THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

on in the International Series for December 28, 1902 Review.

GOLDEN TEXT. - Lord, thou has

CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW. C. 1451. The sending of the spies B. C. 1451. The crossing of the Jor-

an. B. C. 1451. The fall of Jericho.

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Canaan.

B. C. 1445. Caleb's claim.

B. C. 1444. The tribal allotments.

B. C. 1427. Joshua's death. B. C. 1425. Beginning of period of

the judges.

B. C. 1256. Gideon's call.

B. C. 1161. Judgeship of Jephthah. B. C. 1161-1120. Judgeship of Sam-

son. B. C. 1322. Ruth's choice.

B. C. 1171. The birth of Samuel.

B. C. 1141. The ark captured by the Philistines.

The lesson objects studied during the past quarter and the golden texts were as follows:

Lesson L-Joshua encouraged. Josh. 1:1-11....Golden Text.-Be strong and of good courage.-Josh. 1:9.

Lesson IL-Crossing the Jordan. Josh. 3:9-17....Golden Text. - When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee .- Is. 43:2.

Lesson III. The Fall of Jericho .-Josh. 6:12-20.... Golden Text. - By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. -Heb. 11:30.

Lesson IV. Joshua and Caleb .-Josh. 14:5-15,....Golden Text. - He wholly followed the Lord.-Josh. 14: 14.

Lesson V. Cities of Refuge .- Josh. 20:1-9....Golden Text.-God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble .-- Ps. 46:1.

Lesson VI. Joshua's Parting Advice. -Josh. 24:14-25....Golden Text.-Choose you this day whom ye will serve.-Josh. 24:15.

Lesson VII. The Time of the Judges. — Judges 2:7-16....Golden Text .- They cry unto the Lord is = their trouble, and He saveth them

out of their distress .-- Ps. 107:19. Lesson VIII. World's Temperance Lesson.-Isa. 28:1-7....Golden Text. -It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man .- Ps. 118:8.

Lesson IX. Gideon and the Three Hundred. - Judges 7:1-8 Golden fext. - He that is slow to anger is oetter than the mighty; and he that culeth his spirit than he that taketh Ga city .- Prov. 16:32.

W Lesson X. Ruth and Naomi .- Ruth 6-22....Golden Text.-Be kindly JAS ectioned one to another.-Rom. 12:

3:6-14.....Golden Texts-Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth .-- I Sam. 3:9. ". esson XII. Christmas Lesson .---J. ike 2:8-20....Golden Text. - Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve Him only .-- 1 Sam. 7-3.

It helps in the study of Old Testament lessons to remember always that God was working purposefully with His people. Their history was following the details of a Divine plan. it must have seemed most To many

A Careless City Editor. Reporter-That's a nice way to inke an assignment, isn't it? I'm ordered to get up a column of "Slaughter Statistics. Friend-Well?

Reporter-Well, I don't know whether I'm to write up the abattoirs or the grade crossings .- N. Y. Weekly.

Gentleman of Leisure.

Mrs. Dinks-Aren't you ashamed to sit around doing nothing while your wife works hard all day? Uncle Eph-Well, miss, I've tol' her time an' ag'ir dat I'm puffickly wil-lin' to do de shoppin' foh de fam'ly,

but she won't let me handle de money .- Chicago American.

One Example.

"In union there is strength," said the first passenger. "Yes, indeed," said the other.

have been trying for a year to break a marriage tie. Have tried Dakota and Oklahoma both, and we are still united."-N. Y. Times The End of the World. Little Dot-I know something my

teacher doesn't know.

Mamma-Indeed! What is that? "I know when the world is coming to an end, and she doesn't. I asked her, and she said she didn't know."

"Oh, well, who told you?" "Uncle John. Is said the world would come to an end when children stopped asking questions that nobody could answer."-Tit-Bits.

The Hog.

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Silas at Philippi.

THE LESSON TEXT.

(Acts 16:22-34.) 22. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat

22. And when they had lain many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24. Who, having received such a charge thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

26. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prison-ers heard them.

25. And suddenly there was a great earth-guake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were opened. bands were loosed.

27. And the keeper of the prison awak ing out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fied.

28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, say-ing, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down be-fore Paul and Silas.

30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs what must I do to be saved?

\$1. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

22. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his

23. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejolced, believing in God with all his house,

GOLDEN TEXT .- Believe on Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be myred.-Acta 16:31.

ANALYSIS OF SCRIPTURE SECTION. Healing an unfortunate.....Acts 16:16-18. Cast into prison.....Acts 16:19-24. Speaking the word...Acts 16:19-24. Released from prison.....Acts 16:25-40. TIME.-Winter of 52 A. D.

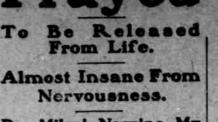
PLACE.-Philippi. NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Paul at Philippi .-- When we left our study of the beginning of the Christian church and of missions to turn back to the Old Testament, Paul had made one missionary journey and was in the midst of a second. He and Silas, with two younger workers, Timothy and Luke, had just crossed to Europe and begun work at Philippi, and here we find them at the opening of to-day's lesson.

Remember that the missionaries, now, in the midst of Paul's second journey, found almost no Jews in Philipppi, and no synagogue, but only a very simple "place of prayer," down by the river, which may not have been a building at all. There was a poor deranged slave girl in

Philippi, who, because of her strange, wild utterances, had gained a great reputation as a fortune-teller and oracle. They said she had a "Pythonspirit," referring to the mythical

Python or dragon that was suppored to inspire the Delphic oracle. "Most High God" and "salvation" were both common pagan expressions. In some way her poor, darkened mind was impressed by the earnestness of the missionaries, and she followed them about constantly, uttering the cry spoken of in 16:17. When Paul, annoved at her calling, and pitying the girl, ordered the spirit to leave her, she lost her power completely, and her owners lost their fees. Paul and Silas, as the most inent of the missionaries, were arrested and taken before the magistrates by these men, simply because they wanted to "get even." The charge made had nothing to do with their grievance, but appealed (1) to prejudice against Jews; (2) to the desire for law and order; (3) to loyalty to the Roman government. "Rent their garments off them:" Stripped them for the beating. "The inner prison:" A small cell with only one opening, and that into the outer prison. "Praying and singing hymns:" The missionaries never allowed the sufferings and sorrows of the moment to make them forget their joy in the service of Christ, which was infinitely greater than their sorrow. "The prisoners were listening:" Picture the whole scene to yourself-the loathsome prison, the midnight darkness, the perfect stillness, except for the far-away sound of singing in the inner prison, and then the strange rumbling in the earth, the earthquake, the partial wrecking of the prison, the panic of the prisoners and the rushing up to the assistance of the jailer of men seed line. Will arrange for whole or part time.



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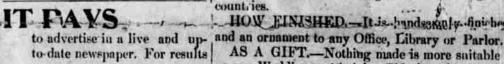
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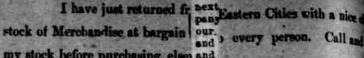
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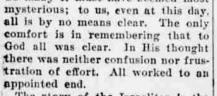
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The magistrates may have been influenced by a further investigation of the trouble of the day before, or they may have connected the earth-I won't run any risks, I won't."-Titquake of the night with their treat- Bits. ment of the two religious teachers.

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