

TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

A Brilliant Sunday Sermon by Rev. George P. Eckman.

Differentiates Between Enticement to Evil and Temptation in the Sense of Providential Trial.

New York City.—The Rev. George P. Eckman, pastor of Paul's M. E. Church, preached Sunday morning on trials and temptations.

He took his text from James 1: 12: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life."

But will you make no account of environment? Certainly, the generations rising from the slums of the great cities can not be expected to come naturally to the virtues of your fathers.

Naturalists tell us that the scorpion will never use his sting, of which he is exceedingly proud, unless he is provoked.

But fortunately the whole burden of resisting evil does not rest with us. Divine help is promised to us. Wisdom is called by a sound spirit.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL

International Lesson Comments For August 30.

Subject: David Spares Saul, 1 Sam. xvii. 5-12. Golden Text, Luke vi, 27.—Memory Verses, 21—Study Verses, 1-25.—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. David in exile. These long years of exile must have been hardenings for David to bear, and yet they were important years in his life.

Our land for Christ, we cry. We lift this banner high; In God our strength, Oh, that his story, told By champions firm and bold, Would bring within the fold All lands at length.

Suggested Hymns. Jesus saviors! O blessed story, Ho! rapers of life's harvest. Sowing in the morning, My country, 'tis of thee, Stand up for Jesus, Work, for the night is coming.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS.

August 30—The Latest News From China.

The depravity and loss of China are far beyond any civilized human conception. Enabled by the Lord no human faith and ability could handle such a problem.

God Almighty has struck the world with the hammer of his eternal purpose, to awaken us from our lethargy. He is saying, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and see now, your burden, your opportunity, and your possible glory."

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Home-Wellness looks around at the breakfast table upon all the dear ones there, and smiles and is glad to see their eyes, and carols it out with cheery laugh and loving praises.

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Until recently few people thought of utilizing as a substitute the material to be gained from water animals.

The United States Fish Commission has taken up the question, and already proved that several kinds of fish have skins that make excellent leather for some purposes.

Long Tresses. The woman who possesses the longest head of hair in the world is said to be Mercedes Lopez, a Mexican.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

August 30—"Our Duty to the Stranger."—Deut. 7: 7, 8; 2 Chron. 6: 32, 33. (Home Missions.)

Scripture Verses.—Ps. 68: 11; Jer. 23: 28; Ezek. 3: 17-21; Matt. 10: 5-7; 28: 19; Luke 10: 10; Luke 24: 45-48; Acts 13: 10; 14: 23; 23: 11.

Lesson Thoughts. Our land, from the very beginning of its history, has been the refuge for the stranger; to-day the stranger continues to come in undiminished numbers to our shores.

Here more than in any other land, perhaps, home mission work pays large dividends to the general cause of Christ.

Our country's voice is pleading, Ye men of God, arise, His providence is leading, This land before you lies; Day-gleams are in its brightening, And promise clothes the soil;

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THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

READING FOR THE QUIET HOUR WHEN THE SOUL INVITES ITSELF.

Psalm: A Faith Song, by Ernest G. Selley. Wesley: Prayer of Nothingness. The Necessity of Inter-Dependence.

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MACHINE LAYS RAILROADS.

Put Down the Ties and Rails at the Rate of Three Miles a Day.

At the rate of three and a half miles a day a peculiar piece of mechanism is laying the tracks of the Cincinnati, Richmond and Muncie Railroad.

There were stretches of roadbed over which the construction train moved at the rate of 1800 feet an hour.

The machine utilized was one which differs in many essentials from that which has been used west of the Mississippi River.

The machine weighs fifty tons, and was made in Scotland, Pa. It is the only one of its kind in existence.

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THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Poem: The Jolly Distiller, by Mrs. Frank A. Breck—Howard Russell Says the Temperance Reform is a Triumphal March—The Sky Red With Promises.

Oh, I am a jolly distiller; I'm rich and contented with life; My nose may be red, but I am well fed, And so are my children and wife.

Yes, I am a jolly distiller, At morning, at night and at noon; I had never hurt or get in a worry, Least folks should destroy the saloon.

Oh, I am a jolly distiller, For business is booming, you see; My gains are immense (at others' expense), And that is convenient for me.

For I am a jolly distiller, An temperance people are fools; But I ain't afraid of the rumper they've made, For liquor is king—an' he rules.

Oh, I am a jolly distiller, Who knows his position is strong; For all the church rans, 'cep'tin' temperance cranks, Are votin' for us right along.

Victories of Reform. The temperance reformation is not a weary journey to reach a destination. It is a steady march, not against a mark, but working sin, in which many splendid triumphs are already won.

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