Satan on his Travels.

"And the Lord said unto Satan: Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the i ord and said: From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."-Job

IN 1672 was printed the largest book ever published, namely, two huge volumes of near five thousand pages in small type, the author Joseph Caryl, It was a commentary on this Book of Job. When it took a year for the journey from England to India, the son of the author of this commentary started for India, leaving his father writing on his book, and was gone for years, and when he came back to England, still found his father writing on it. I never saw the commentary, but I do not wonder at its size, because there is no end to

THE INTEREST OF THE BOOK OF JOB. I am not surprised that Goethe, the unbeliever, took from this wonderful book the opening of his drama "Faust" and the Mephistopheles of the great German was only the Satan of Job. It me have that ring. It means nothing, seems that one day in heaven God was and you might as well give it to me. on His throne, and angels and mes- The ring is handed over to Satan, and sengers came to report on their missions. But while these good spirits thing, over the mouth of perdition, and were making their reports, a ghastly, grizzly, hideous monster from some miry, sulphurous, filthy world, came into the palace without wiping his feet, and God asked him where and bow he had been occupying himself, and this GREATEST SCOUNDREL OF THE UNI-

VERSE made reply with blazing effrontery, and instead of acknowledging any of the mischief he had been doing, said he had been an earthly pedestrian, and had lived a sort of circumambulatory, peripatetic life- "And the Lord said unto Satan: Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said: From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down

This monster of my text has a great variety of names. You know that notorious villains are apt to take a variety of names. Arraigned in Paris for burglary, a man will give one name; arrested in San Francisco for arson, he Montreal for murder, he will give another. So this creature

HAS MANY NAMES.

He is called in sacred and profane literature Abaddon, Apollyon, Ahrimanes, Zaniel, Asmodeus the revenging devil, Beelzebub the sovereign of devils, Lucifer the brilliant devil, Diabolus the despairing devil, Mammon the money devil. Pluto the fiery devil, Baal the devil. Pluto the hery devil, meresin the plaguing military devil. Meresin the plaguing devil. He is called the father of lies, mandment having been left out. When you see how many husbands and wives you see how many husbands and wives dren and great-grandchildren all false- are parted by law, and know of so All men of good sense, whether enlight- the conclusion that Satan is engaged in ened by the Bible or in heathendom, have noticed that there are baleful and maleficent influences abroad, that have not their origin in the human race, and

DEMONOLOGY IS CERTAIN as angelology. The sword of Paracelsus was thought to have had a demon in the hilt, and there is now a demon in every sword hilt. The ancients supposed the air was filled with sylphs and satyrs and sirens and gnomes and vampires. Two or three hundred years ago a demonographer gave the names of ambassadors of evil which he thought Satan sent to different countries: Mammon, ambassador to England; Bel-phegor, ambassador to France; Martinet, ambassador te Switzerland; Rimmon, ambassador to Russia; Thannia, ambassador to Spain; Hutgin, ambassador to Italy, and that there was a princess of devils by the name of Proserpine. But that that was mere guesswork of mythology or superstition has been made clear by divine revelation. We find there is somewhere a monarch of all wickedness. He is

THE SUPERVISOR OF ALL MISCHIEF, and what he cannot do himself he delegates others to do, and as each one of our race is supposed to have a guardian good angel, I have no doubt that every human being has a besieging, malignant spirit nagging his footsteps, and trying to make him think wrong and act wrong, an especial devil, a devil of fraud, or a devil of avarice, or a devil of uncleanness, or a devil of poor health and as in my text the spirits are represented as reporting to the Lord, so I have no doubt the devil spirits report to Satan. "And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord and said: From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." Satan began

HIS ATTACK ON THIS WORLD long before Adam and Eve were creatsands of years going through great changes. The lumber for the house first parents may have been hauled to been trying for all that million years to demolish and use up this world. The drown it with universal waters. He Then he tried to freeze it into ruin, and | smoke." covered it with universal glacier. And for ages he kept this world, before our his active travels is through the first parents occupied it, in paroxysms. Yea, after the famous Bible week, the world had been fitted into a Paradise for the home of our sinless ancestors, Satan comes into the Garden of Eden, and through the gate of foliage, not upright in posture, but crawls in under the bushes a snake, and having despoiled our first parents, goes to work to ruin Paradise, and does the work so thoroughly that one who recently visited the site of

between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, says the place is a desert; not a flower, and the ground so poor that nothing but some date-trees grow there, and the miserable villagers from near and the miserable villagers from near by are not so well covered up with their rags as Adam and Eve were cov-

ered up with their innocence. So you Whence comest thou? and Satan an-

There is no greater sport for him than conjugal quarrel. It does not make errand boys." any difference how long the marriage ring has been on the finger of the left hand, he will try to pull off the signet. He says to the husband: "What a plain wife you have compared with what she once was? Don't you see that the color has gone out of her cheek, and there are several wrinkles about her temples, and a sprinkling of frost on her locks? Besides that, you have advanced in intelligence, while she has stood still or gone back. How hard it is that you should be chained to such dullness and imbecility!" Then he turns and says to his wife: "That man neglects you; you have a right to be jealous. He likes his eigar and his club, and anything and everything better than you. Why not get a divorce? Marriage is only a civil contract anyhow, and not a divine alliance. Let he tosses it up and down, like a playsays: "I will hand it back, only let me have it a little while." And he keeps tossing that ring, with all its sacred memories, higher up and further out, tossing and catching, tossing and catching it until one day you clutch for it, crying: "Give me back my ring!" but lo, it has dropped into the yawning gulf, and you suddenly find who has been pitching and catching the ring, and you cry out: "Whence comest thou?" and he answers: "From going to and fro in the domestic life of the city, and from walking up and down in it; that is all."

There are thousands of marriage relations strained almost to the breaking, and I commend to all men and women who are restless in the present marriage state that they resume the old-time courtship, and takes as much pains to make themselves agreeable as they did five or ten or twenty years ago, before the wedding march announced to the flushed and fluttering crowd that the bride will give another name; imprisoned at and groom were coming. According to the statistics of Professor Dikes, in one year in moral New Hampshire there were 241 divorces; in temperate Maine, 478 divorces; in good old Massachusetts, 600 divorces, and in the New England of "steady habits," 2.113. In one county of Illinois 830 divorce suits were begun in one year, and in many places it seems as if a new arrangement had been made of the commandments, and instead of ten hoods, deceptions, frauds, swindles, many who would like to dissolve conslanders, back-bittings, and subterfuges. | jugal partnership, do you not come to

mighty industries? Another route that Satan is apt to

take in his active travels, is THE FACTORIES and other establishments where capital sits in the office or counting-room and a good many hands of laborers are busy among wheels and spindles and fabrics, On this visit he will first step into the owner and proprietor of the great establishment all alone with his correspondence and his account-books, says to him: 'You are not making as much money as you ought. You furnish all the brains. Were it not for your enterprise this establishment would not be in existence. These men and women in your employ are of very common mould. Their appetite is coarser, and they do not need the luxuries you require. Their comfort and happiness are of very little importance. Put them down on the very verge of starvation and take all the profits into your own possession, and if they do not like it tell them to go where they can do better." Having done his work in the

counting-room, Satan steps right out AMONG THE WORKMEN. He says: "You work too many hours | cial panics, plagues, destroying angels, and you do your work better than it continental earthquakes, and worldneeds to be done. You are serving a | wide disasters are to him a perfect glee. no right to have any more than you and the Mormonism and the Moham-Why should he ride and you walk? Why should he have tenderloin steak and you salt pork? Capital is the enemy of labor. Let labor be the sworn foe of capital. Why don't you strike and bring him to terms? Wait until he has a large order to fill by contract, and then he cannot help himself. Go althogether, without a moment's the Lord Almighty, and when asked, warning, and tell him you are going to Whence comest thou? answered, "From you know of, and persists in going on going up and down in it." and getting new men, give them a volbefore Adam and Eve were creat-While I believe the Bible record mite in his office and blow him and his that the world was fitted up for man's factory all up with the same explosion," residence in one week. I believe also Look out there on the night skul Great Look out there on the night skyl Great God was manifested, that He might dethe geological record that the world fire somewhere. What is it? The was previously for hundreds of thou-night is cold and Satan has made a big bonfire of that factory to warm himself The capitalist has lost heavily, that was to be built in a week for our and the workmen and their families are without bread and clothing. the spot a million years before. This "Whence comest thou, Satan?" Prince of the Power of the Air has "From going to and fro among employers and employees, and from walking up and down among them. Ha! record is on the rocks. He tried to Ha! I was the only one who made anything out of that strike. What a tried to burn it up with universal fires. fire and smoke! Ha! Ha! I like

Another route Satan is apt to take in

MERCANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS. He steps in and says to the clerks: "How much salary do you get? Is that all? Why, you can't live on that! You have a right to enough for a livefound out. Or you could change those serving out their protracted sentences between the rivers Tigris and Euph- not feel exactly right about doing that streeter of the passage of time that

whereas you could have your overcoat see the Father of lies for once told the fur lined, and take board at a tip-top truth when the Lord said unto him: place, and walk amid plush and tapestries positively Oriental. While you swered and said: "From going to and are making up your mind I will just go fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." one from the wealthy firm down to the

THE RESULT OF THAT SATANIC VISIT is that one of the partners has drawn so much out of the concern that the whole business is crippled, and a bright and promising boy is sent home to his mother in-disgrace, and a young man is in jail for embezzlement. Three lives ruined and three eternities. Whence comest thou, Satan? "From going to and fro among mercantile houses, and from walking up and down among them. I like to ruin splendid fellows and blast parental hopes, and of all the liquors that I ever tasted, fill my glass with a us click together the rims of our glasses and drink to the overthrow of the fifty thousand young men I ruined last year! Huzzah!" Satan would rather have one young man than twenty old ones. If he would win the septuagenarians and the octogenarians, he could do but little harm with them. But he says: "Give me a young man, especially if he be bright and generous and social." He sees that young men have, for good or bad, been the mightiest influence in this world. Fernando Cortes conquered Mexico at thirty-two. Gustavus Adolphus became immortal in history so early that he died at thirty-eight. Raphael, the most famous of painters, died at thirty-seven. William Pitt was Prime Minister of England at twentyfour. Jesus Christ completed His earthly life at thirty-three. Five years in a young man's life are of more power for good or evil that the last fifteen of an old man's life. So Satan is especial greedy for young men, and in going to and fro in the earth he has especial temptation for them.

Another route that Satan on his active travels is apt to take is for the

DESPOILING OF SOULS. It does not pay him merely to destroy the bodies of men and women. Those bodies would soon be gone anyhow; but great treasures are involved in this Satanic excursion. On this route he meets a man who is aroused by something he has seen in the Bible, and Satan says: "Now I can settle all that; the Bible is an imposition; it has been deluding the world for centuries; do not let it delude you. It has no more authority than the Koran of the Mohammedan, or the Shaster of the Hindoo, or the Zenda-Vesta of the Persian.' He meets another man who is hastening towards the kingdom of God, and says: "Why all this precipitation? Religion is right, but any time within the next ten years will be soon enough for you. A man with a stout chest like yours, and such muscular development, need not be bothering himself about the next world." But Satan says nothing to him about the fact that the professor who gave his whole life to the study of health, and could lift more pounds than any American, died at about forty, and that another learned man, who proved conclusively that if we observed all the laws of health we need never die, expired before he got his book on that subject published. Satan meets another man who has gone through a long course of profligacy and is beginning to manufacturer's office, and finding the pray for forgiveness, and Satan says to

the man: "YOU ARE TOO LATE; the Lord will not help such a wreck as you; you might as well brace up and fight your own way through," And so with a spite and an acuteness and a velocity that have been gaining for six | Old Abe.' ' thousand years, he ranges up and down, baffling, disappointing, defeating, afflicting, destroying the human race. Through his own hand or delegated infernalism he has pursued and hurt us all, and cursed every heart, and cursed every home, and cursed every nation, and cursed exery continent, He has instigated every war. He has rejoiced in every pestilence. He has started every groan. He has pressed out every sigh. He has hurled every shipwreck. Lazarettoes, insane asylums, commerbloated bondholder anyhow. He has Can you look upon the Communism medanism and the wide sweep of drunkenness and fraud and libertinism, the Franco-German War and Crimean War, the North and South United States war, and rivers of blood flowing across continents of misery into oceans of wretchedness, without realizing the power of the Evil One, who reported to stop. If he has more resources than going to and fro in the earth, and from

But, blessed be God! I may substitute anthem for requiem, and Hallelujah Chorus for the Dead March in Saul. The New Testament says: "The Son of stroy the works of the devil," It prophesied that an angel would come down from heaven with key and chain and incarcerate and shut up the old dragon. It says that Christ came to "destroy him that had the power of death-that

is, the devil." WHAT YOU AND I MOST NEED is power to drive back this Apollyon, this Asmodeus, this Ahrimanes, from our heart and lives. And we can do it, not by our own strength but by divine power afforded, for here is a passage emblazoned with encouragement which says: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." Remember it is no sin at all to be tempted. The best and mightlest have been tempted. Milton describes a toad squat at the ear of Eve. The sin is in surrendering. Do not feel so secure in yourself as to think lihood. A few quarters out of the you cannot be overthrown. How do money-drawer will never be missed, or you account for the fact that there are here and there is a remnant of goods so many old men in Sing Sing and you could take home without being Auburn and the other penitentiaries, account-books a little, and you could for frauds. The clock in the steeple of make that figure eight a nought and old Trinity Church striking the hours that figure five a three, and if you do did not remind the recreant Wall-

tallions of infernals, swooped upon him unawares.

Look out for the wiles of the devil. not only those of you who are young, but the middle-aged and the old. Outside of God

YOU ARE NOT SAFE a moment. But yield not to disheartenment. If we put our trust in God, our best days are yet to come-days of victory, days of song, days of heaven-and the best days of the cause of righteousness in all the earth are yet to come. As the ten thousand men of Xenophon's army, when they came to the top of Mount Theches and saw the waters on which they were to sail to their homes, the soldiers with clapping hands and waving banners all together shouted: "The sea, the sea!" So we to-day in our march toward our heavenly home come up to the top of the mountain of holy anticipation, and look off upon oceans brewing of agonizing tears. Come! let of light, and oceans of glory, and oceans of joy; and thrilled as we have never been thrilled before, we clap our hands and wave our gospel easigns, and cry one to another, and shout up to the responding and re-echoing heavens: "The sea the seal"

Sheridan's First and Last Vote.

"I was present" says ex President Hayes, "when General Sheridan cast the first vote and last of his life. McClellan was the candidate on the one side and Lucoln on the other, Sheridan had never voted, as he was an army officer, but ie understood that under the laws of Ohio an Ohio soldier could vote, and that there was to be somewhere in camp among the Ohio soldiers a polling place. He soon learned it was at my headquarters, so he came over the kay before and talked about it. 'I never cast a vote before in my life,' said General Sheridan 'and I don't understand how to do it,' Next day Sheridan came over with General Forsyth, of Tolelo, and General Crook, who also wanted to vote. I passed the word around that Sheridan and Crook would vote about 9 o'clock, and 5000 soldiers and two brass bands were on hand. The poling place was a wagon, and three noncommissioned officers were judges and two young fellows clerks. I said 'd vote first, so as to show Crook and Sheridan how it was done. I was an old voter, they were greenhorns. Istepped up and said to the judges, 'Myname is Rutherford B. Hayes; I vot in Hamilton county, Ohio, in the Fiteen Ward, Cincinnati, All this was pu down. Then Sheridan stepped up. te was a little embarrassed, for all he men were looking at him. It was a new part for him to play. He loded at the judge, the judge, stared a him. 'Your name, sir?' said the judge with infinite dignity. 'Sheridan spoe up. 'Philip H. Sheridan.' 'In what State do you vote?' asked the jege, impressively. 'In Ohio,' Sherian replied, 'In what county?' 'Pery county.' Then came the difficult qustion, 'In what ward or township, SHI solemnity. 'Ny father lives in Reading township, Shedan replied, in an embarrassed wayfor it was all new to him. Then Genera Crook came forward, pulling his mutache nervously, as was his habit. Higave his name, and said he lived in Daton, Montgomery county. 'What ward, sir?' thundered the judge. 'I don't know,' General Crook said: 'I always stopped at the Philips House, thoug.' 'Oh call it the First Ward,' I said and down it went that way. In speking with Sheridan afterward, he say, with feeling: 'This is my first vote I don't ever expect to vote again by I did want to vote for

Demand For Floral Candies.

"There are plenty of young men who buy them," and the girl. "Some take weet violets some like the candied rose leaves, and others prefer pink done in sugar.' "What is he ogject in eating can-

died flowers? "To perfuse the breath. All young society ladie carry perfumed sweets with them to the theatre and to parties, everywhere they go indeed. Some of thes are tiny lozengers put up

in fancy vial like these." They look like homeopathic medicines-small sugar pills in all colors. They were holets bijous of a lovely lavander coler, musk bijous, pink and pretty, and alot of other sweets for the breath.

"And the price?" "Oh, those are cheap enough, only ten cents a bitle. Then there are the mixed flavor for the boubonnieres, the little round boxes fastened to the cersage. Even he gentlemen are beginning to use tem instead of cloves and coffee to sweten the breath.

Ils Pocket.

Comment has often been made on the precocity of 8 year old boys but I think I know of one who is entitled to particular distinction for his brightness. The other day he importuned his mamma for a night shirt "just like mother made him one and the first night he were it he went to bed in

high glee. In the maning, when his mother took the role off, she found in one pocker a couple of seed cakes, three matches, a bothpick, a small silver watch, several pieces of cough candy and the boy's pocket handkerchief. When the little was questioned as to the reason of the very varied assort-

ment he replied: "Well, I thought if I got hungry in the night time I would need the seed cakes, and, of course, I'd want the toothpick afterward; if I wanted to see what time it was by my watch I would have to have a match, and I That he might humble thee, to prove was afraid of coughing so I put the thee (Deut. 8:2). candy there.

KIRBY STONE-I say, Tupper, how about that \$5 you borrowed from me

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 1888. Israel Under Judges.

LESSON TEXT. (Judg. 2: 11-23. Memory verses, 11, 12.)

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

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

LESSON TOPIC: Braving God's Displeasure.

Lesson Outline: 3. Suffering His Chastisements, vs.

GOLDEN TEXT: Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.—Heb. 3:12,

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.-Judg. 2:11-23. Braving God's displeasure. T .- Judg. 1: 1-21. The conquest

of Canaan. W .- Judg. 1 : 22-36. The conquest of Canaan. T .- Judg. 2: 1-10. An unworthy

succession. F.-Judg. 10 : 1-16. Forsaking and returning. S .- Isa. 1 : 1-20. Forsaken of

God. S .- Prov. 1 : 20-33. Words of warning.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. FORSAKING THE LORD.

I. Jehovah Forsaken : They forsook the Lord (12). This people ... will forsake me (Deut. 31:16). Then he forsook God which made him

(Deut. 32:15). They have forsaken the Lord (Isa. They have forsaken me the fountain of living waters (Jer. 2:13).

II. Idols Served: They....followed other gods (12). This people will rise up, and go after the strange gods (Deut. 31:16). They sacrificed unto demons, which

were no God (Deut. 32:17). Put away the gods which your fathers served (Josh, 24:14). Israel ... served the Baalim, and the Ashtaroth (Judg. 10:6).

III. Anger Aroused:

They provoked the Lord to anger (12). My anger shall be kindled, . . . and I will forsake them (Deut. 31: 17). They moved him to jealousy with strange gods (Deut. 32:16).

He will turn and do you evil, and con-The anger of the Lord was kindled been contemporaries. It should be adsume you (Josh. 24:20).

1. "That which was evil in the sight hundred and fortieth," insteads of against Israel (Judg. 10:7). of the Lord." (1) Permitted of men; view of human action.

2, "They forsook the Lord." (1) From whom they turned: (2) To what they turned; (3) Why they turned. 3. "They provoked the Lord to anger." (1) The reckless people; (2) The provoking deeds; (3) The angry God. -God's anger; (1) How aroused; (3) How displayed; (3) How appeared.

II. DESPISING HIS WRATH. I. In the Face of Disaster: spoilers (14).

He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria (2 Kings 13:3). He hath delivered them to be tossed to and fro (2 Chron. 29:8). He hath delivered them to the slaughter

(Tag. 34:2). Whom I delivered unto Satan (1 Tim. 1:20).

II. In Spite of God's Grace: groaning (18).

Yet went they on to sin against him (Psa. 78: 17). For all this they sinned still, and believed not (Psa. 78:32). He regarded their distress, when he heard their cry (Psa. 106:44). Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness? (Rom. 2:4).

III. In Persistent Love of Wrong: They ceased not from their doings, nor from their stubborn way (19). He ... being often reproved hardeneth his neck (Prov. 29:1) The heart ... is fully set in them to do

evil (Eccl. 8:11). Wilt thou not cease to pervert the right way? (Acts 13:10). God (Rom. 8:7).

shame; (3) Israel's evident guilt. 2. "The hand of the Lord was against them." (1) An omnipotent antagonist; (2) A dismayed nation.

3. "They ceased not from their doings, nor from their stubborn way." (1) Israel's stubborn persistency; (2) Israel's evil way.

III. SUFFERING HIS CHASTISEMENTS. papa's," with a pocket in it. His I. The Cause of Israel's Chastisement; Because this nation have transgressed:....I will not drive cut (20,

Go not up;... that ye be not smitten down (Num. 14: 42). Israel hath sinned ... Therefore .. Israel cannot stand (Josh. 7: 11, 12). When ye transgress; ... then shall the anger...be kindled (Josh, 23:46). They forsook the Lord....And the anger of the Lord was kindled (Judg.

2:13, 14). II. The Purpose of Israel's Chastisement: That by them I may prove Israel

(22).

God did prove Abraham (Gen. 22:1). Blessed is the man that endureth temptation (Jas. 1:12). As many as I love, I reprove and chasten

(Rev. 3:19). III. The Nature of Israel's Chastise-So the Lord left those nations, without driving them out (23).
Then shall those...be as pricks in your eyes (Num. 33:55).

They shall be a snare and a trap unto yon (Josh. 23:13). They shall be as thorns in your sides (Judg. 2:3.)

They vexed and oppressed the children of Israel (Judg. 10:8). 1. "Because this nation have transgressed." (1) The Judge of nations;

(2) The sins of nations; (3) The penalties of nations. "By them I may prove Israel." God proving nations; (1) By what means; (2) To what ends; (3) With what results.

"So the Lord left those nations." Evil nations; (1) Instruments in God's hands; (2) Scourges for God's foes; (3) Helps for God's people.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL. Their names (Judg. 3:9, 13, 15, 31; 4: 4; 6: 11, 12; 9: 6; 10: 1, 3; 11: 4-6; 12: 7, 8, 11. 13; 13: 24, 25; 16: 30, 31; 1 Sam. 4: 18; 7: 6, 15-17).

Period of their rule (Acts 13:20). Interruptions of their rule (Judg. 17: 6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25). Representatives of God (Judg. 8: 22, 23; 1 Sam. 8:7). Deliverers of Israel (Judg. 2:16, 18).

Of temporary influence only (Judg. 2: 17, 19). Men of exemplary faith (Heb. 11 . 32-34).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The Book of Joshua closes with an account of the death and burial of Joshua, of the interment of the bones of Joseph, and of the death and burial of Eleazar, the son and successor of Aaron (Josh. 24: 29-33). The history is continued in the Book of Judges, which opens with an account of various attempts to extend the conquests (Judg. 1:1-26), and with a list of failures to possess the allotted territory (Judg. 1: 27-36). A threatening revelation 18 made to the people at Bochim (that is, "Weepers"), in consequence of their partial alliance with the heathen inhabitants (Judg. 2:1-5). Verses 6-10 repeat the story of the death of Joshua, and tell of the rise of a new generation.

The lesson is virtually an epitome of the book which follows. Hence it cannot be assigned to any particular time or place, but covers the entire period of the "Judges." How long that period was, is open to discussion, 1 Kings 6:1 forms the basis of the usual computation, which leaves about three hundred years from the death of Joshua to the time of Eli. But if the later date of the Exodus be accepted. the period cannot be so long. On the other hand, Acts 13: 19 seems to speak of the time of the judges as "about four hundred and fifty years," though this is not necessarily the meaning of that passage. The narrative in the Book of Judges does not furnish us with certain date, since some of the judges seem to have ded that the Septuagint reads "four "four hundred and eightieth," in 1 (2) Condemned of God.—(1) Man's Kings 6:1. In view of the e difficulview of human action; (2) God's ties, it seems wisest not to attempt any positive settlement of the chronological question.

OLD COACHES.

Their Introduction Into England Three Hundred Years Ago.

Coaches-first introduced from France into England in 1580-gave rise to grave alarm, since the love of ease which such conveyances were alleged He delivered them into the hands of to foster could not fail to exercise a most pernicious influence on the masculine character. It was a disgrace to a true-born Briton to make use of an effeminate invention solely suited to ladies or to Frenchmen. The man who shrank from the endurance of fatigue or exposure to the weather would surely prove a dastard in the field of battle. The saddle was the hero's appropiate seat, and not the cushion of a carriage. It repented the Lord because of their | But as the warnings of sage and moralists did not suffice to arrest the progress of the insidious evil, Legislature enforced their precepts in 1601 through an act that made the use of coaches by men a punishable offense. In spite, however, of legislative prohibition, the wealthy owners of the demoralizing conveyances preferred to pay the penalties incurred rather than relinquish the enjoyment derived from rivalry in costly equipages, and a few years after the Dukes of Buckingham and Northumberland had severally driven in a coach-and-six and a coach-and-eight through the streets of London. The act was repealed in 1625. Doubtless the aristocratic influence that was brought to bear upon the Legislature to The mind of the flesh is enmity agaist obtain the repeal of an obnexious law was aided by the pertinent reflection 1. "They could not any longer stand that the evil examples caused by a few before their enemies." (1) Israel's rich men was not likely to exert a widedeparted glory; (2) Israel's crying spread demoralizing influence on the national character.

But the alarm out of which the act arose was not effectually dispelled, for though lulled to rest as long as the coach only ministered to the ease of wealthy men it revived with increased intensity on the occasion of the substitution of stage coaches for the ordinary mode of traveling throughout the country. Once more the moralist denounced the luxurious indulgence that must inevitably undermine the hardihood which was the distinguishing characteristic of the English nation. England was doomed to ruin and decay it it was to be peopled by a race that had lost the manly virtues of their own ancestors. True wisdom taught that to abandon timehallowed customs was supremely perilous. But in spite of gong-like reverberation of indignant warnings throughout the land the stage coach becarne an accepted institution, and doubtless many of its vehement opponents lived to own that the practice of traveling on four wheels might co-exist with masculine daring and energy of character.

WHY HE LEFT .- "What's the matter, Johnny?" asked one of the neighber's boys as his companion came out of the alley gate, "Ain't finished your dinner a'ready, have ye?"

"Nop." "Didn't ye get any?" "Yep; but I didn't stay to finish it."
"What made ye leave so soon?"
"Well, I said something at the table and everybody but pa laughed."