

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 30.

Review of the Lessons for the Past Quarter—Golden Text John 1:45

The scene of the series of lessons for the first six months of 1887, was laid in Eden, Babylon, Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Sinai peninsula...

God's object in punishing Israel Canaan was not to punish him, but to give them a land where they might be a holy nation...

The blood of these animals was a symbol of the death to which the covenant breaker would be exposed if he broke the law...

Only forty days had expired since the public proclamation of the commandment and the giving of the book of the covenant...

Such conduct brought God's anger upon them. The covenant was broken. By its terms all the covetous and the covetous of the covenant, should still go among them...

God saw that his people needed some visible sign of his covenant, and he had forbidden that any image should be made of him...

For the construction of this tent he received the free-will offerings of his jewels and their most precious trinkets and possessions...

The tent was the tabernacle of the divine King in the holy of holies, which was his audience chamber...

The tabernacle was the court (Ex. xxxviii, 1-2). Into which the people might enter at will...

Immediately around the tabernacle were encamped the tribe of Levi, including the Levites...

As the covenant had been broken, the only terms on which the people could be restored to God...

But these sacrifices were not complete. Although they were the morning and evening sacrifice...

Happy in the sense of pardon, they were ready to celebrate the most joyous festival of the year...

With such a people reformed and sanctified, the symbol of the Lord's presence would be the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night...

The way was therefore prepared for them to enter the promised land. Spies were sent to explore it...

Notwithstanding all the miracles that God had done, and the promises that he had made...

It is not easy to picture the feelings of a doomed, hopeless people, who knew they were never to leave the wilderness...

The oldest woman's club in the United States is the Woman's Physiological Institute of Boston...

RELIGIOUS READING.

"Under the Shadow of His Wings."

Under His sheltering wings, as spread Over each faithful servant's head, They safe shall rest...

Never the pestilence, by night, Never destruction's nocturnal blight, Shall here invade...

The College Professor at Prayer. There was a well-known German professor, the beauty and consistency of whose life powerfully attracted all who knew him...

Inspiration to Weak Churches. It is not for the spiritual health of any believer to limit his thoughts, prayers, and aims to narrow areas...

Barren at Elijah's Brook. The following scene was witnessed a few years ago in Palestine by Dr. Robert Morris...

Literal Floating Hells. The London Lancet, an eminent medical authority, in discussing the question of ships for invalids...

An Amusing Incident. Rev. Daniel B. Turney, of Lincoln, Ill., the well-known prohibitionist...

His Red Nose. "I will give \$500 to the man who will restore my nose to its natural color," said a well-dressed man...

The eighth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union held in Boston last week...

If we may do some little good below By little words whose worth we do not know, How glad our hearts will be at last to say, We always spoke kind words along life's way.

TEMPERANCE READING.

The Testimony of Science.

In a recent editorial in these columns, under the heading "A Common Sense," we went upon the fact that the liquor traffic has brought itself into open and direct antagonism with all the moral forces of modern civilization...

It is evidence of this character which Dr. E. S. Spitzka presents in his article on "The Increase of Heredity Habits." In reading Spitzka's number of the Forum, Dr. Spitzka is a well known and universally respected authority in the medical world...

Most alarming are the statements which Dr. Spitzka makes in regard to intemperance and its relations to insanity. In reading his paper of the subject he raises the question whether the State is not bound in self-protection to antagonize a vice which blights the offspring of mankind...

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She Turned the Other Cheek. Wiggles—"Arabella, darling, may I kiss you?"

He Did Not Know the Ropes. Foreman—"Here, Charlie, three of the men are going to work over time to-night, and I want you to run out and get a little lunch for them."

Honesty is the Best Policy. "And so you have brought my beautiful Alphonse home, have you, like an honest man, instead of keeping him yourself, as you might easily have done?"

An American Fable. A hen who had hatched out a quantity of ducklings, relates a cynical modern fable...

A Plague of Felines. Queensland, in the South Seas, is being overrun by thousands of peculiar cats. It is supposed they are following the plague of rats which recently passed through there...

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Ode to the Mosquito—An Appreciative Listener—He Was Very Green—The Cemetery of Wit, Etc., Etc.

He presented his bill, And I could not evade it; In valley, on hill, He presented his bill...

An Appreciative Listener. Miss Holsloe (who is not a thorough musician)—"What a beautiful piece the orchestra is playing now!"

He Was Very Green. Walking in the woodland, She (roughly)—"Augustus, what tree am I like?"

The Cemetery of Wit. She (in the humorist's sanctum)—"This enormous scrap-book of clippings, Mr. Joken—why have you labeled it 'The Chestnut Burr'?"

How Reconcile These Things? Small Boy—"Say, pa, teacher said today, 'study hard, boys, time flies.'"

Barbed Wire as a Toilet Article. Woman (to tramp)—"Why don't you buy your food 'stead of begging it?"

A Correct Dietum. Jones—"What's the matter with your face, Charley?"

Mr. Poseyboy's Undesired Relationship. Miss Travis—"Mr. Poseyboy, may I ask how many sisters you have?"

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Stabbed in the Dark.

"Martha," asked a wild-eyed man, emerging from a dark and lonely closet with a hurried tread, an ill-dismembered air of composure...

Our Eastern Boundaries. Miss Hartson was not a particularly apt scholar, and her recitations were seldom satisfactory...

Pretty Sharp Legended. A few months since a man called in a British tavern and asked the company if they would like to witness a conjuring trick...

The Quick or the Dead. It is a singular but certain fact that a fly when drowned can be brought back to life. The method is very simple...

Measured. One of the most valuable lessons to be learned, in any course of education, is that of exact conformity to rule.

The Same Man. "Come here, my little Eddy," said a gentleman to a youngster of seven years of age, while sitting in the parlor...

A Reader of Character. Mendicant—"Please help a poor blind man."

Curiosity Punished. "Kind Old Lady—"Blind? Why, bless me, yes; there's a dime for you."

Sir Walter Raleigh and the Queen.

Bad weather held London in its strong grip, and as her Majesty's state chair had been sent to the chair shop to have a new set of springs put in...

"By my halidom," quoth the Queen, "but this puddle hath extraordinary depth! Methinks 'twere well that we return, and defer the executions until the morrow."

"Not so, my liegeous," said Raleigh, turning to one of his retainers and seizing his cloak; "twere better far that my friend here should sacrifice his habit to thy necessity."

"The Land o' Goshen." The surprised "what?" of the teacher and the merriment of the scholars caused Miss Hartson to suspect that she had made a mistake...

Well, that's what Miss Sharply told me, anyway.—Chicago Tribune.

A hat was pointed to, and the fellow quickly placed the hat upon his head and left the astonished men.

Two immense anacondas were recently discovered on the barkentine Emma H. Smith, while discharging a cargo of phosphate rock at South Camden, N. J.

When they became hungry plenty of food was to be quickly procured, a live chicken or a stray cat being esteemed the greatest luxury by them.

Since Colonel Lucas has displayed so many curious and Indian relics in his show windows, others have searched around their possessions of pioneer days and brought forth relics...

Horrid Old Gentleman (who is unfamiliar with lunch counter methods)—"I really, my dear young friend, are you sure you need quite as much as that?"

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