## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

#### ENATIONAL LESSON FOR OCTOBER 11.

"Notomon's Text: " I Kings ill., 5-15-Golden ext: Psalm ext., 10-Commentary.

n Gibson the Lord appeared to Solo-a dream by night, and tod said, ask shall give thee." David was now dead, reland forty years, sown at Hebron reland forty years, sown at Hebron ity-three at Jerusalem (I Kings IL, Solomon was streugthened in his m, and the Lord his God was with d magnified bin exceedingly. The Bod was in the tent which David had be not a Jerusalem, but the taberthat Jerusalem, but the taber-iltar of burt of firing, etc., were not all Chron. 1, 1-4). Thither at many of the people want to offerings, token of whole hearted offerings, token of whole hearted altar ant offarings, token of whole married last of God to serve Him only. It was might that the Lord appeared to him recorded. Hear the Lord saying words to us in John xiv., 13, 14 David, my father, walked before these David, my father, walked before these

eid, my father, was and in upright-ad in righteousness and in upright-east with thee." Solomon begins east with those by speaking of God's great mercy to his father. The mercies of the ity to his father. The mercies of the reagond topic for every morning, for menew every morning. His compas-hil not. Great is His faithfuiness HL. 22, 23). He is the Father of Mer-Cor. 1. 3). Solomon speaks of his welk before the Lord and with the Like Abraham, he walked before God with the Abraham, he walked before God ty to his father. ii., 1), and, like Enoch, Nosh and walked with God (Gen. v., 24; vi.,

ii. 6). ambut a little child. I know not go out or come in." Acknowledging dobtedness to the Lord God ot his for his position, he confesses his help-and ignorance. He is but a child own not anything. When Jøremiah for this was called of God to be His t, he also suid. "Ab. Lord God, I can-sk, for I am a child," but the Lord bis most comforting words, which ak, for I am a child, but the Lord him most comforting words, which is saying to you and me if only we ge to hear them (Jer. 1., 6-9). His words, by the Spirit, concerning ut and coming in (Ps. ext., 8), should reatly helped him, for they have

servant is in the midst of thy peothe bound of the second of the all other people on the earth rated from all other people. For criit. 16. The future glory of Is-he Jehovah in their midst forever XXXIII., 16. the set xxxil. 28; Zeph. iii. 17). The fact in every gathering of God's ow is the presence of the Lord in det (Math. xvil. 20) and not the

of this or that important person, re, therefore, thy servant an under-t heart to judge thy people, that t sern between good and bad." The s worded a little differently in H

10, "Give me now wisdom and e, that I may go out and come in people," but the substance of it is a, that he may have wisdom to do dore God in the matter of the king-d in the midst of this people like the the earth in multitude (1 Kings iv. on, L. 9). Great comfort for each matter of wisdom is found in

nd the speech pleased the Lord, that had asked this thing." It is possihad asked this thing." It is possi-ase God and have the joyous con-sofit. Our Lord Jesus said, "I do these things that please Him" (John b), and Paul says in I Thess. H., 4, pleasing man, but God, who tricht ris." The secret of it is in yielding God, that He may work in us that well pleasing in His sight (Hab.

nd God said unto him, Because thou And God said unto him, Because thou ked this thing and hast not asked self long life, neither hast asked or thyself." Our Lord Jesus never anything merely for Himself. It s good to quote His words, "I seek ine own will; I seek not Mine glory" (John v., 30; vili, 50), Numember that "Even Christ plensed aself" (Rom. Xv., 3). I have also been by Jeremiah's words to Baruch his

# SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

### THE REVIVAL OF REFORM.

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best sanitary measures are a revival of the reforms indicated in the Mosale system. One of the ablest men of science our generation saw, said that he wanted nothing but the Pentateuch to establish the most perfect sanitary order in the land. The lesson of Leviticus is that public health is inseparably connected with public morals, and that sine against health are sine against God. connected with public morals, and that sins against health are sins against God. After many centuries that lesson is being taken to heart by humanity. The ques-tions that deal with the relations between masters and servants, capitalists and work-men, rulers and subjects, are more and more seeking solution in the teaching of Jesus Christ. Professor Drummond, in his "Programme of Christianity," reminds me very foreibly that Christ came not merely and not mainly to save a few select souls and transplant them to Paradise, but to re-construct human society on a Christian basis, and to destroy sin and misery, the fruit of sin, on this planet. "What Christ came here for was to make a better world." All reform must have for its objects the creation of an atmosphere of righteousness in the country in which everything base and vicious shall be storilized, and everything good and true shall dourish. The creation of that atmosphere is absolutely dependent upon the thoroughness and idelity with which the principles of the Bible are ap-plied to every condition of human thought and every department of human activity.

### THE NEARNESS OF PASTOR TO PROPLE.

One of the most healthful and heartening features of the most negating and heartening features of the new adjustment of theology to life is the closer approach, in many ways of the modern pastor to his people. That there is a new and refreshing freedom and cordiality of relation between pastor and parish, none, we think, can deny. That, old superhuman sacredness, and consequent out superhuman sucretness, and consequent alcofness, of the minister, typified and increased by his very dress and bearing, has become pretty much a thing of the past in Protestant churches. Today the minister is more a man among men. He has dropped the priestly garb and manner, and mores and minister with the manner, and moves and mingles with the world at the level of its own best and truest life. Without resigning any moral fibre or easential dignity he comes closer to human-ity than ever before, because he no longer stands upon his little ecclesiastical platform, but walks side by side with men, touches them at elbow and shoulder, and faces them with lowed over

with level eyes. It is not so easy as it used to be to pick out a minister, in a crowd, by his garb and manner. Even when you draw him into conversation he is not likely to disclose his conversation he is not likely to disclose his profession unless pressed to the point. And all this is not because he has grown more worldly, but because his mind and his heart have broadened since the days of Dominie Dryasdust and the Rev. Mr. Saintly. He has had his higher education in the humanities as well as in the divinities. He can sympathize with you, he can instruct you, he can influence you at more points than his purely eachesisatical predecessor. And so it comes about that he gets closer to you so it comes about that he gets closer to you as a pastor; you feel less restraint in hi-presence; your heart goes out to him as a man, after all, of common feelings, tastes, desires, temptations, with yourself. Only, if he be a true man and a true pastor, you must always feel that his consecretion stand-him in adequate stead of the old priestly dignity and morel and original accounts. dignity and moral and spiritual sequestra We believe that the church is bound to benefit greatly by the radical change in it type of ministers. The days of the virtue of the long, black coat and the long, sanctim-nious face are, happily, past. Nowadays the minister who looks like a business man-or blevels, for that matter, in his knicker-bockers and soft can-and who talks and acts as if he loved nature and humanity, as well as God, is not at a discount. Nay, he is i a premium in the exchange of soul with soul. He can win sympathy, trust, alle-giance, where the old-style minister would -get no nearer to the people than the pulpit is to the street.

## STATE FISH COMMISSION.

**KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.** 

New Officers Chosen-Amendments to the Law Desired.

The state fish commission reorganized at a neeting at Harrisburg by the election of S. B. Stillweil of Scranton, president; S. P. Corwin, of Pittsburg, secretary; Dr. James P. Dale, York, corresponding secretary, and P. Dale, York, corresponding secretary, and Henry C. Demuth, Lancaster, treasurer. Mr. Stillwell takes the place of Henry C. Ford of Philadelphia, deceased. A committee was appointed to draft bills to be presented to the next legislature to prevent the pollution of streams and amending the general fish inws of the state for the better protection of fish. A meeting of the commission will be held next month to receive the report and discuss other legislature in contemplation. Concessarian Didling had his postate tack

Congressman Phillips had his pocket pick-

ed of \$500 in each and oil certificates in a car at the Pittsburg and Western depot, Bat-ler. He followed one of the pickpockets into another car and had a trainman arrest him, The public school at Juniataville, was pre-sented with a flag Saturday by John Leisen-ring Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. J. J. Barnhart made the presentation speech and L. Fox, the principal, responded.

Joshua Wright, the Washington banker, who was convicted of receiving deposits when he knew his bank to be insolvent, was refused a new trial and cited to appear for sentence November 9.

William Ealston, who left Butler two years ago to escape trial for liquor law violations, returned Saturday, got drunk, was arrested and recognized, and will now have to answer the old charges the old charge.

The dead body of John Callahan of Shaner Station, was found beside the Baltimore & Ohio track at Osceola, having been struck by a train in the night.

William Peters, a miner at Pardoe, in set-ting off a blast became impatient and return-ed to see if the fuse was still lighted. It was and Peters will die.

The miners in the vicinity of Courtney, held a Republican meeting Saturday, ad-dressed by J. B. Finley, George Dorsey and William Coleman.

The Blair county Bar association held its Annual banquet Saturday evening at Wop-sononock. Judge Martin Bell was the orator of the evening.

The personal property [of Robert Cook, of Jeannette, has been levied on by the sheriff at the instance of the Jeannette Banking Company. Elmer Rowe, a painter, fell from the top of a bridge near Beaver Falls, to the water 50 feet below. He escaped without serious

injury Mrs. Musa Medara of Bedford county, is under arrest for deserting her infant child. She left it on a doorstep and it died from ex-

DOBUTH. Edward Haines was arrested at Butler,

Saturday, for stealing a pocketbook from the market basket of Mrs. Manny. Z. Thorpe and Henry Briner of Dunbar

while hunting killed a white fox, the first albino killed near there for years, Malignant diphtheria has broken out at

Mahoning, and it is foared it will become epidemic. Thieves entered Cowan's clothing store at Monongahela and carried off \$100 worth of

clothing. O'Nell & Co.'s barn, near Monongahela, was burned with its contents. Loss about

\$3,000. Eva Thompson, aged 6 years, of Butler, was burned to death at a grate fire,

R. T. Hallam and Sons' safe, at Washing-ton, was blown open and \$200 taken.

#### Illinois Coal Fields.

Illinois is the next State to Pennsylvania in the production of coal. The mines are in the southern part of the State and employ 35,000 men. New labor-saving methods are constantly being introduced, one of the latest being the cutting machine, with which one man can do the work of fiftee

Japan Utilizing Her Waterfalls,

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES. Doctor Base, a well known writer on Ger-man prisons, alleges that forty-four per cent, of the prisoners were intemperate.

Florida barrooms number 216, more than half of them being in three counties. The State's revenue from them is \$108,000.

According to statistics of insurance com-panies total abstainers live on an average thirteen years longer than moderate drink-

By careful investigation, Mr. Otto Lang found that eighty-eight per cent, of the crimes committed in Zurich, Switzerland, were committed under the influence of alcoholism.

A brief but cogent argument in favor of abstinence from intoxicating drinks is con-tained in two sentences from a foreign jour-nal: "It is computed that about sixty thousand persons commit suicide in Europe every year. Alcoholism is said to be the chief cause."

Men speak of the opium habit with bated Men speak of the optiminator with bared breath; and yet drink, which slays infinitely more, because its use is more widespread than that of optiminator is introduced into homes and actually "fed" to the children, lest they should not themselves at maturity take kind-brought backs. ly to the drink habit.

The average workingman has an idea that beer or liquor of some sort is necessary to his health, strength and comfort. This notion is so deeping grounded that it will be hard to cradicate it. But it has been demonstrated time and again that alcoholic beverages have the very opposite effect.

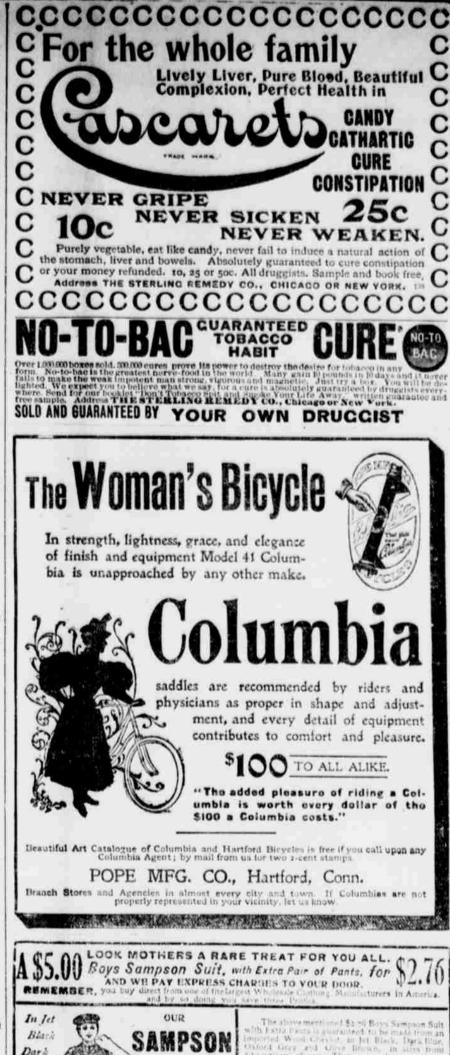
The famous English cricketer, Mr. J. E. K. Studd, who is a total abstainer from princi-ple, says, with regard to quenching thirst, that he has always found it best to drink na little as possible of anything, and recom-mends hot ten as the best for a strong thirst. Next to this lawsmade his factoring thirst. Next to this, lemonade is his favorite drink The following declaration was signed by nore than two thousand members of the medical profession in the United Kingdom: "That the most perfect health is compatible with total abstingance from all intexicating beverages, whether in the form of ardent spirits, or as wine, beer, ale, porter, cider,



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"Jeremiah's words to Baruch, his "Seekast thon great things for thy-ik them not" (Jer. xlv., 5). I be-hest and most joyous life is to let self be our portion (Lam. iii., 24) he a channel of blessings to Be content if God thou hast; havid is past.

old. I have done according to thy Lo, I have given thee a wise and an ing heart." Inasmuch as Israel sand which is by the sea in mulrave Solomon wisdom and underthe sand that is on the seashore , 20, 29,) or wisdom for every case possibly come before him. In 28 of this chapter there is an il-

his wisdom, and the people saw visiom of God was in him to do

I have also given thes that that not asked, both riches and Here is our Lord's "exceeding Here is our Lord's "exceeding y." If we are willing to live "un-ad "for His pleasure," there will i to ask anything for ourselves, "If serve Me, him will My Father hon-rays true. If as believers in Christ only accept as true our standing and live to honor Him and giorify would never need to ask anything. The to below film and giority ould never need to ask anything "but would daily find the prom-"My God shall supply all your bling to His riches in glory by is (Phil. iv., 19).

if thou wilt walk in My ways, i lengthen thy days." Length of the land given them by God was romise to Israel in connection (Ex. xx., 12). Again in Ps. of concerning him who trusts With longlife will I satisfy him who trusts With longlife will I satisfy him and a My salvation." The believer in ho has thus become a part of His accentrat Christ in his life, and that Christ lives he shall tive also in the mortal body or absent from or in an importal body or absent from

In the mortal body or absent from or in an immortal body, he is will-ve wholly to the will of God. id Solomon awoke, and, behold, it wam." But it was none the less a for God spoke to His servants in ad visions of the night (Job xxxiii., Some think that if God would come in a vision or dream they would bea vision or dream they would be-is readily, and some think that if rom the dead they would believe, written that if we believe not Mosen phets we would not believe even from the dead (Luke xvi., 31) .-iper.

TORS LABORLY RESPONSIBLE.

an physicians are largely responsi-he increased use of all kinds of nour American women, says one of imporaries. They prescribe stimu-large number of cases of invalid-g women, with the inevitable re-whether salutary or not for the hobit grows among the healthful, ilong step from hous to gord, from to the still.

IN THAT NAME.

If we would ask anything in the name of Jesus, we must be sure we are ourseives in that name, our life being hid in his life, our name in his name. Then let us be sure that what we ask we want for his suke, and that it is something he would ask for us if he were actually standing in our stend and putting up our petitions for us. Coming thus to the Father we come in the name, in the spirit and in the lifeness of his Son, and the Father will hear us and answer us because we are representa-tives of his Son, enwrapped by and dwelling within His very self as the supreme representative of the Father.-H. Clay Trunbull.

Round us on every side are cramped, hindered still-born ilves-merchants who should have been painters, clerks who should have been poets. Inborers who should have been philosophers. Their talent is known to a few friends ; they die, and the talent is buried in their coffin. Jesus says no. It has at last been sown for the harvest ; it will come into the open and blossm in another land. There are also being trained --trained and. There are also being trained-trained by waiting. They are the reserve of the race, kept behind the hill till God requires it. They will get their chance ; they will come into their kingdom.

"Where the days bury their golden suns In the dear hopeful west.

The continuity of life lifts the shadow also from another mystery-the lives that have been cut off in their prime. When one is richly endowed and carefully trained, and come to the zenith of his power, his sudden removal seems a reflection on the seconomy rst do we attain to the fuilness of e as his children when it is no phuess or misery, prosperity or that draws us to him or scores us him. What we should then ex-t far better than we were burning hat less true submission ; for here, mease of facing, there is more fuilness to God. - John Tauler.

ary magnerialis than Japan, where there is great activity at present in utilizing them for obtaining ciectrie power for factories.



