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PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARIES

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A committee at Market Square church, consisting of the pastor, the Rev. William B. Cooke, and the general superintendent, Judge Samuel J. M. McCarrell, appointed by the session, has arranged an order of service appropriate to the occasion. The several departments of the school will meet, as usual, at 9.45 and study their regular lessons, closing a little early in order to march into the church at 10.45, when the anniversary service will be held.

The primary department, in charge of Mrs. W F. Harris, Miss Reily, Miss Sprenkle, Mrs. Ross Hickok, Mrs. Detweiler, Miss Allison, Mrs. Davies, Miss Edith Miller, Miss Moltz, Miss Stackpole, Mrs. Chayne and Mrs. Elder, will occupy the platform. The junior department is in the hands of Miss. Anna C. Weir, superintendent emerita; Miss Robetta E. Orth, superintendent and these officers: Miss Annie Miller, Miss Martintendent and the Miller and Miller, Miss Martintendent and the Miller and Miller and Miller and Miller and Miller and Miller and Miller a Miss Edith Miller, Miss Moltz, Miss Stackpole, Mrs. Chayne and Mrs. Elder, will occupy the platform. The junior department is in the hands of Miss Anna C. Weir, superintendent emerita; Miss Roberta E. Orth, superintendent and these officers: Miss A. R. Kelker, Miss Annie Miller, Miss Mabel Wittenmyer, Miss Margaret Dale, George Roberts and George R. Moffitt. The officers of the intermediate department are: Miss Caroline R. Keefer, superintendent; Miss Katherine Miller, assistant; Miss Ellizabeth Fahnestock and Miss Emily Cummings, secretaries; Miss Lois Booker, pianist, and Stanley Brown, treasurer. The senior department has S. J. M. McCarrell as superintendent; Charles W. Foster, assistant; Marshall Blair Gourley, John S. Spieer and Paul M. Richards, as secretaries; Samuel W. Fleming, treasurer; Gwilym Watkins, chorister; Miss Mary B. Robinson, pianist, and B. Edward Taylor, W. S. Taylor, Harvey Miller and W. H. Myers, librarians. Miss Series on Lord's Prayer The Rev. W. S. Booth, pastor of the

Market Square in
Ninety-ninth and
Pine Street in Fiftyseventh Year

MEMORIAL FOR
FRANCES CROSBY

Dr. Yates Will Preach on Blind Hymn
Writer's "Sweetest Song" and
Service in Her Memory Will Be
Held at Covenant

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Plans for the celebration of the centennial next year are already in mind.

At Tech Auditorium
The fifty-seventh anniversary services of the Pine Street Sunday school will be held in the auditorium of the Technical High school at 1.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. From small begiannings this has grown to be one of the largest schools in the city. With a large part, being always a great evangelistic agent.

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JUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.-First Quarter, For Feb. 21, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, I Sam. iv, 1-13, 18. Memory Verses, 10, 11—Golden Text, Jas. 1, 22—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

As we read this chapter and the two following and vii. 1, 2, we cannot but notice the frequent mention of the ark of the Lord, or the ark of God, or some of its other titles, and when w recall that it was the principal vessel in the tabernacle and the only one of all the tabernacle vessels that con-tinued to be used in the temple of Solomon, that it was made specially to Solomon, that it was made specially to be a receptacle for the two tables of the law, that over its blood stained lid or mercy seat and between the cherubim the glory of the Lord was revealed, and that from above the mercy seat the Lord communed with Moses, we must be persuaded that this vessel had a wonderful significance. And when we read in Rev. xi. 19, of the temple of God in heaven being opened and there being seen in it the ark of His Testament we stand in still greater awe before this holy vessel. It is mentioned forty times in the books of Moses and twenty-eight tin the crossing of the Jordan. In our lesson chapter and those following it is mentioned thirty-seven times, so that we can easily see that the interest cen-

ten before the Philistines, and we think that we hear again the words of Joshua, "O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies?" (Josh. vii, 8.) But, as then, so now, it was because of sin in the camp. As the elders considered the present defeat they did not seem to think that the difficulty might be with Israel, nor did they turn to the Lord, but said, "Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord that it may save us" (verse 3). The present of the ark caused Israel to shout with a great shout, and when the Philistines understood that it was because the that God was come into the camp, the gods that smote the Egyptians. On the part of both Israel and the Philis tines it seemed like pure superstition The latter knew no better, but for Is than in the Lord reminds us of their worship of Aaron's golden calf and, away beyond the time of this lesson, their worship of the serpent of brase

(II Kings xviii, 4).

Is it not the same today with those who think there is any benefit in the mere reading of a chapter in the Bible, or saying a prayer, or taking the com-munion, or in any religious formality? Anything that is not real heart deal-ing with the Living God is only a form of superstition. The Philistines were stirred to great fervor by the cry of their leaders. "Be strong; quit yourselves like men and fight" (verse 9), and the Lord delivered Israel into their hands so that 30,000 were slain, including Eli's two sons, and the ark of God was taken (verses 10, 11). Poor old Eli waited with fear and trembling for tidings from the battle, and when he heard the sad news and that the ark of God had been taken he fell off his seat backward and broke his neck and died. He was ninety-eight years old and had judged Israel forty years (verses 12-18). I think that while outwardly it was a broken neck it may have been inwardly a broken heart. In the same day it seems as if Phine-has' wife was also taken away (verses 19-22), so that a great calamity came to the house of Ell in one day (ii, 34). Thus suddenly have great events transpired again and again, and so shall it

The story of the ark in the hands of the Philistines (chapters v and vi) makes us think of Jerusalem, a burdensome stone for all people, and that all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces (Zech. xii, 3). The Philistines found the ark a very griev-ous thing to have in their midst. and after a few months (vi. 1) they were glad to send it back to Israel. The story of the new cart and the two milk cows tied to it, with their calves shut up at home and the cows taking the Montgomery Court

Norristown, Pa., Feb. 20.—The
Court yesterday overruled a motion for arrest of judgment in the action of Mrs. Susan Beideman, of Centre Square, and her son, Charles Beideman, against Frank L. Knoll, of Perkasie, and directed that judgment be entered in favor of Mrs. Beideman for \$900 and in favor of her son for \$2,500.

The son lost a leg while riding a motorcycle near Centre Square by being run into by Mr. Knoll's automobile.

Straight way to Beth-Shemesh, lowing as they went, but not turning aside to the right hand or to the left (vi. 7-12). Is a wonderful record of the hand of the Lord upon dumb beasts and brings to mind the dominion over all sheep and oxen, beasts of the field, fowl of the air and fish of the sea that has had some foreshadowings all the way along, but will be fully seen when the kingdom comes (Ps. viii. 6-9; Heb. ii. 8, 9).

The men of Beth-Shemesh rejoiced

greatly to welcome the ark, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrifices unto the Lord, but they made a sad mistake when they looked into the ark, and they suffered greatly for it. As we said at the beginning of this study, the ark was made to keep the holy law of God, which Israel could not keep. The blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat from year to year (Lev. xvi) told of the demands of the law met by a substitute, even Christ, the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Rom. x, 4). Life never was nor could be by the law, which can only bring us all in guilty before God and is therefore salled the ministration of death (Gal. III, 21; Roun. iii, 19; II Cor. iii, 7).

The Wrecker.

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Fire can wreck the home and leave it Desolate and in despair;

Bursting bathroom plumbing also Scatters ruin everywhere;

Paperhangers have a knack of Topsy turveying a place.

And a healthy boy can always

Change its neatness to disgrace.

But there's nothing so completely Puts the home upon the blink

As a busy little baby

And a nickel's worth of ink.

TEUTON DURING LULL IN FIGHTING

GERMANS SINGING IN THEIR TRENCHES IN EAST

PRUSSIA

This scene was photographed in the German trenches, on the banks of the Angerap River, near Darkehmen, in East Prussia. The Germans occupy the western banks of the river, which is heavily guarded with barbed wire entanglements. During a period of quiescence on the river the German troops are