan. "The mighty men of valour" from these tribes were to form the advance guard in the movemerst of the invading hosta. To this or-

der a willing nesponse was- given (Josh, 1:19-18). Spies were sent out too Jericho by Joshua. Probably this was done before the order for advances was issued, since the events of Chapter 2 cover more than three days, The story of Rahab is fully detailed, -not to justify her deception, but to show her faith, and also to indicate the terrorproduced by the threatened invasion of the Israe-

The Readquarters of thee host had been for some time at Shittim, -an oasis tion .- (1) Man's duty; (2) God's east of the Jordan, in the plains of Moab (comp. Nam. 25: 1). From this "They took up the ark and region Joshua led them to the Jordan. went before the people." The ark: where the command to cross the river (1) Its description; (2) Its history; was issued (Josh 3:2-4). The place (3) Its symbolism; (4) Its bearens, was at the Jordan, "right against Jezicho" (v. 16); the time of the lesson (ex-3. "As I was with Moses, so I will be cept v. 3) was on the tenth day of the with thee." (A) A reminder of past first month in the forty-first year after

Modes@Noll and Dr. Johnson,

After Goldsmith had written the Vicar of Wakefield he rose considerable in the estimation of blunt old Dr. Johnton, who extelled the book to the skies. Goldsmith s-natural modesty made-theenthu-lastic praise of his work exceedingly painful to him, and he invariably did his best in self-depreciation when his friend began sounding his praises ..

Upon one occasion Johnson, Boswell, and Goldsraith were lunching together in a Fleet Street chop-house, when an acquaintance of Johnson's entaged, and approaching the group, grasped the Doctor's hand, and asked him how

"Sir," said the Doctor, with his accustomed courtesy, "I don't." Then turning toward Goldsmith, who was trying to hade behind a bottle of Worcestershire sauce, he roused out: "Mr. Robinson, permit me to introduce my friend Geldsmith. Goldsmith is the author of the Vicar of Wakefield, you know.

pleased smile. "Are you the author of that delightful work?" "N-no, sir, p-please, sir," raplied Goldsmith, overcome with shame. The effect of this reply upon Dr. Johnson may be better imagined than

describad,

"Indeesi!" cried Robinson, with a

Regovered Through a Decam.

The New London, (Conn.) Telegraph. relates that a lady resident of that city lost ken wedding ring. "She would not remamber how it came to be lost, and she puzzled over its disappearance for several days. It was the last thing she thought of one night last week beforeretizing, and her rest was disturbed by a dream in which she saw the ring at a pawnbroker's. Next day she saw the pownbroker on the street, and, remembering her dream of the night before, she described the ring to him and asked him to look over his collection to see if it was there. Sure enough, the first ring the pawabroker laid his hand apon was the missing one, with the initials of the lady engraved inside."

To make a cherry-stain, mix together by stirring 1 quart of spirits of turpentine, 1 pint of japan, 1 pound of Venetian red ground in oil, and 2 ounces of dry burnt umber. Apply with a brush and wipe off with a cloth. Finish with 1 coat of shellac and 2 coats of varnish.

Mr. Edison, intends to utilize the oond of water which now separates his laboratory from his new phonograph factory. He will build a small ferryboat to be run by electricity, and it will be run back and forth from the laboratory to the factory every half hour.

Mr. Babiana, a French scientist claims to have discovered organs of sight in the vegetable growth called