# SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR OCTOBER 27.

Lesson Text: "The Child Samuel," I Samuel III., 1-13 - Golden; Text: I Samuel III., 9-Commentary.

1. "And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord." We have set forth in this book the blessings of submission and obedience and the opposite. Hannah, in the bitterness of her soul, looked unto the Lord, and He heard her and gave her this child. There-fore she called his name Samuel, which fore she called his name Samuel, which means "ask of God" (chapter i., 50, margin), when she had weaned him, she returned him to the Lord (chapter i., 28, margin). Then she praised God in the beautiful words of chapter ii., 1-10. In this song we have the first use of the word "Messlah," translated "His anointed" (verse 10; see also verse 35). We have also in chapter i., 3, 11, the title of "Lord of Hosts" for the first time. Both of these titles suggest many minus concerning the kingdom, and in this book, sometimes called "the first book of Kings," we have the story of the first two Kings," we have the story of the first two kings, one a man after the people's heart, the other a man after the Lord's heart.

2, 3. "Ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was." Eli was now old and was not walking before God in the matter of his sons, and yery early in the morning the Lord came to talk with this child, Samuel, of whom it is written that he ministered unto the Lord, grew before the Lord, the Lord was with him and revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord (chapters ii., 11, 18, 21, ;; iii., 19, 21). See how even a child may minister unto the Lord and have place in the Lord's house and receive messages from the Lord white older ones are passed by. Many things are still hidden from the wise and dent and revealed unto babes (Math. xi., D. The thing that greatly pleases God is live "before Him" and "unto Him," seek-or in all things "His glory,"

g in all things "His glory."

1. "The Lord called Samuel, and he anared, Here am I." It is evident from the second of the second be ready for His every call, an ear alopen to Him!

open to Him!

And he ran unto Eli and said, Here
for thou calledst me." But Eli did
scognize that it was the Lord calling
and so told him to lie down again. a had not the ear for God which he should e had, and God saw it, and that He the Lord in those days, and visions as those granted to Abram and Jacob, and Joshua were unknown. See verse V., margin.

And the Lord called yet again, Sam-Behold the patience of the Lord, cl's readiness and Eli's continued dull-llow difficult it often is for the Lord our ear and make known to us His What a contrast to "watching to see He will say unto us," or "watching at His gates" (Hab. ii., 1; Prov. viii.,

7. "Nov., Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him." He must have known evealed unto him." He must have known the Lord through Moses and Joshua, but not yet by direct communication. Known means to perceive, understand, acknowledge, so there may easily be many degrees in knowledge. When Paul said, "That I may know Him" (Phil, iti., 10), he certainly knew Him as Saviour and Lord, His wisdom and His richteousness, but he longed to know Him betree

Lord had called the child. The third time did Samuel rise and promptly go to Eli, be-lieving that he called him. What unwearied shedience! What a blessed son! When he would tell his mother of his experience and how he had acted, how glad she would be! I think this is the only instance of God aking directly to a little boy, but all, ung and old, may hear His voice in His aten word (John vi., 63)

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"If He call thee, say, Spenk, Lord, for servant hearsth." Ell is by this time a wake and also wide awake to the fact the Lord has something to say, but not city to him. It is probable that he reach awake till he heard the tidings, and the would be more awake than ever. ke, thou that sleepest," is a good word cany of us. It would be wise also to "Speak, Lord, for Thyservant heareth," never we open our Bibles, and it would be appropriate to add the prayer in Ps.

and the Lord came and stood and as at other times, Samuel, Samuel!" the fourth time that He came and is the fourth time that He came and ied, suggesting the question, How often elle-called us? And have we as yet substituted with the action of the called us? The attitude of a servant is well eribed in these words: "Ready to do atsoever my lord, the king, shall apaid." "For any manner of service, wholly Thy commandment" (II Sam. xv., 15; hron. xxviii., 21).

And the Lord said to Samuel, Bewill do a thing in Israel at which be ears of every one that heareth it ragle." And then follows the thing He will do—a judgment upon the house i, as told to Eti by a man of God some fore and fully recorded in chapter it., Mercy always precedes judgment, for low to anger and plenteous in mercy. of given Eli fair warning, but Eli had red his sons above God (ii., 29). The as very severe, but very plain concern-bellious sons (Deut. xxi., 18-21), and lor who refused to see the law carried cause the transgressors happened to be as certainly thought more of his sons God. Only those can truly serve the He that leveth father or mother, son as that loveth father of mother, son gher, more than Me is not worthy of (Math. x., 37). In the morning Eli Samuel and begged him to hide nothern him that the Lord had said, so told him every whit and hid notheli certainly answered in the right for he said. "It is the Lord; let Him at seemeth Him good" (verse 18). He and seemeth Him good" (verse 18). He susthink of Job, who under his great ion said: "The Lord gave and the bath taken away. Blessed bethe name Lord." It may be that the faithfulf Samuel in this hard matter to Eli was on the way to his band matter to Eli was Sep on the way to his being established as Prophet (verse 20). See in chapter iv., 17, the judgment fallen.—Lesson Helper.

### REACH INTO OTHER LIVES.

Every one's real life consists in his reach do other lives. Whoever is completely iso-ded is like an uprooted plant, dying or dead. r shares in the experiences of others em to be true and to make the best of they have, strengthens their faith in and love to men, lives and grows. Bear-one another's burdens is the law of Christ. hed those who needed him. He heighorant. He fed, healed, cheered, and inspired those with whom he lived.

W wrote itself into the lives of his dis-See it in their words: "Look not an on his own things, but every man things of others." See it in their things of others." See it in their Silver and gold they had none, but at hey had they gave. Wealth abounded they went because they gave them. They were rewarded with a hundred sore in this present. Iffe. To such men more in this present life. To such men is rich and they are always in demand.

Iceland a Sheep-Raiser. ad sends a good many sheep to the

### TEMPERANCE.

A DOCTOR'S OFINION

Whisky's never good to ward off anything Good 'cord is the best means with which to ward off disease. To dose with whisky is like adding shavings to the fire. - George P. Shrady, M. D.

#### THE DIFFERENCE.

The New York Post calls attention to the marked difference between the strikes of the various branches of the clothing trades, in which over 40,000 men and women have been engaged, and other great strikes, in the consumption of infoxicating liquors. Most of the clothiers are Russian Jews, who are habitual abstainers and have not as a rule resorted to any stronger departs than soda. resorted to any stronger drinks than soda water and lemonade in the stress and temp-tations of the strike; hence universal peace-fulness has prevailed among them.

SUNLIGHT AT LAST. Do not believe that God offers himself as a guide in his providence and a guide toward a holy life by his spirit, and yet will leave the mind alone which soberly explores the dark places of truth in the hope of his aid. How he can aid it is useless to ask; but that he can aid, who is truth itself, and has sure ac-cess to minds and hearts you must not donk s to minds and hearts you must not doubt He may move in all silence, he may act on the soul and so on the mind indirectly, he may cause—as often happens—external things to illustrate truth in some remarkable manner. But he assured of this, that if, in bedience and hope you wait on him, he will bring you to sublight at last. And then the rest, the peace of having passed through and left behind you the wilderness of doubt will be a life-long enjoyment.—T. D. Woolsey.

#### EAVAGES TOTH BODY AND SOUTH

Of all the evils that afflict mankind at the Of all the evils that afflict mankind at the present day drunkenness is undoubtedly the greatest. Besides this all other evils sink into insignificance. War, famine, pestilence, are only shadows in comparison. These have their time and reasons, and, like all things human ultimately decay and perish; but drunkenness goldes with us forever. It is the eternal companion of humanity, a demonstrate which delice expression. on-spirit which defles exoreism,

No human tongue or pen can adequately describe its powers and ravages. It is more like an exotic from hell than a natural growth of earth. In its universal destruc-tiveness it make asxi to the grim monster beath ingread? tiveness it maks next to the grim monster. Death himself. With its mighty seythe it moves down battalions of the human race, and aweees them into the whirlpool of detections.

Not content with rayaging the body it Not content with ravaging the body of parelrates the immortal regions of the soul, and lays there the seeds of corruption and decay. Reason itself, the finest faculty of man, surrenders its power at the approach of this dread monster. Shered Heart Re-

#### COMMONPLACE THINGS.

It is r-markable how a trite saying or idea will suddenly become illuminated for us by a ommonplace happening that touches our ife. Its truth is realized then for the first a thousand miles from Boston there was a fittle workroom which was conspicuously narrow, dark and close in more than one sense. Another window was cut and the whole character of the room was changed. time as we see it wrought out materially. Not Not only was there more light, but the size actually seemed shut into narrowness, if you cannot mingle with the activities of the out-side world, open another window and let it come in to you and thus enlarge your borders. But if at first your attempt for a more abundant life apparently does not profit you, do not biame the world outside. A lady coming in town one evening on a suburban train mused at the stupidity of railroad man-agers in putting the names of the stations so high as to be out of sight of the passengers, when suddenly she discovered that her curbetter.

I depend to know Him better.

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I depend the Lordscalled Lordscalled Lordscalled Lordscalled Lordscalled the child. The third time did Samuel rise and promptly go to Fig. be.

GENTEEL DISSIPATION. The young man who "taken a dram just for fun" is running the risk of getting himself entangled in the moshes of a dangerous habit. He is getting into the coil of a very poisonous serpent. He is laying the founda-tion of his ruin. Many a man whose prema-ture death lowered him to a drunkard's grave began his career in this way. He did not intend to become a drunkard, he simply had a curiosity to know how inquor tasted or, perhaps he did not wish to be rule to his companions by refusing to Join in their carousals. But every young man should re-member that figure has slain more lives than all the wars that have ever occurred. We are drawing daily object lessons from the lives of dissipation we see about us. necessary to delineate here the dissination we see in real life?

we see in real life?

People are too apt to wink at this evil, Because of its long duration, they have become callous to it. They too often look aron it as a matter of course than a work of evil.

Men are first shocked by a great moral evil, and ery out londly and velocinently against it; then their ery becomes less loud. and less vehement: then it ceases, and they grow accustomed to surrounding conditions without further murmuring. But this make a moral evil no less a moral evil. It is still a moral evil, devouring its thousands and tens of thousands continually, devastating homes and making wretched as many more as it slays. Why, then, should couple come callous to such an evil? Why sh

come callous to such an evil? Why should they set before the young man or young want man the tempting glass, which is likely, ultimately, to make of him or her a drunkurd.

At a dinner in New York some time ago, largely attended by prominent people, one-half of them turned down their glasses and refused wine. What a splendid example they set for the other half. When such acts become more common, few people will go down to drunkards' grayes; there will be fewer widows with large families to support fewer widows with large families to support and no way to support them; the per cent of children who die of consumption, serof nia and kindred ailments will be smaller, the number of dwarfed minds and distorted intellects will be smaller; and the onward march of humanity in the scale of social, moral and intellectual advancement will show more marked signs of progression.-

#### TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES. Whoever takes his first drink, does it standing on the edge of the pit.

Every time a saloon is licensed, the devit's chain is made one link tonger.

There is a suggestive sign swinging from a Chicago saloon—"Bier Garden."

The devil agrees with the moderate drinker who says he can drink or let it alone.

Absinthe is making frightful inroads in France. The use of brandy is growing, displanting beer and wine. General Neal Dow has more beer and whisky bottles to dispose of than any other man in Maine, mainly because bibulous jokers throw them over the fence into his

yard just for fun. A Greek Catholic priest in Hungary made his congregation take the pledge for three years. The liquor dealers protested to the Minister of Finance and asked that this ac-tion be declared illegal.

The Austrian Minister of Justice propose the establishment of special institutions for the treatment of habitual drunkards. These asylums are to be open to such as may vol-untarily seek admission, as well as to those whom the courts of law deem overripe for

social intercourse. It is not generally known that the C. P. Ratirond for years past has refused to sail its lands immediately adjoining its stations exands immediately adjoining its stations except upon the conditions which preclude the
sale of liquors thereon. "A clause in each
deed," says Assistant General Manager Tait,
"provides that the title shall become invalid
and the property revert to the company in
the event of it being used as a place of sale
of liquors."

# RELIGIOUS READING.

#### THE CROWNING CENTURY.

We are living in the closing decade of the greatest century of our era: Faith and untaith have contended in the arena for the precedence. Faith has an immense backing in her great past. That past forms a presumption in her favor. The system which can live through the changes and storms of eighteen conturies must be presumed to have in it the centuries must be presumed to have in it the seeds of immortality. What is more remark-able than this is the continuous growth of the cause through so many ages. In our own cer-tury the increase has been more than in seve

ral earlier ones. It is the missionary century The doors of the nations have opened. The area of Christendom has vastly expanded. The Dark Continent and the isles of the seas are extending their hands to the Lord lesus. All has not been accomplished, but a noble beginning has been made toward the world's evangelization. In these great years unbelief has taken upon itself to proclaim a pessimistic Gospei and the decay and failure of Christianity. These men have often called themselves scientists and publications. philosophers. Their misconception of the Gospel discredits their assumptions of wis-dom. Not to know the advance of the Gospel is to assert their own blindness and narrow understanding. The age of miracles in a new form has been renewed. In its material interests and moral enterprises the world has made greater advances in ours than in the eighteen preceeding centuries, and all this has been the creation of Christian thought and enterprise. Christianity is the leverage which is lifting the world to a higher plane. which is lifting the world to a higher path of Who ever speaks a world against such a scheme is speaking against truth and reason. Christianity speaks for itself, and furnishes its own best evidence. The Gospel has never failed to rebuke those who have risen against it.

#### THINK CALMLY AND CLEASEY.

It is easy to think of our neighbor dying, but the vital instinct within us steadily re-pels the prespect from ourselves; and it is esary to summon reason to our often ne rescue, and to think calmiy and clearly it, if we would actually face the thought that the wings of the Angel of Death are hover-ing over our bed, even ours. The young are sometimes impatient to die; the old are often sometimes impatient to die; the old are often content to die; but men in the prime of life mostly wish to live. And even the Christian may desire to live, without in any wise dishonoring the Master, who says, when He sends for Him. "Come up hither." It is not that he doubts that heaven gained would be a sufficient pense, that Christ once seen and adored would be worth more to his soul than wife and children and friends. But as we grow older our sense of the preciousness of life grows. There are plans we wish to accomplish, or books we wish to write, or friends we wish to influence, or children we wish to rear. To many of us health is capi-tal. To all of us life is a talent never to be regained. It is true that, if we are to go willingness to go is mercifully given to us; i also true that, when we are spared, our love of life,as well as our love of God, illis us with thankful joy. There will be blessed service in heaven, but there will be no more going out after lost sheep in the wilderness, so faas we know; the brightness of the crown will be won, and our work here over, when our feet have once been plant-d within the para-disc of God,—Bishop Thereld, in "On Being 10."

TOO MECH RELIGION ? The Rev. Sydney Smith, in his celebrated article on Methodism, in the Edinburgh Roview says, among other things; "The Methodists are always more desirons of making men more religious than it is possible from the constitution of human nature, to make them." Even should we grant that this make them. Even should we grant that this charge were true, we could not regard it as being a very grave evil. The desire for making men superlatively religious, or even extra superlatively, must certainly be a virtue. It reople in general lad this desire, the world would without doubt be a better place to live in. We fear that, in these days at least, the charge is not sufficiently true. Would that there were a more eager desire on the part of Methodists to press men on to the extreme limits of religiousness! What those limits are we think it would be hard to define. We have an idea that there has never been any one of mortal men who has touched the top most round of conceivable attainment, never anyone, sept Jesus, so good but that

n a little botter. Sidney Smith had an apprehension that people would be driven insane by too much piety. As we look at the matter, the danger is allogether on the other side. At least nine times out of ten if too little religion rather than too muc that renders people crazy. Our civilization can safely stand a very much larger infusion of Methodism than it has at present, and Methodism can safely stand a very much larger infusion of burning enthus asm.

# BEDEENER'S LOVE.

Water may cleanse your fine linen from stain, but it has never the same whiteness as before it was soiled. The injurist picture may be repaired, and show the artist's skill may be repaired, and show the artist's skill in its renewal, but it is not the same picture as before. The vase may be broken and eleverly mended, but it is a cracked vase to the end of time. And although through the love and power, of God, a life of since ansed and renewed is used by Him for great and noble work—calling out praise at his grace which can thus put together shartered broken lives, able to hold heavenly treasure, yet it can never be to all eternity the same for usefor any one—as if we had not sinned. The cleansed, forgiven, bull grown soul is a proof in spite of sin, of the Redeemer's love, and in spate of sin, of the Redeemer's love, and power, and grace; but the virgin soul has a beauty all its own beyond the beauty of any other, however restored, and such souls at are privileged to "follow the Lamb whe soever he goeth."-Rev. J. Rooker.

THE ONLY REMEDY. Commenting on the gigantic evils attending the liquor traffle in Africa, to which we

York Observer says:

"The only remedy for the evil is the growth of a public sentiment in Europe and America which will compel the Govern-ments having colonies in Africa to restrict or probibit the traffic, and in concerted action on the part of the local administrations, And it is on the trade side that pressure can be exerted most effectively. For nothing has been more clearly demonstrated than that the trade in spirits destroys all other trade. The native who buys liquor wants nothing else. As the rum traffic grows, the trade in general goods diminishes, the two being unalterably opposed to each other. It has been found that roads cut to promote general trade have been deprived of all value when used to advance the liquor traffic value when used to advance the liquor traffic. The new markets opened have no trade but that in spirits, the slower growing but in the end far more profitable traffic being sacrificed to the greed for quick returns. From a purely unsentimental point of view, the unwisdom of substituting one demand for the many certain to grow out of advancing civilization should be apparent. Every trade, therefore, desiring to extend itself in Africa is interested in lighting the liquor traffic in Africa; and such a force, acting with an aroused Christian sentiment, should go far to wipe out the iniquity. Considered only on its trade side, there is not a doubt that if alcohol were kept out of Africa, the traffic developed in the native markets would in time yield a revenue to the Nations many times greater than that now yielded by the liquor trade."

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TENTINGNY OF THE SAVINGS DANKS. The savings banks of Cambridge, Mass., give testimony as follows: "The last year under saloons there were \$140,000 of new depositr. The next year under prohibition \$586, 00. The last year under saloons 861 new accounts were opened in the savings banks, while in the first year under no license 992 were opened."

#### WORDS OF WISDOM.

Success excuses means.

No legacy is so rich as honesty. Dress is the table of your contents. By searching the old learn the new. A pretty woman never forgets her-

The wounds made by a friend never All the gestures of children are

graceful. We are often able because we think we are able.

No woman cares to know why she loves a man.

The truest self-respect is not to think of self.

Creditors have better memories than debtors.

No one expects that his grave will be neglected. No man can have a good head and a

bad stomach. When the heart speaks glory itself

is an illusion. Laws that we dislike we should nevertheless obey.

Regret is vain unless it teaches to avoid cause for it.

He that does good to another does

good also to himself, There is a good deal in becoming discouraged in time.

There is even a happiness that makes the heart a(raid.

A good man will hate a lie, no matter how white it looks,

A man abuses his stomach more than he does his enemies.

Dreams of wealth don't come true as often as work for it does.

A wife loves a new bonnet quite as well as a husband loves a good dinner. Good intentions never dis-which

may be one reason why they are so seldom carried out. When you hear a man talking about having the best wife on earth, it is a

good time to watch how he treats her.

### A Real Man-Eating Stars.

A real man-enting shark because entangled in the nets of some Oakland fishermen off Goat Island at an early hour yesterday morning, and is now hanging in front of a fish store on Twelfth street. Sharks of many kinds have been captured in the bay at different times, but this is claimed to be the only genuine specimen of a maneating shark which has ever found its way through the Golden Gate and got caught for its trouble. The fish is a monster, for sharks in this vicinity do not run large. It is eight feet from tip to trp and weighs 225 pounds. When it was disemboweled the liver alone was found to weigh eighteen pounds.

The head was not large, but the mouth, which constituted the greater part of the head, was filled with a very ugly looking set of teeth. It might property be said to "They mare ... sets of teeth, for the ide upper jaw was a reserve set of need lers which swung on a hing, and when they were not in use were folded up against the roof of the mouth. These reserve teeth can

be brought into play when needed. When the fish was landed in the boat a large knife was stuck between his teeth. The han snapped 11 off and swallowed the blade,

The fish was cut up on its arrival in Oakland, and a fisherman's rubber hat was found within the creature. It is not likely that the fish had dispose of the owner of the hat, though that is

The shark was large enough to take a man's head, arm or leg at one gu'p From the size of the jaw, it would not have taken more than three bites to dispose of an ordinary man. -Portland Oregonian.

# Chicken Talk.

So nice and well understood are the differences between the sounds which these birds give forth, and so well are their notes appreciated by their compantons, that the creatures may wall be said to have a language. Though it probably conveys only emotions and not discreet thoughts, it still must be regarded as a certain kind of speech, The modes of expression indicate that in this creature, as in the other feathered forms, the intellectual life largely consists in the movements inspired by the emotions. On the rational side our fowls seem weaker than many other less interesting species. In their nesting and other habits there are no evidences of constructive ingenuity, and in all my observations of them have never seen any evidence which showed either considerable powers of memory or a capacity to get in any complicated way, with reference to an end. -Scribner's.

# Tarantula Trade,

According to a Pasadena (Cal.) paper the capturing and shipping of tarantulas may be classed as one of the industries of the Pacific coast. The business in this unique traffic resulted last year in the shipment from that place of over 20,000 tarantulas to meet the demand of the tourist trav eler and it is estimated that in the last five years 250,000 spiders have been sold .-- Detroit Free Press.

### His 1300 Weight of Girls,

A few years ago there was a man in Devonshire who had six or seven very corpulent daughters. When asked how many children he had, his answer was generally something of this kind: "I have three boys and about thirteen hundredweight of girls."-Tit-Bits.

# Sensitiveness of Horses,

nati Commercial Gazette.

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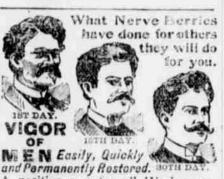
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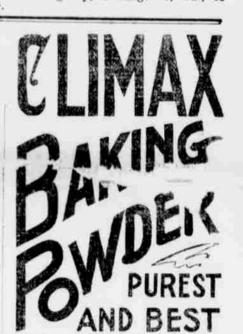
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ALCOHOL AND LONGEVERY. At a recent meeting of the Actuarial Society of America, Mr. Emery McClimors, actuary of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, read a very interesting paper on the "Use and Non-Use of Alcoholic Beverages," and its effects on long-wity. He says: "Upon those who on entering stated that they abstained from alcoholic beverages," Some horses are very particular about the people who handle and drive them. They will fret and fume in the hands of one, and be perfective calm, pleasant and contented while being controlled by another.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.



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