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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "Hadassah."

Text: "And he brought up Hadassah," Esther 2, 7.

A beautiful child was born in the capital of Persia. She was orphan and a captive...

I expect he was like others who have loved ones at home—wondering sometimes if sickness will come and death and bereavement...

But Hadassah is busy at court. The hard heart of the king is touched by her story, and although he will not reverse his decree for the slaying of the Jews...

The day of execution dawned. Government officials, armed and drilled, were to lead the army of the oppressed people...

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In the first place, our subject is an illustration of what Christian character may be under orphanage. This Bible line tells a long story about Hadassah.

And yet behind what a nobility of disposition Hadassah exhibited! Though her mother were gone, grace had triumphed over all disadvantages.

There are those who did not enjoy remarkable early privileges. Perhaps, like the beautiful captive, you were an orphan.

Again, our subject is an illustration of what religion may be under the pressure of poverty. The captivity and crushed condition of this orphan girl and of the kind man who adopted her suggest a condition of poverty.

To such I bear a message of good cheer. You say it is a hard thing for you to be a Christian. This constant anxiety, this un-resting calculation, wear out the buoyancy of your spirit, and although you have told perhaps no one about it cannot I tell that

this is the very trouble which you suffer from being what you ought to be. You have no time to think about living treasures in heaven when it is a matter of doubt whether you will be enabled to pay your next quarter's rent.

Again, our subject illustrates what religion may be under the temptation of personal attractiveness. The inspired text says of the heroine of my text, "She was fair and beautiful."

Monimia, the wife of Shadrach, was strangled with her own diadem. While the most of us will not have the same kind of temptation that Hadassah had, we are tempted from her attractiveness of personal appearance...

Again, our subject exhibits what religion may be under bad domestic influences. Hadassah was snatched from the godly home into which she had been adopted and into the abominable associations of the wicked Ahasuerus...

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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR OCTOBER 21.

Lesson Text: "A Sabbath in Capernaum." Mark 1, 21-34—Golden Text: Mark 1, 22—Commentary.

"And they went into Capernaum, and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught." This lesson probably comes in order after the call of the four from mending their nets, etc., rather than after the call from the fish, but let us see Jesus, and the order of events may not matter so much.

"And they were astonished at His doctrine, and He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." He always preached the word and in the words which the Father gave Him to say (John xii, 49; xiv, 10). His words were the assertion of absolute authority in God and in the Scriptures.

"And there was in their synagogue a man of an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'Evil spirits still go to church and Sunday-school in the bodies of men and women and boys and girls, but not without the consent of those in whom they go.' Anger, wrath, malice, worldliness, deceit, hypocrisy, are surely evil spirits.

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Horses Are Very Cheap.

Electric lines and bicycles have reduced the average value of horses in the United States from twenty-five to fifty per cent. In the Western range country the loss is felt the worst, for the surplus has formerly been sold in the East.

Recently a number of car loads of range horses of good grade were received by an Eastern road for shipment to an Eastern terminal. The Eastern road advanced the charges of the Western lines which had forwarded the horses, and added the amount to its charges for transportation.

The telling of this story brought out a recent experience of a railroad official in Kansas City. He wanted a good, small-sized riding horse for his boy and found exactly what he wanted in a Kansas City horse market.

There were six horses in lot 16 and the railroad official is thinking of starting a livery stable.—Chicago Herald.

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A Penniless Queen. The widowed Queen of Charles I. of England, when an exile in France, had a pension allowed her, but it was so small and her credit became so poor that she was often reduced to the greatest straits. On one occasion, when the Cardinal de Retz waited on her, she told him that her daughter, the Princess Henrietta, was obliged to remain in bed for want of a fire.—New York Advertiser.

Difference in Weight. A mass of 1000 pounds' weight will lose exactly two pounds between tide-water and the top of a mountain four miles high. This, it is plain to be seen, is because the force of the earth's attraction is much less on the mountain top than it is at sea level.—New York Journal.

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California's Fruit Crop: A review of the California fruit crop by Secretary Kellogg, of the State Board of Horticulture, shows that the orchardists lost \$1,000,000 by the great railroad strike, which prevented the shipping of much fruit and caused low prices for pears and peaches by glutting the markets.

The South's Prospects. Reports from all parts of the South show a steady tendency toward improvement in business circles. Net earnings of Southern railroads are showing an increase over the corresponding time last year. The stockholders of a leading New England cotton mill company have voted to spend \$500,000 in building a new cotton mill in the South, several other New England companies are expected to follow the example.

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