THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. From the New York Observer. INTERNATIO NAL LESSON BY REV. HENRY M. GROUT, D. D.

Death.-17.-Absalom's August 2 Samuel 18:24-33.

GOIDEN TEXT .--- Whose curseth father or mother, let him die the death .-Mark 7 : 10.

At its start the conspiracy of Absalom seem d to be a success. Escaping from Jerusalem David fled toward the Jordan which with a company of faithful ad. herents, he soon crossed to find safe refuge in her fortress of Mahanain. Learning of his father's flight, Absalom returned from Hebron to Jersulem, took him" (18 :17, 18). Such was his ignomiporsession of the place with its treasures and was apointed king. Ahithophel had sdvi-ed immediate pursuit of David bus other counsel prevailed, and the young usurper set about gathering a great army with which to overwhelm a'l opposition at once. Thus three months pass-d. Meanwhile the forces of David had increased, and he was well prepared for attack.

In the first half of this chapter we have an account of the battle in which the army of Absalom was defeated with great slaughter. Twenty thousand of his men perished, and he himself lost his life. In these concluding verses we have-

1. An anxious watcher .- "And David sat between the two gates." The tidings of the battle had not reached him, and he was waiting to receive them. The two gates were the inner and the outer gates of the city, between which was a court where David sat. Above the outer gate of fortified cities there was a station for watchmen. This was the "roof" to which the watchman now "went up"

It is easy to believe that all day long he had been bound as by a spell to this spot. His own life and his kingdom were at stake. But dear as his own life was also that of Absalom. Whichever way the battle might go he dreaded the result. Then all this peril to himself and to his child had been pure and just and faithful all bad now been well. What self reproaches were mingled with. his fears, and deepened his dread ! It is not so with us all ? How few the troubles which have not been in part, at least self-procured ! How serenely might we wait for all the unfoldings of events but for an accusing concience !

2. An eager messenger .- No sooner was them the battle ended than Joab, commander of the king's forces, despatched Cushi-or a Cushite, probably an Ethiopian slyve-to bear the tidings. But Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok, a famous runner and friend of the king, had said "Let me run" ; and, gaining permission at length, had taken a better course and run so much more swiftly as to outstrip the other. What swiftness does love give to otherwise laggard feet ? Ought not the Christian, then, having the joy. ful message of the gospel on his lips, to run as Ahimaaz did, with eager haste ? "And the king said, He is a good man and cometh with good tidings." He knew both were couriers by their being alone : for, had they been in flight, there wood have been many. He was sure the news was good because a good man brought it ; being confident that Joab would not choose an Ahimaaz to carry a bad message. Whether his reasoning was just or not, it is certain that all of us do associate the character of any message with that of the bearer. Painful news is less painful from lips of love. Certainly the gospel is commended when those who preach and teach are good men. 3. A moving question .- Before he had quite reached the king, the eager Ahi, maaz shouted the message, "All is well." The rebellion was crushed, and the throne of David was safe. What does the king do and say? Does he give thanks? Does he respond with an Amen, to the messenger's "Bles. ed be the Lord ?" Neither. His heart was not in the kingdom so much as his son. "Is the young man Absalom safe?" How will an indulgent parent dote over the most waywrad soul After all that Absslom had done, he loved the boy. It was the heart of the parent, not of the king, which spoke in those words. But the question was as important as it was tender and moving. Parents mistake who never ask it. Is my boy safe?" is the frequent language of a truly loving parent. David's great error had been, that he had not more seriously used it long before. There would have been less pain in it now. "Is my boy or girl in health; making progress in studies: mastering accomplishments; winning praise from others; learning the art of making money?" Such questions too often crowd from the heart that far more important one. "Is my boy, my girl, sate for this world and for the world to come ?" 4. Merit d retribution.--- To the question of the king Ahimaan returned an evasive answer. He had been eager to tell of the victory; but he dould not bear to disclose the fate of Absalom. The Cushite, too, used roundabout phrases counter of the war in a free state, and Sacrament she was taken to the retir-Alleghany Street, Bellefonke,

for the simple fact that the young man Absalom had met a merited end : "The that rise up to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. Fleeing from his pursuers with the

rest, the head of Absalom, and, quite likely as Josephsus tells, his flowing hair the object of his week pride, was

caught in the branches of a tree. As the mule on which he rode ran from under him, he hung helpless in mid air until overtaken and pierced to his heart. In his pride he had reared for himself a splendid monument in the king's dale; but it was not there that his remains found burial. "They took him and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon nious end. It is not often that wickedness like his escapes punishment in this life. Never can it always escape. No cries or progress of the tenderest parent can avert the due reward of such. So soon, too had he run his ungrateful, deceitfu', relentless course !

5. Comfortless grief .- Seldom has the bitterness of human anguish ever found expression in so moving a wail as burst from Davids lips when the whole was known. What pathos there is in his passionate outburst ! And in all his grief there was no intermixter of consolation. First of all he had only himself to blame. His own sin was still coming back upon him in predicted sorrow. Moreover, if Absalom had proved an unfeeling, reckless, traitorous unfaithful, sining father. Did he also

think of him as one. "Cut off even the blossoms of sin. No reckoning made, but sent to his account With all his imperfections on his head."

PRACTICAL SUGGESLIGNS.

1. There would be fewer heart-brok. en, parents if there were more | grateful children.

2. The trouble with much anxiety for those we love is that it comes too late. 3. Ahimaaz said, "All is well," It is

well when the wicked are taken in their own nets, and would be destroyers are destroyed.

4. What is that which makes a young man "safe"? Are we safe? What are we now doing to save others ?

5. No parent has a right to forget public interests, as David did, in his doting fondness for a reckless child.

or those we love, but we can live for

7. There is one who has died for the worst sinner, if he will may live.

Greatast Field of Modern Wars.

no reflective mind will deny that there was a moral force back of the issue enimies of my lord the king, and all which hung in the balance here, that decided the fate of that three days" bloody conflict. Here the Southern was an invader. Here the army of the Union fought for home and heartstone

as well as for country and freedom. Amid the peaceful scenes of to day it is hard to recall that these stopy hills saw prodigies of valor scarcely paralleled in the history of war; the grassy slopes and plains were bathed with the blood of as brave men as fought at Thermopylæ or died at Marathon. It seems, says one writer, as if the God of battles had selected the list where the supreme conflict was to take ; and as two great[clouds charged with electricity and driven by contrary winds approch. until the electric signal announces the coming storm so these two armies with out forethought came upon a battlefield where all the world's armies might bave been drilled, with every natural circumstance to show the highest military science and the mightiest prowess of soldiery. Here, from the ridges which run about this town, belched forth the fiercest artillery combat that ever shook the new world ; there the long line across which swept that heroic charge not shamed by any record of war ; there is the stone wall behind which lay the northern soldiery to hurl back the brave invading foe who went down like clover heads before the scythe ; and there ! the very centre of the conflict, the turning point of all the war, yon clump of trees son, it was because he had an indulgent Ziegler's woods, marks the extreme line of Sauthern invasion. It was there the proud crest of the advancing wave was beaten into bloody spray and sullenly fell back from the rock of heroic resistance. The same of the summer solstice that wheeled his chariot across the sky this noontide, on each of these three bloody days seemed to check his fiery courses to watch the hot fight of men's passion ; and when the night came the white light of the full harvest moon e'enmost tarried to prolong the ministration of mercy. Our state pride must be enkindled to

new patriotism to know that within the borders of this commonwealth is held and guarded the greatest field of the highest satisfaction to know that it will be marked as no other battlefield of history has ever been. Tablets of imperishable granite and marble, of brass and bronze, memorials set by loving 6. We can not die for our children, hands, by states and Grand Army posts by individual and associated effort, in ever increasing number, are to mark each spot of interest here. For us, and through his voluntary death all time there will be doubt and dispute as to whose was the chief of Gettysburg. You may call it Meade's or Hancock's, Reynolds may have been its hero, as he certainly was its martyr; it may have been Pickett's charge, or Heth's or Kemper's: Stonewall Jackons might have charged its fate had he been there, the Private Soldier may have been its hero, or the "Unknown" who dragged himself to die among the clefts and bowlder, of Devil's den : but after all as an acute observer of the fight once said, it was God Almighty's battle", and these fields and creeks, these hills and ridges, rocks and trees, God's own marking, shall not pass away. For ever silent sentineis and mute memorials, shall stand " these "rock-girded pinnacles," at whose base giant armies wrestled, the track to whose top was marked with bloody footprints and from whose summit floated the victorious colors of a protected state and a saved government. Monuments of stone and metal shall not outlive the heroism of those who fought and fell. Carefully as the hands of the government and the hearts of the people may tend the grass and flowers, they shall not bloom with such perennial freshness as that with which "the memory of the just smell sweet and blossoms in the dust."

ing room'of the sisters and was stripped of her white clothes and given the plain habit of the order. The name of sister Mary Teresa was given her.

The oven for the baking of small cakes should be "quick," for a slow oven will prevent the cakes from rising properly. Nor should the heat be increased after the baking has commenced. When the cake is large a moderate oven will be required, otherwise it will be burnt or overdone on the outside before it is baked in the middle.

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EXTRACT FROM THE SPEECH OF W. U. HENSEL ESQ., IN THE CCURT-HOUSE, GETTYS-BURG, JUNE 18th, 1884.

"I had not thought," said Mr. Hensel, " to speak to you to-night on so trite and familiar a theme as this battle. but as I drew near to the place of it. I recalled the fact that the span of a young man's life has passed since its occurrence." I was impressed with the fact that the great Presidential struggle now pending will be decided by the votes of men born since the memorable events July, 1863, took place here. In the shadow of those events and amid the heroic associations of this place we would have to seal our eyes and ears to ignore them. It was here that your countrymen and mine, on both sides, sons and brothers, fathers and friends, kin and cousin, of one blood and people, "fought like Richard Lion Heart and died like Philip Sidney." All over the land already are springing the white roses of peace, through the ashes and desolation of the dead past. Anathema be he whose hand would de-

spoil or whose foot would tread them down because "their roots are wrapt about the bones, their fibres net the dreamless head" of one who fell in a mistaken cause.

Have you thought of the magnitude of this engagement ? That 150,000 men in full vigor and equipment, of great valor, here faced each with deadly purpose ! Of the proportion of losses to the numbers engaged ? Of the fact that nearly two score who wore or won the general's stars were listed among the casualties of those days ! That it was here Pennsylvania's three great soldiers -Meade, Hancock and Reynolds-on the soil of their own state stood like a breakwater against an angry sea ! Reynolds! of whom the most comprehensive and impartial historian of the war said : "He was the most remarkable man among all the officers that the army of the Potomaic saw fall on the battlefield during the four years of its existence." Of whom Meade said : "He was the noblest and bravest of them all !! Right fitting it is that on this coming

their honored dead.

Taken the Veil.

A BEAUTIFUL BALTIMORE GIRL FORSAKING THE WORLD.

BATIMORE Aug. 5 .- There was an interesting and very impressive ceremony at the Catholic Convent of Mount De-Sales, on the Fredericks Road Monday, when Miss Nannie Riggs, daughter of Mr. Thomas Riggs, a prominent merchant of this city, took the white veil. Miss Riggs' family are all Episcopalians, and they were very greatly opposed to the step she has taken. Her father and mother are now in Europe, and none of the family were at the ceremony. Miss Nannie had been at the convent receiving instruction for three months, having left the house of Mrs. Rhett, with whom she had been living in Washington.

She is considered very beautiful, and was a favorite in both Baltimore and twenty first anniversary of his death, in | Washington society. The ceremony the chief city of his state, a statue of was preformed by Rev. W. F. Clarke him is to be set up for all men to see of Loyaly College, assisted by Fathers that republics are not unmindful of Fitzpatrick and Souvin. Miss Riggs was dressed in pure white, with white Here took place the only serious en. roses and white kid gloves. After the

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