THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XIII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 29, 1907.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Comprehensive Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Ps. lxv, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

LESSON I.—Joshua, Israel's new leader (Josh. i, 1-11). Golden Text, Josh. i, 5, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." We should not fail at the beginning of this review to note the fourfold "Be strong and of good courage" (verses 6, 7, 9, 18) because of the presence of the Lord. Nothing can compare with this and His blessing.

LESSON II.—Israel enters the land of promise (Josh. iii, 5-17). Golden Text, Ps. cvii, 7, "And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation." By the dividing of the Red sea they got clean away from Egypt, and by the dividing of Jordan they really entered the land. One great truth typified at Jordan was the dying and rising again of Christ and every member of His body, and thus believers enter their land of promise.

LESSON III.—The capture of Jericho (Josh. vi, 8-20). Golden Text, Heb. xi, 30, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days." If you have a Jericho of any kind, God can overthrow it, and will if you will implicitly obey Him, but there must be the renunciation of self and trust in the blood alone as set forth in the circumcision and passover of chapter v.

LESSON IV.—Caleb's faithfulness rewarded (Josh. xiv, 6-15). Golden Text, Matt. xxv, 23, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things." For forty-five years living on a promise of God, with discouragement on every side, but kept by the power of God in health and perpetual youth, as strong at eighty-five as at forty—what an illustration of Isa. xl, 28-31!

LESSON V.—The cities of refuge (Josh. xx, 1-9). Golden Text, Ps. lxii, 7, "My refuge is in God." These cities and even their names were wondrously typical of Christ, as seen in our lesson upon them. They were six out of the forty-eight which were given to the Levites, who had no possessions like the other tribes, for the Lord was their inheritance (Josh. xiii, 14, 33; Num. xxxv, 6, 7). The contrast is striking that these cities were only for the "not guilty," whereas the Lord Jesus is a refuge for sinners.

LESSON VI.—Joshua renewing the covenant with Israel (Josh. xxiv, 14-28). Golden Text, Josh. xxiv, 15, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." The great things which God has done for us in Christ Jesus should certainly lead us to serve Him in sincerity and in truth and put away from us all others. If we cannot persuade others to do this, we can at least say, with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (verse 15).

LESSON VII.—Gideon and his three hundred (Judges vii, 19-23). Golden Text, Deut. ii, 22, "Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God He shall fight for you." When the Lord finds empty pots and vessels and nothingness ready for Him, the will is His own and all the power glorify His name. The pots and wisdom of men are only a hindrance to Him.

LESSON VIII.—Ruth's temperance Sunday (Ruth iii, 12-23). Golden Text, verse 13, "Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part; but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the Lord liveth." I would urge that in reviewing this lesson very much be made of the first verse, "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God," the redeemed at the judgment seat of Christ and all who die in their sins at the great white throne. All the unsaved shall be at the latter, and religious churchgoers may be there beside drunkards.

LESSON IX.—The death of Samson (Judg. xvi, 23-31). Golden Text, Eph. vi, 10, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." A Nazarite defiled, power gone, himself humiliated and God dishonored—what a sad picture! Yet see the marvelous grace of God in using such a one and in placing him among the men of faith of Heb. xi. The possibility of time wasted and lost, of works burned up, of our being ashamed, should make us desire earnestly to glorify God in all things and at all times.

LESSON X.—Ruth's wise choice (Ruth i, 14-22). Golden Text, Ruth i, 16, "Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." Compare the devotion of Ruth to David and of Elisha to Elijah and remember what it means to be a disciple (Matt. x, 37; Luke xiv, 26, 27, 33). Not many Christians are willing to be disciples; they find it too costly.

LESSON XI.—The boy Samuel (1 Sam. iii, 1-21). Golden Text, 1 Sam. iii, 9, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." A child who was an answer to prayer and whose whole life was an illustration of answered prayer, an obedient boy to whom God could tell His thoughts and purposes, whose ear He could get when He could not get the ear of His aged servant Eli—even a child may minister to the Lord acceptably. Any one who is willing may.

LESSON XII.—Christmas lesson and Samuel the upright judge (Matt. ii, 1-12; 1 Sam. vii, 3-13). Golden Text, Luke ii, 11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," 1 Sam. vii, 3, "Prepare your hearts unto the Lord and serve Him only." The devotion of the wise men and the purpose of Israel in Samuel's day were to the same person—the babe of Bethlehem was the Lord God of Israel.

C. H. Hancock has moved from his farm to his new home in this City.—Greensboro Patriot.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court.
RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Frances Stewart,
vs.
Ezekial Stewart, Annie Lassiter, Elizabeth Owen, William Stewart, Elvira J. Frazier and husband, ——Frazier, Jefferson Stewart, William Henry Stewart, Delila Stewart and S. May Stewart both married to persons unknown, Mary Stewart, Anna Stewart and other unknown heirs-at-law of Henry Stewart. NOTICE.

The defendants, Elvira J. Frazier and husband——Frazier, Jefferson Stewart, Henry William Stewart, Delila Stewart and S. May Stewart both married to persons unknown, Mary Stewart, Anna Stewart and other unknown heirs-at-law of Henry Stewart, deceased will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Randolph County, to sell a certain parcel of land situated in Cedar Grove township in said county for division among the tenants in common among whom are the defendants, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Randolph at the Courthouse in Asheboro, N. C., on the 23 day of December 1907, and answer or demur to the petition in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This the 23rd day of November, 1907.

W. C. HAMMOND,
Clerk Superior Court.

TAX NOTICE!

I will attend at the following times and places for the collection of taxes for the year 1907.

Red Cross,	Providence	"	Friday forenoon	"	20th.
Widow Chamness'	Providence	"	Friday afternoon	"	20th.
Level Cross	New Market	"	Saturday forenoon	"	21st
County Home	Back Creek	"	Monday forenoon	"	30th.
Flint Hill	Back Creek	"	Monday afternoon	"	30th.
Noah Skeen's	Tabernacle	"	Tuesday forenoon	"	31st.
Fullers	Tabernacle	"	Tuesday afternoon	"	31st.
Fairview Lodge	Trinity	"	Wednesday forenoon	January	1st.
Archdale	Trinity	"	Wednesday afternoon	"	1st.
Trinity	Trinity	"	Thursday	"	2nd.
Edgar	New Market	"	Friday forenoon	"	3rd.
Sophia	Back Creek	"	Friday afternoon	"	3rd.
G. W. Eliott's Store	Randleman		Saturday	"	4th.
S. E. Allen's Store	Grant	"	Monday forenoon	"	6th.
Kemps Mills	Grant	"	Monday afternoon	"	6th.
Thomas Hinshaw's	Coleridge	"	Tuesday forenoon	"	7th.
Moffitts	Coleridge	"	Tuesday afternoon	"	7th.
Coleridge	Coleridge	"	Wednesday	"	8th.
Cheeks	Pleasant Grove	"	Thursday forenoon	"	9th.
Henry Jones'	Pleasant Grove	"	Thursday afternoon	"	9th.
Erect	Brower	"	Friday forenoon	"	10th.
Yows Hill	Richland	"	Friday afternoon	"	10th.
Michfield	Richland	"	Saturday forenoon	"	11th.
Ulah	Richland	"	Saturday afternoon	"	11th.
Central Falls	Franklinsville	"	Monday forenoon	"	13th.
Worthville	Randleman	"	Monday afternoon	"	13th.

All tax-payers are asked to meet me promptly on this round as I am compelled to settle the State tax by January and the public schools must have their money. So I must collect the taxes. Please meet me at the above named times and places and save further trouble and costs. Also all persons liable to any privilege or license tax are asked to meet me and settle same, as the law makes it a misdemeanor for any person liable to such tax, to practice any trade or profession without having a license.

This Nov. 30th, 1907. **S. L. HAYWORTH, Sheriff Randolph County.**