

Sunday-School Lesson for August 27.

Returning from Captivity.

EZRA 1:1-11.

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Religious....

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, there will be a grand Christian Endeavor rally and reception at Nay Aug park at 3 p. m.

Aug park today. The girls will leave the rooms at 4 p. m.

Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal. St. Luke's church, Rev. Rogers Israel, rector, Rev. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate.

Evangelical Lutheran. Thirtieth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Luke 16:27-35; epistle, Gal. 3:15-22.

Methodist Episcopal. Elm Park church—Prayer and praise service at 9:30.

Presbyterian. First Presbyterian church, Washington avenue, services at 10:30 a. m.

Baptist. First Baptist church, Rev. S. F. Matthews, pastor—The usual services Sabbath morning and evening at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

PERSONAL.—Three men are prominently mentioned in Scripture as connected with the captivity of the Jews—Daniel, Ezekiel and Ezra.

PERMISSION.—(V. 3.) These assertions of a Divine appointment formed the reason and basis for a privilege announced in the proclamation.

DONATIONS.—(V. 6.)—Nor did the people fail to meet the request of Cyrus. The Jews who preferred not to return, and the inhabitants who were not Jews, for the time being forgetting their religious distinctions, freely made their donation of the things named in the proclamation.

FULFILLMENT.—(V. 1.) Jeremiah living at Jerusalem, prompted by the spirit of God, predicted the return of the people from captivity, mentioning both Judah and Israel.

ASSISTANCE.—(V. 4.)—It would, however, have been impossible for the captives to go unaided. They needed more than permission and encouragement.

REFLECTIONS.—See how God works out His designs and makes the wrath of man to praise Him. He raised up a people for His glory and planted them in the land of Shinar.

CONFESSION.—(V. 2.) In that proclamation he made two startling announcements, confessing how greatly he had sinned against the Lord his God.

RESPONSE.—(V. 5.)—This message from Cyrus was received with gladness in Jerusalem. The chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, the two tribes whose fortunes had been merged in the kingdom of Judah, were the first to respond.

MISCELLANEOUS. Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street—Prayer and praise service at 10:30 a. m.

Lightning Rod Man at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Editor—The letter which appears below is I rotate 2 a friend of mine & claims itself. The information contained in it may be valuable to others here I give it free gratis.

It was 2 celebrate the 25th centennial of our marriage. When we arrive at the depot our destination was laid out for the frame & I sed 2 a policeman that was standing on the platform, "What's the best tavern to stop at in this town?"

"Internashunl," said the mitynon of the law.

"Thanks," I replied, & started 2 hunt 4 a barkeep.

"Just 2 moment," remarked the offish cop, "grabbit me by the arm. Then he kontinude, "You owe me \$3."

"What 4?" sez I in amazement, & th' "Infingashunl" replide the galoot, severely.

I simply remark that I wuz astounded & iz hardly a fare deskripshun of my feelings.

2 sandpaper a long story down 2 a short & sad 1, suffice it 2 say I had 2 settled.

As you will learn, anon, the abuy transshun wuz characteristick & awpulsive—2 say nawt ov outragus, villunus, etc.

Well, me & Mehetel (thats my wifes intish cognomen) jumped in 2 a hack & I told the driver 2 take us 2 the Internashunl. It wuznt a very long trip but it wuz pretty expensive.

When we stop in front of the hotel I help Hetty (I call her that 4 short) out ov the hack & handed the driver a 5 cent. He turned up his nose so high I thawt hevd neck his stove-pipe hat off.

NAY AUG PARK. Afternoon 3 O'clock. Singing—Audience Led by Wm. H. Stanton, Cornerer.

PENN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. 7:45 p. m. Organ Prelude—Charles H. Doersam Singing—Congregation Devotional Exercises.

Quartette. Misses Black and Garagan, Messrs. Beynon and Morrison.

Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., at 3:30 p. m. at Nay Aug park, will deliver the second discourse upon "The Emancipation of the Negro."

A short gospel service will be held at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association tomorrow at 3:45 o'clock.

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