

PENNSYLVANIA DAY AT OMAHA.

Features of the Visit of the Keystone Commission to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

If the truth must be said, Pennsylvania Day at the Omaha exposition, though entirely successful, as far as it went, was not all that it should have been.

A LIBERAL EDUCATION.

To at least one of the commissioners the visit to Omaha was a liberal education in the extent, the resources and the go-ahead spirit of the territory.

speeches on similar occasions and imparted dignity, as aaron, the and an effectiveness which cannot be described.

ORATORY THAT WON.

The delivery of this oration, coming after a brief but kindly welcome from ex-Senator Manderson, and immediately following an admirable response from the chairman of the commission, John W. Woodside, of Philadelphia, concluded the formalities of the day.

THE STAR EVENT.

This particular picnic was the star event of the whole affair and well worth going 3,000 miles to attend.

OMAHA.

A word about Omaha. It reminds one of Scranton, only it is more so. Founded in 1854, and shortly before the stamping ground of savages, it today is the commercial and distributing center of the central west.

Sunday School Lesson for October 23.

Isaiah Called to Service.

ISA, VI, 1-13.

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INTRODUCTION.—Isaiah, the evangelist among the Hebrew prophets, made a three-fold introduction to the magnificent book that bears his name.

VISION.

The first intimation to Isaiah that he was to be engaged in a holy service came in the form of a vision. (Verses 1 and 2.) This is the method which the Lord used in selecting prophets. (Num. XII, 1.)

WORSHIP.

This remarkable spectacle, a display to the sense of sight, was sufficient to convince Isaiah of the existence and glory of Jehovah.

ABASUREMENT.

The feeling of reverence awakened in the prophet by these manifestations to the senses gave place to a sense of personal unworthiness.

God to thoughts of himself was quickly made. "Mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts," he exclaimed, "and I am undone."

CLEANSING.

But true to the promptings of the human heart, he earnestly desired further information, that he might be an intelligent and successful worker in executing the Divine plans.

COMMISSION.

It was an eventful moment in the life of Isaiah when he knew that his sin was purged. Immediately attentive, as every forgiven sinner will be, for a further message, he said: "Lord, send me."

PROMISE.—This is not, however, a sufficient basis for the prophet's work. Had the instruction ended here he would have had no motive to speak save that he was commanded.

SUMMARY.

Briefly, the call of Isaiah to be a prophet may be stated in these particulars:—He saw God and the seraphims; he heard ascriptions of praise; he felt his unworthiness; he received pardon; he offered himself for service; he was instructed concerning his work; he wondered at the terms and learned more of God's will.

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