

SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON. NATIONAL LESSON FOR AUGUST 16.

Text: "David's Confession of Forgiveness," Psalm xxxii., Golden Text: Psalm ii., 10-Commentary.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Oh, the mercy of the one who has heard the prayer, "I, even I, am He that blot out transgressions for Mine own sake and will remember thy sin no more." (Ps. lxxviii., 1-5.)

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. I grieved sore, like a gathering storm, and my heart was vexed, like a storm that is not stilled, but whose fierceness forsaketh them shall obtain mercy (Ps. lxxviii., 1-5).

For day and night Thy hand was upon me. My thoughts were turned into anguish. Selah. I was as a man whose hand was upon him, as if he were a man whose hand was upon him, as if he were a man whose hand was upon him.

For this shall every one that is godly and true say, "Thou hast saved my soul from death, and mine eyes from tears, and mine feet from stumbling, and mine heart from falling, and mine heart from falling, and mine heart from falling."

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall be his portion. This reference to the wicked is taken in the light of all that follows, which tells us elsewhere that the wicked prospereth in his way, though he be in the midst of tribulation.

Two Stages Held Up. Two and Two Horses Shot by Oklahoma and Oregon Outlaws. Two Indians named Bain Dog and Krailer, held up the Greyhound stage on the Osage country, Oklahoma.

SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

THE CHANGED VISION OF GOD. If in the darkness of the storm or through fear of the tempest the sailor coasting along our rockbound shore seeks a harbor, how stern, how cold, how cruel the sharp ledges washed by the waves look to him.

"HE TASTED DEATH." The apostle Paul says, "He tasted death for every man." Maybe I can explain this. When the apostle Paul used that language it had been the custom to put criminals to death by making them drink poison.

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST. Every true Christian life is a portrait of the Christ. The greatest artists have spent themselves in striving to depict their ideal of the face and figure of the Savior of men.

SUFFERING REPROACH. "Furthermore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe." I Timothy v: 10.

THE BACK OF LIFE. No man would think of maintaining a high speed compassed with weights. The load which he runs for a prize litter the course with garments hung away in their eager haste.

SPEAKER REED OPENS THE CAMPAIGN. Almighty God, coming to a king, what shall we ask for? From the most generous of us to open our mouth widely and thou wilt fill it.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

THE ARMY WORM.

Will Cost Pennsylvania Farmers A Quarter Million of Dollars.

The loss to the farmers of Pennsylvania by ravages of the army worm will not fall short of a quarter of a million dollars. Reports to the Department of Agriculture from farmers in counties where the worm has made its appearance this summer estimate the aggregate loss at \$10,000 in some townships.

George Windisch, the Pittston wife murderer, died in the county prison at Wilkes-Barre Sunday after an illness of three weeks of typhoid pneumonia. He was first sentenced to be hanged on June 1, but was reprieved until July 1 and again until September 1.

The Blair county grangers held their annual picnic at Lakemont park on the 6th, 6,000 people being in attendance. Addresses were made by the grangers: W. F. Hill, state lecturer, and Mrs. Helen Johnson, aged 25.

While the family of C. P. Stonerodo of Millburg, were in the rear of the house some one entered the front door and, going upstairs, rifled the trunk of \$3, afterwards getting away without being seen.

James Hesse and Sons will build launch ways at Freedom to construct steel hulls, and when the government plant is built at Lakemont it is said they will probably remove their entire plant there.

John Hellstrom was arrested at Johnstown charged with setting fire to a factory, of which he was part owner, to get the insurance.

A citizens committee will confer with the council at New Castle with reference to the purchase by the city of the water works. Emil Krell, a restaurant keeper at Ellwood, quarreled with his wife Saturday and going to his bedroom shot himself.

At Chillicothe, Ohio, Eddie Hurd, the two-year-old son of Manager Hurd, was killed by a lion. Hurd and his wife are in charge of a part of Hagenbeck's trained menagerie, which is exhibiting at the fair grounds near town during the week of the Boss County fair.

LIVE TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

BOSTON'S YEARLY DRINK BILL.

According to the article which he contributes to the Forum, Doctor Francis G. Peabody, of Harvard University, calculates that Boston's drink-bill for a year is more than six millions of dollars, a larger sum than the aggregate expenses of the public schools, the fire, police and park departments.

A DRUNKARD'S BODY AFTER DEATH.

A post mortem examination of nearly seventy persons who had died from excessive use of ardent spirits showed the following facts: 1. Congestion of the scalp and of the membranes of the brain, with much serous (watery) effusion.

WOMAN'S INFLUENCE.

Woman is the anchor of society. It is she who says what shall be done and what shall not be done in social circles, who shall come and who shall go.

PROHIBITION 121 YEARS OLD.

The first Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, September 5, 1774, and adopted the following: "Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Legislatures of the United States to immediately pass laws the most effectual for putting a stop to the importation of foreign liquors."

REFUSED TO TREAT AND WAS ELECTED.

"I was elected to my present office," said R. C. Arnold, of Winston, Ala., at the National, who is now serving his second term as Alderman, because I would not buy a drop of liquor. The contest was a very close one, but I thought my election was assured, when two nights before the voting was to be done a delegation came to me and wanted money with which to buy a couple of gallons of whisky.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

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