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THE SABBATH SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS

THE GREAT DESTROYER

THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

IS IT CUPID OR HEREDITY?

An Eloquent Sunday Sermon by President Stryker, of Hamilton.

Title to John Wesley and the Influence of His Preaching—Aims of His Preaching—Above All Men of His Age.

NEW YORK CITY.—Union services of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian and Clinton Avenue Congregational churches began Sunday morning in the edifice of the first named.

On June 17, 1703, that is, 200 years ago, was born at Epworth, Lincolnshire—100 miles from London—John Wesley, an Englishman—a man whose influence stands out supreme above all the men of his age.

This man was born into a home when life in its age had reached such a stage that formal religion was exceptional.

His mother, Mrs. Anne, was a woman of exceptional character and piety.

At Oxford he was the center of a little circle of students who were called the "Holy Club."

When conformity and nonconformity were alike moribund, he renewed the individuality of the gospel message.

International Lesson Comments For August 2.

Subject: Samuel Anoints David, I Sam. xvi, 4-13—Golden Text, I Sam. xvi, 7—Memorial Verses, II-13—Study Verses, I-14—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Planning for a new king (vs. 1-3). Samuel's grief because of Saul's rejection was great.

II. "Samuel—come." The Lord told Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of the sons of Jesse.

III. David set apart for his work (vs. 13, 14). "Anointed him." David was anointed in the presence of his brethren.

IV. The Two Dogs. Two dogs having to choose their masters, one chose a king and the other a beggar.

V. The Secret Revealed. This is the way the Sweet Things come on a man.

August Second—Lessons From Paul: How We May Overcome Our Hindrances." 2 Cor. 12:7-10; 10:10.

Scripture Verses—To him that overcometh.—Matt. 10:22; Rev. 12: 13; 2 Co. 4:16; 17; Gal. 6:9; 24: 2, 7, 10, 11, 17, 20-23; 3:5, 13, 21.

Selections. The tiniest daisy that smiles so sweetly at our feet owes its existence to the patient pushing upward of the small germ against all the obstacles of soil and stones.

Selected Hymns. Holy Spirit, Teacher thou. Lord, I hear of showers of blessing. Conquering now and still to conquer. True-hearted, whole hearted. Come, thou almighty King.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS. August Second—Remember Jesus Christ—(2 Tim. 23, R. V.)

From the preaching of the apostles until now the message of the resurrection has been that the risen Christ is Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins.

As long as there are sinners this must be the message of the Christian's life. "Jesus Christ rose from the dead to be a Saviour from death, and the proof is that he has saved me!"

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

The Road to a Drunkard's Grave is a Hard One to Travel. The Average Inebriate is Devoid of Manhood, a Stranger to Truth and Fall of Deception.

Shall I ask to be excused for once again writing on a subject that I have written upon scores of times before? No! It is my mission to call upon the drunkard to repent of his ways and cease to get drunk.

How to deal with the drunkard is a hard problem to solve. A mixture of kindness and sternness will make the best application to be applied to such a one.

Some Striking Words. In all parts of the city of Paris, amidst the other official placards and notices the following are gayly printed in red ink.

A Fundamental Question. While the motives which influence persons to become total abstainers are various, some renounce drink for their own sake, and others abstain for the sake of others.

A Good Woman's Plea. Mrs. John A. Logan, speaking of the drinking habits of women, in a recent article says: "I do not like to admit that any woman ever indulged in such lamentable habits."

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Peace is accorded with God. One who is at variance with God's laws for himself and with God's orders of his surroundings is at discord with all that is above him.

Where Our Pests Come From. A recent issue of Psyche contains the full report of a lecture by Mr. F. M. Webster on the "diffusion" of insects in North America.

Motor Cars For India. American auto cars are finding a ready market in India. One American company recently shipped forty petrol motor cars to Calcutta.

Application Filed. Brownstone—Is your stenographer a member of the union? Brickfront—Not at present; but she's engaged to be married; I believe.

Nearly Two Centuries to Serve. Edward Williams, a negro of Hunt county, Texas, charged with attempted criminal assault on a white woman, was given a sentence of 198 years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

The Austrian Emperor is the greatest of royal sportsmen. Between 1856 and 1897 he killed 1243 deer and 730 animals, besides thousands of head of other game.

READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR WHEN THE SOUL INVITES ITSELF.

Form: A Vision and a Prayer, by S. A. Byss—What Christ Teaches About Himself—The Father—The Son—The Holy Spirit—Without Faith—Comment Charitably.

On the Judging of Others. Did you ever notice two people talking for any length of time and observe how they are so ready to judge others by reference to others, they act and speak as if they were not there?

Words of Wisdom. Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.—Bovee. Extravagance, the rich man's pitfall.—Tupper. Piety is best taught by fellowship in woe.—Coleridge.

Keep your hope in bad times. We have the same sun and the same stars, the same duties and the same helper. Hope thou in God.—Dr. Goodell.

The best perfection of a religious man is to do common things in a perfect manner. A constant odility in small things is a great and heroic virtue.—Saint Bonaventura.

What man can judge his neighbor right save he whose love makes him refuse to judge him?—George MacDonald.

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The marriages of a family are a good guide to go by in determining its characteristics," said a woman whose business is to hunt up pedigrees.

"When in the course of my work I am in doubt about the identity of a family, I am guided by a good deal by the character of the marriages set down, for these illustrate the dominant family traits which govern as much in love matters as in other concerns of life.

"In some families early marriage predominates. The men invariably marry before they are twenty-five and the women at a correspondingly early age. Again late marriages will be the rule with members of either sex.

"Some family trees show few second marriages and rarely a third marriage no matter how soon the married state come to an end. Other records are replete with second and third and even fourth marriages on the part of widows and widowers.

"Often it occurs that in families of nine or more brothers and sisters, only two or three have married, and the descendants of these two or three displayed similar proneness to bachelorhood and spinsterhood.

"Our families are not great on matrimony," a girl, one of four single sisters, remarked to me lately regarding the family likenesses she was showing all grouped together on one wall panel.