

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR AUGUST 30.

Lesson Text: "Absalom's Defeat and Death," II Samuel xviii, 1-17, 32, 33—Golden Text: Psalm i, 6—Commentary.

"And Absalom rode upon a mule." The rebellion of last lesson developed. David fled from Jerusalem, and crossing the Jordan came to Mahanaim, where he was kindly cared for by Barzillai and others.

"And a certain man saw it and told Joab and said, Behold I saw Absalom hanged in an oak." Evidently the man was not a friend of Absalom's, or he would have rescued him.

"There is no matter hid from the king." Well, whatever David might or might not know, we are sure that "all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. iv, 13).

"And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people turned from pursuing after Israel." Joab had back the people. The leader had died, the back of the rebellion was broken and there was no reason for unnecessary slaughter.

"And they took Absalom and cast him in a great pit in the wood and laid a very great heap of stones upon him, and all Israel every one to his tent." Thus they disposed of his body. But where was he? David was stoned to death and left for dead at Lystra in paradise.

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LIVE TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

THE DEMON OF DRINK. My native land! amid thy olive homes, Amid thy palaces a demon roams: For ailed with rage, yet subtle in his wrath, He creeps and buzzes in his fiery path; Stalks through our cities unobscured and unheeded.

A PATRIOTIC SPECTACLE. A patriotic incident was witnessed by a number of people at South and Willow streets Wednesday evening, at about 6:30, that called forth some very severe comment.

ONE NIGHT IN A BAR ROOM. He was a poor, half-drunken wreck of a man, nearly seventy years old—a legitimate child of a legitimate man.

ROOM FOR THE NEW. The worst enemy of the better is the good. Well-meaning and conscientious but shortsighted and conservative people do an immense amount of harm in the world.

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SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

THE LIFE WITHIN. We live in an age in which the value of the outward life is unduly emphasized. On every hand men and women are pursuing with utter self-abandonment and consuming enthusiasm, the merely temporal things—wealth, fame, pleasure, worldly place and power.

THE LIFE WITHIN. Literature, which is always the accurate reflection of an age, abundantly proves that such is the moral tone of today. We do not wish to sound any needless note of pessimism, but we cannot help being impressed by the superficiality of the books and periodicals that people nowadays are buying, talking about, and clamoring for.

THE LIFE WITHIN. In no other way can the present demoralizing trend of our life be so clearly and so seriously pointed out as in the serious purpose of the life within be value and importance of the life within be re-asserted and re-enforced, in every possible way, by those who still cling to the nobler inspirations, the loftier ideals and the more permanent realities of this earthly existence of ours.

THE LIFE WITHIN. Modern life needs an influx of spiritual-mindedness. Shall we not render such service as lies in us?

THE LIFE WITHIN. The average good man who is below the average bad man is the greatest blessing to the world.

THE LIFE WITHIN. We come to thee, O God, in the name of Christ who is the truth, to ask that thou wilt cleanse our hearts from falsehood.

THE LIFE WITHIN. The mortality experience of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution of London, from 1866 to 1893, inclusive, shows the following comparative aggregate results:

THE LIFE WITHIN. Total Abstinence Class: Expected claims—£10,000. Actual claims—£1,131. Sums assured, \$4,317,789.

THE LIFE WITHIN. We should so live and labor in our time that it may be said of us as we go to the next generation as blossom, and that what came to us as blossom may go to them as fruit.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

PENNSYLVANIA POINTS.

Items Picked Up from All Over the Commonwealth.

William J. Whittaker, father of fourteen children, and grandfather of seven great grandchildren and Mrs. Susan Bayley, the mother of twelve children and grandmother of sixteen children, were married at the home of the bride on Quikensand creek, near Jeannette. The groom is 81 years old and the bride 73 years. This makes the third time each of the contracting parties has been married.

Edward Lewis, of Boston, Allegheny county, and an unknown Pole, of Indiana, near Boston, are probably dying from wounds inflicted by John Parker and Walter and Samuel Russell. Samuel is in jail at McKeesport and the others are at large, with a posse in pursuit. The pole was shot because his resistance to the police was too obstinate in an attempt to arrest the three men.

The commissioners of Indiana and Westmoreland counties, have condemned the joint county bridge over the Conemaugh river at Livermore, and have given notice that those using it for travel do so at their own risk. The bridge was rendered unsafe by the heavy rains. Bids will shortly be received for rebuilding the structure.

Mrs. Amy Buck went out to drive with her father at Lawrenceville. The horse was frightened by a piece of paper in the road and started to run. Mrs. Buck was so frightened that she fell back in the seat dead from heart disease.

Ewig's Grove, a camping ground near York was devastated by fire, 35 double cottages, large tabernacle and a dining hall being burned. The loss will reach \$10,000. Several persons were slightly burned trying to save their effects.

The sale of the Tremont house at West Newton and the payment of an obligation of \$3,000, is resisted by the heirs of Mrs. Margaret Graham on the ground that she was not of sound mind when the obligation was made.

A mammoth Republican meeting was held at South Oil City, Saturday night, addressed by Col. W. J. Hulines and Alderman A. J. Bovari. A McKinley club was organized with a membership of nearly 400.

Edward Grim, a farmer of Clippewa township, Beaver county, struck his leg with a stump while chopping a log, inflicting a wound so serious that he was removed to the Beaver Valley hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Ada Carr, of Marion, Indiana county who was acquitted of murder for drowning her child a year ago and sent to Diamond insane asylum, has been discharged as cured. She refuses to return to her husband.

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