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The Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Shorn Locks of Samson."

TEXT: "Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to our service..."

One thousand pounds or about five thousand dollars of our money, were thus offered for the capture of a giant...

There is a woman living in the valley of the Sorek by the name of Delilah...

He walks out as easily as he did before, dragging a part of the loom with him...

Learn first how very strong people are sometimes coaxed into great wickedness...

Two young men passing down this street came opposite a drinking saloon...

Again, this narrative teaches us the power of an ill-disposed woman...

Delilah's picture belongs to the gallery of the rogues' gallery of a police station...

How deplorable the influence of such a contrast with Rebecca and Phoebe and Huldah and Tryphena and Jephtha's daughter and Mary, the mother of Jesus...

There are multitudes of men in the marts of trade whose fortunes are the result of a wife's frugality...

Now then a grandchild comes and they look at him with affection untold and come well spilling him with kindness...

But there are, as my subject suggests, domestic scenes not so tranquil...

Do I stand before a man to-day the locks of whose strength are being cut off...

The Game of Messenger. The party are seated in line, or round the side of the room...

Another game, of much the same character, is known by the title, "Thus says the Grand Seigneur..."

MINING AT NIGHT.

Industrious Toilers Working Beneath the Surface of the Earth.

A small door-way, made of upright logs and a crossbeam, marks the entrance to the leading mine...

The sharp whistle of the little engine which whirrs its way through the dark recesses of the mine...

All rush for shelter behind the pillars or lie flat on the ground until the bursting has ceased to scatter...

These mines are worked day and night, and there is no intermission...

Returning again to the earth's surface, looming up in the darkness is the mammoth breaker...

It was the fourth of July, 1776, and in the Quaker city of Philadelphia...

The multitude heaves like the ocean under a premonitory throb and buzz of the storm...

And then the enchantment was broken. The United States had no past for the republic was born...

In the last number of Nature, Herr Geolmuyden of Christiania describes the so-called giant bowls of Orholm...

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 1932. The Ark Brought to Zion.

LESSON TEXT. 2 Sam. 6: 1-12. Memory verses, 11, 13.

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Prosperity and Adversity.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.—2 Chron. 26: 5.

LESSON TOPIC: The Blessings of Piety.

LESSON OUTLINE: 1. David's Effort, vs. 13. 2. Uzzah's Error, vs. 6, 7. 3. Obed-edom's Prosperity vs. 11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.—Psa. 87: 2.

DAILY HOME READINGS:

- M.—2 Sam. 6: 1-12. The blessings of piety. T.—2 Sam. 6: 13-19. The ark brought back. W.—1 Chron. 13: 1-14. Seeking to return the ark. T.—1 Chron. 15: 1-28. The ark brought back. F.—Num. 4: 1-15. How to move the ark. S.—Josh. 3: 1-17. The ark in the Jordan. S.—Psa. 24: 1-10. The King of glory welcomed.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. DAVID'S EFFORT.

I. Sacred Errand: David arose... to bring up from thence the ark of God (2). Let us fetch the ark... out of Shiloh unto us (1 Sam. 4: 3).

II. A Reverent Act: They set the ark of God upon a new cart (5). A red heifer... upon which never came a yoke (Num. 19: 2).

III. A Joyful March: David and all... Israel played before the Lord (5). David danced before the Lord with all his might (2 Sam. 6: 14).

IV. UZZAH'S ERROR: Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it (6). Uzzah and Ahio... died (6).

V. Obed-edom's Prosperity: Uzzah put forth his hand to hold the ark (1 Chron. 13: 9). We sought him not according to the ordinance (1 Chron. 15: 13).

VI. The Blessed Household: The Lord blessed Obed-edom, and all his house (11). The Lord hath blessed me for thy sake (Gen. 30: 27).

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LESSON BIBLE READING.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT. Described (Exod. 25: 10, 11, 21; 26: 34; 37: 1, 2). Contents (Exod. 25: 16; 1 Kings 8: 9; 2 Chron. 5: 10; Heb. 9: 4). Position (Exod. 26: 33; 40: 21; Heb. 9: 5).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

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